



MIDWEST BREEZES

The 54th International Turfgrass Conference and Show is now history. This editor, having attended every one for the past forty-four years, will say it was one of the largest not only in attendance but also exhibitors. The building where the exhibits were held is certainly one of the largest. Plenty of room for everyone which is what the exhibitors like. The carpeting on the floors is something that those attending liked. It made walking less tiresome, especially for those who are not among the younger generation. The attendance was 7,200 I was told. So much for the good things. My advance registration got lost either in the mail or at Lawrence, Kansas. The return never reached Atlanta, Georgia. When I inquired about my registration at the advance registration desk I was told they had no record of my registration. I was asked about the amount I had paid. My reply was that I was exempt from paying a fee due to my years as a regular member and I am now retired. The lady working at the desk wearing a green dress stated that is the reason I never received a reply. The badge I finally received was a guest badge. Being a member since 1936 this did not seem proper to me. A couple of G.C.S.A.A. member wives happened to come by and came to my rescue. I thank Jean Stewart and Lorraine Gruening who got things straightened out.

For those of you who missed the last Midwest meeting held at Silver Lake C.C., you missed a fine surprise program that Dudley Smith arranged. Only a Dudley Moore or our own Dudley Smith could put on a program of this nature.

As this **Bull Sheet** is going to press, Mr. Gerber is recovering from a gall bladder operation at the Elmhurst Hospital. He went into the hospital on Thursday, March 17th and had his operation on Monday, March 21st. By the time you are reading this, Mr. Gerber should be home and would welcome any calls. We are all praying for a speedy recovery for our fine editor and friend.

If you notice any mistakes in this issue, it is because there are amateurs that assembled this issue in the absence of Mr. Gerber.

This editor thought he had something going for himself and his wife Jo in the March issue of the **Bull Sheet** by stating he celebrated his 58th wedding anniversary on Feb. 18, 1983. A note and a phone call from Frank Dinelli, former Supt. at Northmoor C.C., stated that he and Alice celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Oct. 6 at home with family and friends. Within the party there were 23 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Congratulations!

The National Golf Foundation has awarded to the **Bull Sheet** the third place award for newsletters nationwide in 1982. In behalf of the M.A.G.C.S. this editor thanks the National Golf Foundation, and I hope all of you will support them and help them whenever possible. They can sure count on my support. An appropriate plaque will be presented at the Chicago District Golf Association green seminar on April 5 at Butterfield Country Club.

Congratulations' Marv. Marv Gruening, Supt. at Park Ridge C.C. was presented with an inscribed plaque expressing the club's appreciation for the wonderful playing condition that the golf course was in during 1982.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Gibson family due to the death of Bob who passed away on Feb. 3, 1983. Mr. Gibson was a former president of the Toro Co., Minneapolis, MN.

The MAGCS was well represented at the South Suburban Golf Associations February meeting held at Flossmoor Country Club. Roger Stewart and Len Berg spoke at the meeting on the role of the Golf Course Superintendent and the services provided by MAGCS and GCSAA. Flossmoor Country Club laid out the red carpet in providing an elegant evening which included hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, and a fine wild duck dinner. The South Suburban Golf Association is composed of the many fine private golf courses in the area of Flossmoor. Their purpose is for inter club golf matches, competitive golf, and the enjoyment of making new golfing friends. Superintendents speaking to outside interest groups brings greater notoriety to the profession and public awareness.

CONGRATULATIONS! New Faces in New Positions -
 Brian Chalisoux - Olympia Fields C.C.
 Pat Klein - Hillcrest C.C.

SPECIAL EVENT!!

The Greater Chicago Club Managers Association of America has set the date of Monday, August 15, 1983, for a golf outing comprised of foursomes consisting of the club manager, golf course superintendent, president and golf professional, to be held at Rockford Country Club.

More information will be forwarded to the club managers as the date approaches. If I can be of any assistance, please call me at 312/729-6500.

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