



Hats Off to 2002 Meeting Hosts, Sponsors

As another year comes to a close, with most of us finishing up aerification or buttoning up our fall course-improvement projects, it is time to reflect on this past year's golf meetings.

No doubt about it, our meetings took us to some great venues this year, all in the same state no less. If you missed any of the meetings, you truly missed some special golf courses: Tamarack, Whisper Creek, Phillips Park, Merit Club, Green Acres, Pine Meadow and Glen Flora. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our gracious hosts: Luke Cella, Jim Wyffels, Lynn Wesson, Oscar Miles, David Radaj, Tom Savage and Paul Bastron.

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It has become very difficult to find venues that can accommodate the MAGCS. In the past, many clubs would volunteer their courses for our monthly golf meetings. Participating in meetings typically cost our members very little. Unfortunately, times have changed and most clubs are not in the position financially to offer the MAGCS a free ride or, for that matter, the requisite time, which could be utilized (more profitably perhaps) by another organization.

That's where our sponsors come in. We are fortunate to have many sponsors to help supplement the cost of our meetings, thereby making attendance affordable. We should all be grateful for the generosity of our 2002 meeting sponsors:

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Suffice to say, we are always in need of sites to hold future meetings. I would hope you will give some thought to approaching your club about hosting an MAGCS meeting in the near future. We will have sign-up sheets for meeting spots at our November meeting at Medinah. But why wait until then—sign up now by calling either Kevin DeRoo or me to reserve your date.

