

## Midwest Breezes



### Up Coming Events - Mark Your Calendar

- July 5-8 — Western Open at Butler National  
July 9th — Midwest Meeting \* Seniors Day \* held at Sportsman C.C.  
July 25 — Illinois Turfgrass Research Field Day at Urbana  
August 1 — Illinois Landscape Contractors Association 25th Anniversary Summer Field Day at Synnestvedt's Burr Oak Nursery, Round Lake Illinois. Time 8:30 to 4:00 p.m.  
August 7 — Midwest Institute of Park Executives Equipment Show at Meadowhill Park, Northbrook, IL. Rain date August 14th. Questions: Call Mike Schiller at 291-2989.  
August 22 — Midwest Meeting at Riverside Golf Club.  
September 10 — Midwest Meeting at Turnberry Country Club.  
September 24 — ITF Golf Day at Itasca C.C.

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Mr. Don Gerber  
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Dear Mr. Gerber:

It is a pleasure for me to provide information for you regarding the use of the memorial funds in your father's name.

The Ray Gerber Memorial Funds contributed to the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation will be used to support the on-going research programs in the area of turfgrass science in the Departments of Horticulture and Plant Pathology at the University of Illinois College of Agriculture. These funds, combined with additional monies from the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation, will allow the College of Agriculture to support a graduate student conducting this research.

The College of Agriculture is indeed grateful to the family and friends of Ray Gerber, and to the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation for this generous pledge of support. Private support of research is now recognized as a vital supplement to State and Federal funding sources. The demand for the results of College of Agriculture research is far greater than the amount of funds currently available.

As a result of this generous pledge, which provides \$10,000 over a ten-year period, the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation will be recognized as a member of the Presidents Council of the University of Illinois. This honor organization recognizes those contributors making a significant financial commitment to the programs of the University of Illinois.

Mr. Gerber, we are grateful indeed, for the support provided to the College of Agriculture through the Ray Gerber Memorial Funds. We hope that you and your family will accept our invitation to visit us at your convenience.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

*Lynette Marshall*  
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Director of Resource Development

John Potthoff is looking for a tractor tires size 11-38 6 ply. If you happen to have any, give John a call at (815) 894-2137.

Ed Fischer and the staff at Old Elm did a bang-up job of hosting our last Midwest meeting, they are to be congratulated! The course was in excellent shape, the greens were slick, the weather was great, the foods and drinks were outstanding. The food and drinks were provided by some of our very best friends, and they are: Chicago Toro, Art Clesen Company, Coursigns, H & E Sod, Nels Johnson Tree Trimming, Roseman Equipment, Rowland Equipment Inc. and Turf Products. For those of you who played golf, ate and drank, be sure to thank these wonderful people for making our day so very nice.

Demie Moore Powell was the educational speaker at the June meeting and she spoke of course on wetting agents. The talk was very informative and she was able to answer a few questions from the floor. Mrs. Powell represents Aquatrols Corporation of America, Inc.

Here are some Winners that played at Old Elm on June 4th. The golf event was a four-man best ball.

Net Score 56 — Hal Laman, John Maniscalco, Richard Daley, and Jeff Smith.

Net Score 57 — Ed Witkowski, Tom Morgensen, Rick Krogen, and Phil Bersin.

Net Score 58 — Bob Breen, Bob Breen, Jr., Bill Leith, and Ray Schei

The Elmer Bertucci Trophy which was awarded to the individual low net 60 years+ was won by Bob Williams who shot a net 74.

We at Old Elm just finished hosting the June 1984, meeting of the M.A.G.C.S., and a very successful meeting at that. Everyone expressed their appreciation of the fine day which included a lunch, beer and soft drinks, cocktails, and light hors d'oeuvres all provided by some of our suppliers, and of course the hospitality of Old Elm, and a game of golf. Over 100 members took part in the days activities.

Now for a few questions. Where have some of our members been for the past couple of years? Why couldn't they stay for dinner? I couldn't believe how many members there are that I have never seen before. Yes, I don't know everyone, and I don't think that I ever will, but I recognize most. The younger Superintendents and Assistants I don't know, I hope to, but I do recognize them. I can also understand that sometimes there are conflicts so that staying for dinner is impossible, but there are other excuses that aren't acceptable.

My feeling is that one should be proud of the organization he belongs to, and that one should support the M.A.G.C.S. the entire year, not just when golf is being played at a special place. I hope that I see some of these faces sooner than that next special place.

Again, thank you for coming to Old Elm, it was a pleasure to have you here.

Ed Fischer, C.G.C.S.

Blessed is the man who is too busy to worry in the day and too tired to lie awake at night.