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List of Lists

As I get older, I find it more imperative that I write things down, or record them (Siri is great for reminders on my phone, especially when I'm holding on to the steering wheel of the car and I need to remember something later.) Most golf course superintendents are list makers, I'm not certain why, but believe it has to do with being organized and getting the job done. I do know that simple action of placing a line through an item, or a check mark next to it, may, at times offer enough satisfaction as finishing the task at hand. Can it be what motivates you? Why not?

One of the latest things that I crossed off my list was MAGCS new website. Appearance wise and functionality from a user standpoint, it is similar to the old site. However, there are some improvements. First, the online directory is more robust; it offers more search capabilities and better results.

You'll also notice it is easier to print off invoices, and I think, pay online with a credit card. We switched credit card processors to PayPal. This allows us to accept all credit and debit cards through one credit card merchant and if you have a PayPal account, you can pay that way too. In addition, when you log in, you'll be able to see if you have any open invoices with MAGCS – not a problem for most of you, but sometimes, especially with dues renewals, you'll be able to tell when payment was received by MAGCS and processed.

We have created a members only section to the site, it hosts the directory - so your information is protected. In addition to the directory, we've placed Golf Course Superintendent Postings, On Course Archives, access to Turfgrass Information File, and a Membership Forum behind a firewall. We opted to set up the Forum for our members as a place to openly discuss or ask questions of the membership. It could be a great place to query the membership on a specific topic or practice in the privacy (not Facebook) that we can offer our members. One of the items we are working on updating is the Midwest Family Tree. Brad Anderson, CGCS did such a great job compiling all the records and histories, however it didn't take long to get out of date. Next time you are looking for an excuse to not balance your checkbook take a peek at the Family Tree (under the resources tab) and let us know if there are any updates or corrections to make.

The new site offers the ability to host a blog, something that the board is working through. This may be a nice place to share pictures of our members and meetings and courses, at least the ones that are appropriate and don't always make the magazine.

Please log in and check your information. (Your username is your email address. Enter that in the Email field and click Forgot Password, the system will then email you instructions to log in.) While you are at it, upload a picture of yourself for the online directory. One of the comments I used to hear by the old guys at meetings and now I hear from my age group is that they don't know half of the faces they see each month....help us out and put up a pic of yourself.

Next on my list – a MAGCS App. We want to be with you at all times, and make it easy to register for meetings, check the directory, new job posts and keep in touch. @