



EVERYONES GOT IT!

It happens every spring. No not the start of Baseball or the Final Four. Not even the Masters. It is what all superintendents have. That "thing" called work ethic blooms in all of us like the first flowers of spring. You know what I am talking about. It's that feeling you get right after the Golf Industry Show. You can smell it in the air. You want to get out and start a fresh golf season with a fully charged battery. That work ethic thing. Those days when you try to make sure you can accomplish one job while you are on your way to another. Grab a hand saw and remove those low branches but stop along the way to pick up debris you see laying on a bridge or cart path. I always have loved those first few days early in the season when you come home tired as all get out but as you open up an "adult beverage" you reflect on all that you accomplished that day.

March has annually been the month of the year that the Past Presidents Council (PPC) gets together to review the tremendous work that the current board of directors of the MAGCS has displayed in the past year. In order to serve on the board of the MAGCS one needs to have a tremendous work ethic. Not only are you running your own golf facility but you are also putting in many hours working for a great superintendents association. You often come home tired but that "thing" called you know what keeps you going! This past spring, President Tim Anderson presented the PPC with a 27-page packet for the PPC to review at our meeting. That's a lot of work but it is just another example of that "thing" we all have.

President Anderson's packet contained a lot of excellent information. Tim asked all committees to come up with a summary of the past year. Four pages were needed to list all of the accomplishments in 2006. Tim went through past notes from the last three PPC meetings. Three pages with such terms as ongoing, completed and underway were listed. Next on the agenda was to go over the current status of goals from the 2004 MAGCS Strategic Plan. Two pages here with the word completed after the majority of the goals. A few pages on the 2006 MAGCS Strategic Plan Update and a list of 2007 goals for the board and our Executive Director Luke Cella followed. The packet finished up with a list of 2007 Hospitality Room Sponsors and three pages on the mission and future of *On Course*.

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Tim's cover letter to the PPC ended with the following: "I want to thank you in advance for your ongoing service to the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents. Your past input has become part of the tradition that the MAGCS is founded on and your future contribution will help mold the vision that MAGCS will strive to achieve". With the amount of work that our current Board of Directors and staff are doing, there will never be a shortage of work ethic in this great association! With Labor Day around the corner, I hope all of your batteries are still holding a charge and ready to tackle fall. **-OC**