

News from the inside of MAGCS

- The MAGCS Board of Directors met in February and decided: All charitable requests (unless time sensitive) to the MAGCS will be held until the fourth quarter of each year. All donation appeals will be taken into consideration as a group and monies will be dispersed accordingly. If you would like to make a request on behalf of a charitable contribution, please write a letter to the Board.
- If you didn't notice, Brad Anderson, CGCS has been officially named an Associate Editor of *On Course*. Brad is formally managing Midwest Breezes and he is also going to cover education as unveiled this month. John, I don't want a change in title-I've got too many business cards. Gurke, is going to continue with the Bull Sheet and also be an Associate Editor of *On Course*. Thanks John for hammering away every month.
- MAGCS is looking for pictures for *On Course* and the website. If you have any, pass them along- just write a caption and email them to luke@magcs.org.
- MAGCS will be moving upstairs at Midwest Golf House. Plans are in process to build out the "back half" of the second floor and move all of the turf folks up there. Paul ("My wallet is thin, but my heart is large, my face is old, but my laugh lines are still young, I can't walk fast but I still get there. Girls don't look at me anymore, but little children do and smile.... I am getting slower but my brain is faster... I am still working but someday I'll retire UPRIGHT... hopefully") Voykin said he would donate his collection of books to begin the MAGCS library.
- As Gary stated in his President's Message, representatives (current officers and staff) of the CDGA, ILL-PGA, IJGA and MAGCS got together on March 2 for an open discussion. Many different ideas and topics were discussed. One thread throughout was how our associations may help each other by sharing ideas, programs and fostering the game of golf. Look for information coming from this group soon in the form of an electronic newsletter. Thanks to the CDGA and IL-PGA for spearheading this forum.
- The Illinois Green Industry Association continues along. Current work includes a mission statement and goals. The third section of the Economic Impact Survey is out this spring (if you got one, please fill it out and send it back). The survey is a follow up to the original done in 2000. Also- MAGCS contributed to the FCAE (Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education) through the GIA to develop a career brochure for high-school students. Brochures will

be handed out to high school students to encourage a career in horticulture – and thanks to your donation – turf management and equipment technicians will be highlighted in the document.

- The Past Presidents Council met on March 16 at Elgin Country Club. Look for a summary from Ed Braunsky, CGCS in the next issue of *On Course*. I always enjoy that meeting. There is a reason MAGCS is such a strong and respected organization- the volunteers.



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