



Be Bold, Be Brave, Host An Event

The Midwest's 2006 golf season is nearly here, which means another Conference and Show is right around the corner. The difference this year is the weather that we are experiencing. I had more rain in January of 2006 than all of last June and August combined. I am not too sure what the 18 days of temperatures above 40 degrees we've had in the last month will do to turf conditions, however, I know the ground is too soft to do any of the usual winter projects this year like tree pruning.

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I sit here trying to decide whether to fire up the sprayer for another snow mold application or a greens mower to remove some of the growth accumulated over this mild winter. I'm not certain we will get another snow cover, only time will tell. Winter doesn't usually pass us over like this. Maybe the worse is yet to come. I am looking forward to some winter weather to slow down those avid golfers a bit. It just seems like the "down time" has become shorter year after year.

As chairman of the Arrangements Committee, I now have the privilege of setting up our events for the year. Maybe one reason why the winter months seemed to have slipped away is the fact that I have been busy lining up this year's sites and making the necessary arrangements.

The only event we do not have a definitive site for is the Fall Dinner Dance (hint, hint). I'm finding quickly the most challenging task of my position is finding sites for our future events. All of us have heard this before, but the fact is if individuals do not volunteer to host events the events cannot take place. Whether it is one of our golf events, a January meeting, or the Fall Dinner Dance, we are always looking for sites for MAGCS events.

For those of you who have hosted an event, and some of you more than once, Thank You! The rest of you: be bold, be brave, host an event. With the quality members we have in our association, finding host sites should not be this difficult. If you are interested in hosting an event, just give me a call.



THIS YEAR'S REMAINING EVENTS.

Thursday, February 23:	Assistants Workshop at Golf House
Thursday March 2:	Midwest Golf House- Seminar
Monday April 24:	Chuck Anfield and Heritage Bluffs Golf Club
Monday, May 22:	ITF/MAGCS-Dave Behrman and Midlothian Country Club
Wednesday, June 7:	Chad Walk and Old Oak Country Club
Saturday, July 15:	Kane County Cougar game
Monday, August 21:	Bill Humphres and McHenry Country Club
Monday, September 25:	Chris Blake and McKray Memorial Golf Club
Monday, October 2:	ITF/MAGCS-Tom Prichard and Ivanhoe Country Club
Wednesday, November 1:	Tom Lively and Medinah Country Club MAGCS Turf Clinic
Saturday, November 18:	TBA- Fall Dinner Dance