

ON COURSE WITH THE PRESIDENT Luke Strojny, CGCS Poplar Creek G.C.

Making Our Move

The 2002 golfing season is almost here. The way the weather was going, I thought spring would arrive in January rather than March. Who would ever think that a sunny, 60-degree day in January could happen here in the great Midwest? Mother Nature brought us back to reality at the end of January with, in my eyes, a much-needed winter storm. Hopefully, the remainder of winter and the coming spring are somewhat normal weather-wise.

> Back in January, Brian Bossert, Don Ferreri and I met with Robert Markionni, executive director of the CDGA, about MAGCS plans to move our operations to Midwest Golf House. Beginning this spring, staff from the CDGA will begin to handle a portion of our operations. They will be responsible for producing and distributing our mailings. To put members' minds at ease, George Minnis will continue to be our executive secretary,



Midwest Golf House.

responsible for event registration and database management. In the near future, the MAGCS will begin to set up our office there. This will include changing our phones so that during business hours, a live person will answer your call and be able to either assist you immediately or direct your call to the appropriate Board member. In any event, this month's meeting will be held at the Midwest Golf House on March 12; it will be a great opportunity to come see the facility.

Although I am writing this president's message before I leave for the GCSAA conference, I would like to once again thank all of those who make our hospitality room such a great success. A special thank-you goes out to all our commercial members who once again stepped up and contributed to this year's room. I know I have said it before, but if not for their generosity, our room would have to be held in a suite with

a couple bowls of chips and pretzels and maybe a keg or a couple cases of beer. Again, when you make this year's purchases, please remember those who give to the MAGCS through the hospitality room, through our monthly golf meetings and through an advertising presence in *On Course*.

I will share with you some of my thoughts about the national conference in my April message. I know you can't wait.