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From Your President's Desk



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The Season's End Is Now Upon Us

The season's end is now upon us. I, for one, am happy to see the end to one of the most challenging years in recent history. Not only the heat, the rain, followed by the lack of rain, along with the downturn in play has increased the level of stress to an all-time high for me. Thank goodness it's over.

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The annual conference is close at hand and you should have the registration forms in your hands by now. The conference lineup is the best ever and should provide something for everyone. Plan to attend and renew acquaintances as well as get some great education.

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I feel obligated to inform all of you about the recent changes to the pesticide law. As of January 1, 2001 all applications of pesticides to golf courses must be performed by an applicator licensed in the appropriate category. The recent interpretation of this law by the MDA is that every pesticide, restricted or not, is included. Additionally, the appropriate category means any application to water, be it copper sulfate, Rodeo, or other stronger pesticides, will require licensure in the aquatic category. Application of insecticide to areas around the clubhouse will require a structural pest license. Fogging for mosquitoes will require a category L license. And so on, and so on. There is more to this law than meets the eye, so be prepared to add categories to your license.

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On that note the MTGF is attempting to add a new license testing to the lineup at the conference. Look to the web site, MGCSA.ORG, for the latest information.

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Be sure to attend the annual meeting for the latest information on the state of the association as well as the election of officers to the board of directors. Tom Fischer has built a great slate of candidates for the vacant positions. Take an active role in your association by attending the annual meeting. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served following the meeting.

Respectfully,
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