



### MIDWEST BREEZES

So far the first part of the turfgrass season has been cold and wet. Chicago's cold, rainy spring has set a record as the wettest in history. We had 17.41 inches of precipitation for March, April and May. That is the wettest on record for the three month period. Normal for those three months is 9.40 inches. What will that do to the turfgrass on our golf courses? It will create a shallow root system. The Supt. can overcome some of this problem by not doing any irrigating until it is absolutely necessary. Let the turfgrass plant roots go down and find some water rather than add water unnecessarily that will discourage the development of a deep root system. When the hot weather makes it appearance in the summer months, it will pay a dividend.

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**Walter Fuchs, Sr.** has notified this editor that he will be retiring as the Supt. at Evanston C.C. This winter he will be making his home in Naples, Florida. Walter has devoted his life to golf course work. He is a past president of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents, the Iowa Supts. Assn., and the Ohio Supts. Assn. Walter wants to thank everyone who was so nice to him and made life so enjoyable. Congratulations, Walter.

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 Ray Schei, Supt at Ruth Lake C.C. and his wife Betty are the proud grandparents of a boy born to their daughter, Lou. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 14 oz. and arrived on May 18, 1983. Congratulations!

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 The M.A.G.C.S. nominating committee for 1983 consists of five past presidents: John Berarducci, Len Berg, Ed Fisher, Robert Breen and Carl Hophan.

### WESTERN OPEN AT BUTLER GOLF CLUB

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 WESTERN OPEN - Starts June 29th with the Pro-Am and continues till Sunday July 3rd, 1983. Oscar Miles, Supt. states the golf course is in excellent shape and invites all Superintendents to stop by his new maintenance building to look around and enjoy some refreshments. Superintendents are to show their GCSAA cards to gain free admission.

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**A better word for self-confidence is God-confidence.**

At the July meeting of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents, the golf event will be a pick your own partner, 1 best ball, full handicap event. In addition, an optional skin game will be offered. The skin game will be based on 80% handicap and the entry fee will be an additional \$2.00.

The joint meeting of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents, the Central Illinois Superintendents, and the North Central Association was held on Monday, May 16, 1983 at Bon Vivant C.C. with our host Mike Hart giving us a superbly conditioned golf course to enjoy. 152 people played golf with 176 people having dinner. Sam Williamson was the day's medalist with a 2 under par score of 70.

Chicago Toro, Tri-State Toro, and Beckman Turf Supply put on an equipment show. Mr. Howard Swartz, Area Manager of the Toro Co. of Minneapolis, Minnesota presented the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation with a check for \$2000.00 to be used to enhance the turf program at the University of Illinois.

### Briar Ridge Country Club

In all our events this golf season, we are going to play summer rules unless otherwise stated on the first tee. That means that you cannot touch your ball until you reach the putting surface. You may **not** use your clubhead to improve your lie anywhere on the golf course. Please cooperate so we may all have a shot at the prizes on an equal basis.

The June meeting of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents was held on June 6, 1983 at Pinecrest Country Club in Huntley, Illinois. Our host superintendent, Brian Comiskey, gave us a very fine golf course for our enjoyment and for once, the sun was shining and no rain. The low gross for the day was 1 over par 73, shot by Tim Davis. Closest to the pin was won by Dave Meyer. Long drive for seniors was Bill Miller and long drive for the youngsters was won by Ken Goodman.



Brian Comiskey, Host Supt. at Pinecrest C.C., Huntley, Ill. for M.A.G.C.S. June 6 meeting.