



MIDWEST BREEZES

This editor wants to publicly thank all those that remembered me during my stay in the hospital, the flowers and plants and the many telephone calls. The flowers and plants were from Midwest Supts. Association, Chicagoland Supts. Association, Schroeders Nursery, Inc., Glen Oak C.C., Village Links G.C.; and Kim Gerber. Those of you who had any hospital experience as a patient know what a morale builder flowers and plants are. I also want to thank those who took the time to make a phone call to find out how I was progressing. And there were many, many phone calls, also, over fifty get well cards. One of the most pleasant experiences is to be lying in bed and open your eyes to see visitors in person. During my twenty-three days and nights on the bed this happened many times. One knows they are your real friends. Naturally, your immediate family would come first.

Ray H. Gerber

A recent phone call from **Frank Dinelli**, former Supt. from Northmoor C.C. informed me that he had been making some visits to the hospital. We hope they are not serious ones. Why not give Frank a phone call, he is deserving of many.

Joe Dinelli is busy getting his North Shore golf course in top playing condition for the U.S. Amateur Championship event in August. I am sure if anyone can do it, Joe can. I am also sure the amateur's will find it to be one of the best conditioned courses they have ever played.

Fred Opperman received a phone call at his house one evening from Ray Gerber asking if he could get a couple buckets of mushroom soil that he saw at the club. He also asked if Fred could be a little more lenient with the mushroom soil that he would add to the vegetable garden on the golf course this year since last year he was so cheap with it and hardly added any. (You know Ray Gerber is feeling better when he starts to worry about his tomatoe plants).

The members at St. Charles Country Club are happy to be playing their newly seeded penneagle greens. April 30th all putting greens were open for play. Pete Leuzinger reports that the greens are dense, putting good, and look super. This ends three long years of misery for Pete. Congratulations!!!

THE RAY GERBER EDITORIAL AWARD FORMAT FOR SELECTION

The ad hoc committee selected by President Leuzinger met on April 19th at the Inverness C.C. Members present were Mike Bavier, Len Berg, and Bruce Williams. The following is a list of our findings:

1. Articles eligible for the award must be written by a member of the MAGCS who is currently a Golf Course Superintendent. All articles printed in the **Bull Sheet**, meeting this requirement, will be considered. Assigned articles written by MAGCS Board members will not be eligible for consideration.
2. All articles will be judged during the time period of the Sept.-August editions of the **Bull Sheet**. In the first year articles will also be judged retroactively, dating back to the Sept. '82 printing of the **Bull Sheet**.
3. The selection committee for the award will be comprised of 5 individuals, President of MGCSA, Educational Chairman of MAGCS, Editor of the **Bull Sheet**, Sportswriter for the Chicago Tribune, & Sportswriter for the Chicago Sun-Times.
4. The President of the MAGCS will serve as Chairman of the Selection Committee and set a date and arrange a meeting of the committee in the month of September.
5. The award shall be called "Ray Gerber Editorial Award" and shall be presented at the annual Midwest Turf Clinic (which is presently held in conjunction with the North Central Turfgrass Exposition). The presentation will be made to the winner at the luncheon by the MAGCS President and the local sportswriters.
6. A plaque will be purchased for the winners. This plaque will be used on a revolving basis and can be prominently displayed at the club of the recipients to show that they have been recognized by their peers for their achievements. A smaller plaque would remain with the winner for permanent display. Both plaques would be similar, with the smaller having a place for a single name, while the large plaque would have room for the name of twenty recipients. It is suggested that the plaques carry the MAGCS logo and an etching of Ray Gerber. The inscription should read "this award is presented to the member who has shown excellence in journalism in the **Bull Sheet**; the official publication of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents." At the same time this award recognizes the many contributions over the years that Ray Gerber has given to the **Bull Sheet**.
7. Judging of articles will be based on the following criteria:
 - a. Article provides useful technical data or information.
 - b. The article is clear and easy to comprehend.
 - c. Illustrations, tables, photographs, charts, etc. help explain or support the text and add to the article's value.
 - d. The article is timely (information is current and is presented at the appropriate time of the season).
 - e. The article is useful to the Supt. in the performance of his duties and responsibilities.
8. Grading shall be on the basis of:

Deficient	Fair	Good	Excellent
1	2	3	4

These findings have been reviewed by the ad hoc committee and approved by the MAGCS Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce R. Williams, Supt.

Bob O'Link Golf Club

**Ray Gerber, Editor
is back in the saddle again!**
