

MAGCS DIRECTORS COLUMN

Multiplan, Microsoft, Diskettes?!!!!?

The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents is now the owner of an IBM PC Computer. On Monday, September 24, 1984, Tom Fermanian delivered the computer.

Within a matter of a few hours of instructions, words such as Multiplan, Microsoft Word, Processor, Diskettes, and many more had entered my vocabulary. After three half days of instructional sessions from Tom, I found myself seated at the amazing machine.

The computer will not alleviate work but will surely make the Secretaries work more efficient. One of the major activities the computer will be used for will be an up to date mailing list which is an ever changing thing. Included with the dues statement next month will be a disclosure statement that every member of the Association is asked to complete and return with their dues. There will be fifteen questions to answer. This will enable the secretary to complete all information and enter it on the mailing list. When the membership booklet is compiled this coming year the information will make the job somewhat easier than ever before. The 15 fields that can be printed are:

Last name	Zip code	Firm
First name	Home phone	Dues paid
Address	Business phone	Date certified
City	Members starting date	Member GCSAA
State	Members classification	Any notes

The order of the list to be printed can be:

1. Alphabetical by firm
2. Alphabetical by membership class
3. Sequential

Record keeping, inventories, and a variety of accounting records can be accomplished. Computer communication and the access of data over telephone lines has been built into the system. A weather data bank has been installed at the University of Illinois which contains historical weather data and current weather information. By plugging the telephone into the computer and into the phone lines this information can be readily available via a wats line, a modem is responsible for this. Another service called a Dialog Information Service can provide access to journals, newspaper articles and reports covering areas of science, business, current affairs and many more.

In time, with the help of Tom and a few much needed classes, I hope to be able to use the computer to its fullest and for the benefit of the Association.

Penny F. Meyer
Executive Secretary, MAGCS

PLEASE NOTE

At the golf outing at Cress Creek Country Club at Naperville in October when Tony Meyer went to get his shoes in the Locker House they could not be found. There is a pair of black two-tone golf shoes there, size 10½ with locker number 35X. Tony's locker number was 35 and they were cordovan/black two-tone Foot Joys, size 8½. Please check to see if you have the wrong pair. Thanks. — Tony (312) 969-1898.

1984 Ray Gerber Editorial Award Winner

Bruce R. Williams
Bob O'Link Golf Club
Highland Park, IL

Bruce has won this year's award for his article, "Lightning Can Strike Without Warning" which was published in the August 1984 issue of "The Bull Sheet". In winning this award which was first given in 1983, Bruce adds his name to which we hope will be a long list of future winners who have all helped "The Bull Sheet" be in the fore front of newsletters.

The award was started to give recognition to Ray Gerber for his many years of service to the Superintendents thru his leadership, knowledge and participation in association activities. Ray Gerber served as Editor of "The Bull Sheet" for many years and brought much attention and respect to our profession. It is sad that Ray never lived to see the first award presented to Dave Ward at the NCTE last year. But he knew that an award was being named in his honor before he passed away.

Bruce Williams has been Superintendent of Bob O'Link Golf Club for seven years. He succeeded his father Bob Williams. During the past year, Bruce has contributed other articles for "The Bull Sheet" besides the one which won him this award. He is presently serving as Editor of the "Verdue" and treasurer of the Chicagoland GCSA. Bruce has a B.A. degree from Baldwin Wallace College and then went on to graduate with honors from Michigan State University.

Honorable Mention Ray Gerber Editorial Award for 1984

Edwin Wollenberg

The Editorial Committee felt that Ed should be presented with an Honorable Mention for his article, "The Good Old Days" which was published in the April and May issue of "The Bull Sheet". There can only be one winner of the "Ray Gerber Editorial Award" since the winner is presented with a traveling plaque and two people can't share it at the same time. With this in mind it was decided to have an "Honorable Mention" and give a wall plaque and recognition for an outstanding article.

Ed Wollenberg is currently the superintendent of Gary Country Club, which he has been for the past 25 to 28 years depending on who you talk to. One thing for sure is that managing turfgrass has been a life long endeavor for Ed.

His career began around the age of ten working at Olympia Fields Country Club, where he began to learn the basics of golf course maintenance. Years later he worked a short time at Idlewild Country Club and eventually took over as superintendent of Navahoe Hills Country Club. At some point during these formative years he was also called to serve his country. Not being side-tracked by this Ed used his skills to landscape Air Force bases before being sent overseas.

In addition to his working credentials Ed has contributed to the golf industry as a speaker at conferences, by writing articles, and often as an organizer behind the scenes. He is an active member of the M.A.G.C.S., having served as a past president. He is also active in the Michiana Golf Course Superintendents Association, and the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

Obviously, committed to serving the golf industry from the beginning Ed's career can serve as an inspiration to us all.