Parting thoughts: These are some of the many memorable quotes heard at the hospitality suite:

"New Orleans? I'd go back in a heartbeat (once I have a heartbeat again)."

"Goofy streets—the only place where Turtle Taxis (pedalpowered) get you around faster than motorized ones."

"Those rumors about pickpockets are true—they just don't know the difference between receipts and money."

"It musta been a bad oyster I ate."

"Hurricane devastation IS as bad as I've read about."

"If my hotel is five minutes from Bourbon Street, why does it take 45 minutes to get home?"

"Where'd my wife get all those beads?"

Back to the Midwest . . .

MAGCS sends its heartfelt condolences to Al Fierst of Oak Park Country Club, who lost his mother on February 25. MAGCS also wishes to express its sympathies to Kerry Blatteau of Oak Brook Hills Golf Club on the loss of his mother.

Warm condolences as well to Oscar Miles (The Merit Club) and Timothy Miles, Sr. of GolfVisions, Inc. on the loss of their mother on March 4.

Our sympathies go out to the entire Turf Partners family on the tragic loss of Dennis Killham on February 24. Our thoughts and prayers will be with all of you, as well as with your friends and families who have recently lost their loved ones.

Assistant superintendent sought: The Nippersink Country Club of Genoa City, WI, is looking for a qualified assistant superintendent. The successful candidate will be self-motivated, enthusiastic and upbeat. Salary range from \$20,000 to \$26,000 with allowance for local and national conferences. Will work directly under club owner. Send or fax resume to: 262-279-5847, Nippersink Country Club, N1055 Tombeau Road, Genoa City, WI 53128 Attn: Joan Huart.

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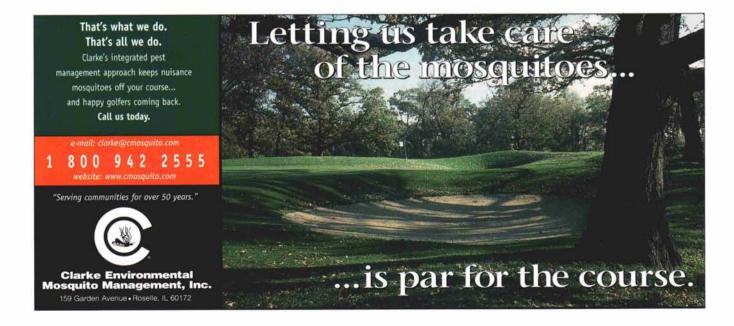
On Course Earns First Runner-up Honors in Chapter Newsletter Competition

At the annual meeting in New Orleans, GCSAA awarded On Course first runner-up honors in its chapter newsletter competition. Contributing editor John Gurke and I accepted the plaque on behalf of the MAGCS; look for our smiling faces in a future issue of NewsLine.

Hearing about the difficulties and challenges confronted by our fellow editors, John and I could not help but remark on how fortunate we are in publishing *On Course*. We have exemplary advertising support from our loyal vendors, a progressive and helpful Board of Directors and a creative, dedicated graphic artist; moreover (hint, hint) we receive and publish many excellent, superintendent-authored articles. In fact,

contributions from our members are critical to our continued success in the future. Inasmuch as *On Course* is your magazine, the award is your award. So far this year, though, we have encountered a shortage of submissions from Midwest superintendents; I urge you to submit your story and photos soon! Or contact me if you need editorial guidance in bringing your great idea to fruition.

As always, John has a unique perspective, and I would be remiss if I didn't quote him as follows: "The competition was rough, and *On Course* held its own in this noholds-barred fight for supremacy. Taking top honors in our category was *The Reporter*—the newsletter of the Iowa GCSA, and editor Robin Cook. That's *On Course* in your rearview mirror, Robin, and it's gaining on you!"



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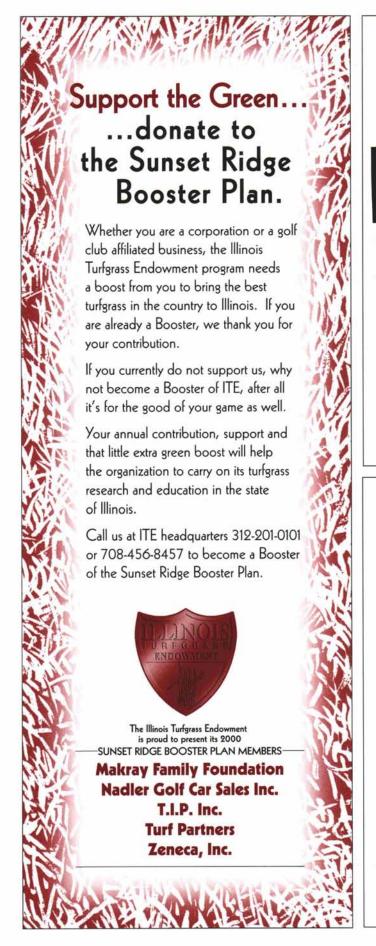


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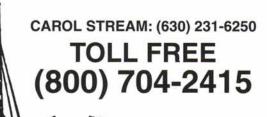


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