



HOTlanta Indeed!

I was recently asked to fill the position of commercial representative on the MAGCS Board of Directors. Initially, I was going to fill in temporarily until Dave Armentrout was back in full swing, but that didn't pan out as planned. As some of you may know, Dave suffered from a heart attack late last year and has since resigned both from the Board and from TPEC Chicago. Dave will be moving to Denver to be closer to his two kids, and we wish him the best of luck.

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So, how was the hospitality suite in Atlanta, you ask? By all accounts, it seems the hospitality suite was again a success and a record-breaking event. The ongoing existence and success of this event are comprised of many factors. These factors include vendor contributions and the time and effort it takes to make it all happen. I'd like to first take this opportunity to thank the 52 Golden Tee participants that contributed a total of \$30,100. Wow! Their continued support of the MAGCS chapter is sincerely and greatly appreciated; without their financial commitment, this event would not be possible. Please take a moment to look at the full-page thank-you letter listing this year's Golden Tee Club sponsors that will appear in several issues of *On Course* this year. In addition to sponsor contributions, I'd also like to recognize Paul Yerkes of LESCO and Tim Anderson of Prestwick Country Club for their time and commitment in planning and organizing this year's party.

The event was well-attended, with estimates of 350 to 400 people per night. As I mentioned, there were a few record-breaking numbers. Again, we had (1) 52 Golden Tee participants, contributing (2) \$30,100, and the MAGCS chapter contributing an additional (3) \$10,000, bringing the budget for this year's two-day party to an impressive (4) \$40,100. The total cost of the event was (5) \$42,565, which overextended the budget by \$2,465. The answer to this year's trivia question of how many drinks were served is 3,313. Something tells me the Midwest chapter likes to have a good time . . .

And finally, I wanted to take a minute to again congratulate Dudley Smith for receiving the GCSAA's 2003 Distinguished Service Award.

That's it, ladies and gentleman. As a "newbie" to the Association, I look forward to meeting all of you in the near future. 