



## MIDWEST BREEZES

The 52nd International Turfgrass Conference and Show is now history. I am sure it was a success in every way. It was one of the better conferences excluding the keynote speaker and the entertainment at the banquet. This editor does not rate these two very high.

The educational part was super. The equipment display was our best and plenty of room for everyone. The attendance on Wednesday was 7,713. There were 202 exhibitors that displayed their merchandise. It sure was an education just to view the many new as well as the old products that it takes to maintain a golf course.

At the annual membership meeting held on Wednesday, January 28, 1981, **Mike Bavier**, Supt. at Inverness C.C., Palatine, Ill. was elected president. Mike has worked hard for the G.C.S.A.A. and deserves the honor.

At this meeting **Paul Voykin** was very proud to receive his 25 year G.C.S.A.A. pin. Paul joined the national association in Canada and is one of the youngest members to receive the award. Congratulations.

On Monday night the Mexican Fiesta was well attended - standing room only with a limited number of chairs for the lucky ones. Also dancing to loud music. The dance floor was used by many of the Supts. and their wives. If these Supts. are as light on their feet on the golf course as they are on the dance floor they sure would not create any compaction.

This editor would like to make a suggestion that at future annual G.C.S.A.A. meetings the American flag be displayed at the front of the room during the meetings. This did not take place at Anaheim, CA on January 28, 1981.

One of the highlights in going to the National Conference is attending some of the hospitality rooms. It gives one a chance to visit with friends one has not seen during the past year and also to become acquainted with new ones. Information is gathered at these places that would not be available on the main floor.

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1. **Jim and Sue Reed** are expecting their 2nd child in July.
  2. **Steve and Karen Stewart** are expecting their 1st child in August.
  3. **Don and Sue Hoffman** are expecting their 2nd child in September.
  4. **Dave and Penny Meyer** are expecting in July.

At the Toro Commercial Awards Meeting, held in Anaheim, **Jim Reed** was awarded the highest Award bestowed on a sales person by the Toro Company. Jim, was recognized as Master Salesman of the year. Chicago Toro is very proud of Jim. The members of the M.A.G.C.S. are happy to be informed of Jim's award and offer their congratulations.

Congratulations to **Marv and Lorraine Gruening** of Park Ridge C.C. who celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary on January 29th.  
**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!!!**

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**Ray and Jo Gerber** celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on Feb. 18, 1981. Time sure moves on. We have been blessed with many good times during these 56 years. Two sons that we are proud of, also two wonderful daughters in-law and five super grand children. And our health has been excellent considering our age. And loads of super friends made up of the finest people in this country. What more could one ask for?

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Dear Ray;

How easy to jump the gun when Spring is on the starting line.

**"FORE"**

Spring soon will reappear,

Winter wonderland will melt into the past.

How wonderful to watch the grass turn green,

In spite of Winter's final blast.

Superintendents ardently await,

A hopeful early Spring.

Golfers are chomping at the bit,

To improve upon their swing.

Yes! the season soon will be here,

To ease a heavy heart.

We all look forward to the time,

Nature gives the nod to start.

Superintendently,

**Kenneth R. Zanzig**  
**Green Garden C.C.**

## WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE?

On an average day you and I each draw about 87 gallons: 24 for flushing, 32 for bathing, laundry, and dishwashing, and 25 for swimming pools and watering the lawn. We use a mere two gallons for drinking and cooking—the only water we actually require to survive. Traced back, the eggs you ate for breakfast required 120 gallons of water each; the ton of steel in your car, about 60,000 gallons. With these indirect uses our daily need soars to some 2,000 gallons each.

Considering this, are we running out? The answer, most experts agree, is a resounding "no". Yet the United States faces serious water problems, of both quantity and quality. Rain and snow do not fall evenly across the land; the West, with 60 percent of the nation's real estate, receives only 25 percent of its moisture ... The rain-rich East faces water challenges equally severe, some of quantity and more of quality. The immense populations of metropolitan Boston, New York and Washington, D.C. will face rationing if nature repeats the drought that struck in the 1960s. Pollution plagues waterways that we use as both fountains and sewers.

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