

I attended the October 9 meeting at St. Andrews and was disappointed to say the least at the total lack of response to Bob Breen's suggestions that Midwest members avail themselves to special groups as speakers. This provides an excellent opportunity to promote ourselves as a group of professionals as well as on an individual basis. There are more than enough members who have the ability to make such a presentation if they were willing to put forth a little extra effort. I sincerely hope that this issue is not allowed to die on the vine and I am available to do my part to see that it doesn't. Thank you very much.

**Roger Stewart, Supt.  
Riverside Golf Club**

#### **BOB WILLIAMS TESTIMONIAL DINNER**

Bob Williams is retiring from Bob O'Link at the end of this year and many of his friends and his former students have been seeking an opportunity to publicly honor him and applaud his contribution to our industry and to our lives.

A group of his former students have formed a committee to coordinate this occasion with the Midwest Golf Course Superintendents Association and the Chicagoland Golf Association and have chosen the dinner following the MGCSA Turf Clinic at Medinah Country Club on Tuesday, November 27.

We honor Bob for many accomplishments, among them his development of on-the-job training for 67 young men studying agronomy. 32 of these men are now head superintendents at fine clubs throughout the country. Bob originated and published budget forms which have become standard throughout the country as well as developing the first contract form for superintendents titled "A Letter of Understanding and Agreement". It is currently used in the GCSAA brochure "Hiring a Superintendent". He has set records as both a speaker and writer on behalf of golf course superintendents. If you receive this letter, you're his friend and you know all this already, so we'll stop the plaudits for now.

Our plans are to have everyone gather at Medinah at 5:00 P.M. for cocktails and dinner on November 27. Dinner tickets will be \$22 and there will be a cash bar. If you attend the MGCSA Turf Clinic at Medinah on November 27 and 28 cost of the dinner is included in your registration fee.

If you are not attending the Turf Clinic and wish to attend the dinner for Bob, please send check for \$22.00 to - The Bob Williams Dinner Committee, Room 300, 2100 Clearwater Drive, Oak Brook, Illinois. Medinah Country Club is located on Medinah Road about 30 miles west of the Chicago loop. It's about 30 minutes from O'Hare airport. This should be a super occasion. Please make every effort to come to honor Bob and see all of your old friends. We're all looking forward to it eagerly.

**The Bob Williams Student Alumni Committee**

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*Don Pakkala, Supt. Medinah C.C.*

#### **M.A.G.C.S. 27TH ANNUAL TURF CLINIC Tuesday & Wednesday, November 27-28, 1979 Medinah Country Club, Medinah, IL 60157**

##### **Theme - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow**

8:30 Registration - Fee \$42.00 - Clinic and Banquet  
(Clinic only \$20.00, Banquet only \$22.00)  
Coffee and Rolls

9:30 Call to Order

President Welcomes Superintendent of Medinah  
Don Pakkala

9:45 Keynote Address - Robert Williams

10:45 Break

##### **Session I - 'The Way It Was'**

Moderator - Ed Smith

10:55 Memories Past - Tom Mascaro

11:20 Movie and Slide Presentation

11:40 Past Fairway Experiences - Sherwood Moore

12:00 Lunch

##### **Session II - Today**

Moderator - Mike Bavier, CGCS

1:30 "General Managers and How to Survive Them"  
Paul Voykin

1:50 Extension Services in the Field - Dr. John Street

2:10 Transition-North to South - Tom Burrows

2:30 "Research Today for Better Turf Tomorrow"  
Dr. Jack Butler

3:00 Break

3:10 "The Professional Approach" - Cecil Kerr

3:40 Professional Evaluation for Tomorrow  
Roger Stewart

4:00 U. of I. Research Progress - Dr. Al Turgeon

4:30 Questions and Answers

5:00 Cocktail Hour

##### **Session III - Thoughts for Tomorrow**

Moderator - Fred Opperman, CGCS

9:00 "Why we are, Where we were, a Reflection on  
the Future" - Mel Lucas, CGCS

9:20 Insects-The Pests to Look For  
Dr. Roscoe Randall

9:50 Motivation for the Professional - Carl Landgrebe

10:10 Break

10:20 Maintenance Building Construction  
Tom Rodems

10:40 "Assuming Additional Responsibility in the Golf  
Operation-is it For You" - Tim Miles

11:00 Energy For Tomorrow - Dudley Smith

11:30 "Use of Mini Computers in Horticulture"  
Dick DeLano

12:00 Lunch

**Educational Committee  
Len Berg, Don Hoffman, John Berarducci**