

ON COURSE WITH THE PRESIDENT Tim Anderson, CGCS Naperville Country Club

Project Directory

The MAGCS board of directors is working to develop a project directory. This resource will be made available as a member benefit to all MAGCS members. The directory will list several common golf course projects such as green construction, bunker construction, irrigation installation, fairway regrassing, etc... Each category will be followed by a list of superintendents who have completed a similar project and are willing to share their experience with fellow superintendents.

The MAGCS is founded on the principal of superintendents uniting to share information. This is a great opportunity to be involved in the association and share your knowledge with others. The project directory will be made available via the "members only" area of the website. The directory will be updated on a regular basis to keep it current. Shortly all class A and SM members will receive an electronic "Zoomerang" survey. We are asking that all recipients take a moment to complete the survey. The survey lists approximately fifteen golf course projects. Simply place a check mark next to the projects with which you have had experience. By completing the survey you will be volunteering to serve as a resource for your fellow members. The survey will only take a couple of minutes to complete. The results of the survey will be compiled and made available later this season. The MAGCS is founded on the principal of superintendents uniting to share information. This is a great opportunity to be involved in the association and share your knowledge with others. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Past Presidents Council

Last month I had the privilege of attending the annual MAGCS Past Presidents' Council (PPC) meeting. The meeting was hosted by Gary Hearn at Salt Creek Golf Course. Despite the rain, a dozen MAGCS Past Presidents took time out of their busy schedules to participate. During the course of the meeting participants were asked to write down the number of years that they had been involved in the association. Those in attendance represented an impressive 311 years of service to the MAGCS. Paul Voykin, MAGCS President 1972, Mike Bavier CGCS, MAGCS President 1975, and Carl Hopphan, MAGCS President 1977, led the way with a combined total of 104 years of service. Kudos to these gentlemen!

The Past Presidents' Council meets annually to provide feedback on the current activities of the association and to offer guidance on how to plan for the future. While the specifics of the meeting will be covered in the May issue of On Course, it goes without saying that the input of the PPC is highly valued. In his GCSAA seminar on Chapter Leadership, Jeffrey Cufaude notes that the future success of an association is largely dependent upon its ability to identify and react to upcoming trends before they become common knowledge. The Past Presidents' Council helps us achieve this goal.

Early on I was nervous about meeting with the Past Presidents. As the date drew closer my nerves gave way to a feeling of anticipation. To have the opportunity to talk with and gain insight from a group of individuals with 300 years of collective experience, individuals who have shared a common experi-(continued on page 4) ence, is a rare opportunity. By the end of the meeting my feelings of anticipation had evolved into feelings of respect. Respect for 12 superintendents who were willing to take time on a rainy March day to help advance our association. Thank you for your continued involvement! Tim



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