

2001-2002 FRED D. OPPERMAN EDITORIAL AWARD CONTESTANTS

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Earlier this year, the MAGCS Editorial Committee, with the unanimous and enthusiastic endorsement of the Board of Directors, initiated the Fred D. Opperman Editorial Award. All original articles written by MAGCS members in categories C, D, E, F and G (e.g., assistant golf course superintendents, students, associate/commercial members, etc.) and appearing in On Course are eligible for the new award; however, "Super-N-Site" articles are not eligible.

While guidelines stipulate at least six eligible articles in each qualifying year (in this case, September 2001 through August 2002), the Editorial Committee approved a one-time exception and allowed retroactive eligibility dating back to January 2001. Here, then, are the illustrious contenders for the first-ever Fred D. Opperman Editorial Award!

Year/Month	Article	Author
2001		
February	"Why Do I Do This?"	Anthony Frandria
March	"Are You In The Gray On Snow Mold?"	Curt Franklin
April	"Here's Johnny!"	Rich Daly
May	75 th Anniversary Retrospective "The Thirties: Golf And The Midwest Greenkeeper's Association Weather The Great Depression"	Erwin McKone
July	75 th Anniversary Retrospective "The Rock -n- Roll Fifties: Golf Becomes Everyman's Game"	Larry Tomaszewski
2002		
February	"Goose Control: Owning a Dog or Hiring a Service" "Mabel's Magic"	Harold Frederickson Erwin McKone
April	"Challenging The Best & Playable For All: A New Goal For Golf Course Architecture"	Greg Martin

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subtracted from the total. This number is then divided by the number of players to reach our price for the meeting. If there is a limited field, the cost of the day will increase. This is another issue about which I would like to make a point. The host club sets the limit of players, plain and simple. The field may be limited because of a variety of reasons, but we have to accept it.

Then, we heard complaints about class E members playing or "taking spots" from class A members. Out of the 98 players at the Merit Club, 25% were class E. Several Board members and a few others actually gave up their spots so other class A members could play. I cannot look a class E member in the face and say, "Yes, we will take your sponsorship money for our meetings and hospitality room, but you cannot play golf at our monthly meetings."

As your MAGCS Board of Directors, we too are trying to do more with less. Fewer clubs are willing to host meetings. Less sponsorship monies have been available this year. Yet we continue to provide our membership a reasonable price for a day of golf, food and prizes. I know we cannot please all of you all the time, but maybe it is time for you to host a meeting.

