



Good Times!

You know you had great time at one of the monthly golf meetings when you need to call fellow superintendents the evening of the event and tell them about your day. Well that happened to me recently. On May 22nd Dave Behrman, CGCS and MAGCS past president, hosted an ITF/MAGCS meeting. Midlothian Country Club is Dave's pride and joy. I have talked to Dave several times about his club and even sat through a seminar in Atlanta this past February in which he described the work that was going on at Midlothian. Well David... "you done well!"

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Not only was the golf course in "mid season" form but all of the other details were carried out like it was Midlothian's member-guest day. It started out with a great breakfast that included made to order omelets. I thought Emeril was going to pop out of the kitchen at any minute. Once everyone was fed and got in a little practice, the golf began. My group started on the 10th tee. While we were waiting for the group ahead of us, I noticed coolers near the tee. They were filled with many different kinds of cold beverages. Several tees on the course had this same set up and I know that many golfers appreciated having a cold drink when they needed one. I noticed one young man who seemed to be the "cooler filler". I stopped him at one point of the round to give him a few George Washington's for all of his efforts. He took the money but also informed me that he does also take debit cards! Turns out the "cooler filler" was Dave's son Ben. Bright kid! He should go into sales.

At the mid way point of our round each golfer was treated not only to their favorite burger, brat or dog off of the grill but also a chance to chat with Tom Voigt and Tom Fermanian from the University of Illinois. The boys grilled all of those golfers who have high school seniors as to where our children will be attending school this fall. "My son is going to Depauw University," I stated. Voigt with worry in his voice asked, "How are we going to pay for Coach Weber's contract extension?" "Sounds like time for a bake sale in the Horticulture Department," I answered back.

One of my favorite things to do at any MAGCS monthly is to give the girls at the betting holes some of my well-earned cash. It is time to thank Sharon, Patty, Marsha, Danna and Jen for all they do. They give up a lot of their time to raise money for a great cause. I think I will be their "gopher" at the next event. Considering my golf game it would be time a lot better spent.

After our round of golf on what I think is one of the nicest courses I have ever played was over, we all adjourned to the clubhouse for cocktails and Hors D'oeuvres. Let me tell you, this little "snack session" was more like Thanksgiving Dinner, Christmas Dinner and Cinco de Mayo combined! There was a carving area with hams and turkeys and beefs. There was another area that offered several different types of mashed potatoes and gravy. Still there was a salad bar, a taco bar and a complete pasta station. And the desert area was bigger than my practice green at Geneva. All I could think of was where are my Ziploc bags when I need them?

Dave Behrman was presented a token of everyone's appreciation at the end of the day. One of the things that Dave pointed out was that he would only come on board at Midlothian if things were going to be done the right way. Well since 1996 it looks like mission accomplished to me! A big thank you from the MAGCS Past Presidents Council for all who want this Association to be run the right way!.

