



Taking Care of Business

It's old news by now, but this is my first opportunity to officially welcome our new directors—Scott Witte (Cantigny Golf Club) and Paul Bastron (Glen Flora Country Club)—to the MAGCS Board. I would also like to congratulate Fred Behnke, Mount Prospect Golf Club, on his election as 66th president of the MAGCS. Finally, a special thanks to past president Kevin DeRoo, Bartlett Hills Golf Course; I must stress what a great job he did for this organization. I found working with Kevin to be a tremendous experience; I know Fred has a big set of boots to fill.

This year I am looking forward to another year as a director for MAGCS, this time chairing the Membership Committee. I must say I have had a lot of fun with the organization. Being a director has been very enlightening. I have been fortunate to work with a great group of people, as well as make new friends. I have seen a huge change in the Association just in the last couple of years. One significant change would have to be the recruiting of Luke Cella as executive director. I believe Luke will ably guide this organization and make us all proud. Congratulations, Luke!

It is with great pride that I perform one of my new duties and announce this year's seven 25-year pin recipients: Dave Behrman, Midlothian Country Club; Tim Davis, Shoreacres; Jim Knulty, Big Foot Country Club; Mike Nass, Cantigny Golf Club; Tom Robinson, Ravinia Green Country Club; Steve Van Acker, Crystal Lake Country Club; and Curt Leming, Glendale Lakes Golf Club. Congratulations to all!

Out of curiosity, I polled the 25-year pin recipients with this question: What has MAGCS meant to you? I believe Tom Robinson of Ravinia Green Country Club summed it up very nicely. "The MAGCS has been a very safe place to ask other superintendents questions regarding techniques or solutions. There is no other local organization that has the firepower that MAGCS has. In 1977 much was learned from the 'old school' and a lot of what was taught then still holds true today. The education sessions on timely subjects contribute to keep us as superintendents up-to-date. Camaraderie and education are what have meant the most to me." I believe Tom has hit the nail on the head. MAGCS offers so much to its members that sometimes we forget how good the organization truly is. To that end, please sign up for a committee and get involved! An association is only as good as the members in it.

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. See you in San Diego!



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