

(1985 Ray Gerber Editorial Award)

It's that time of year that we have to pick this year's winner. It will be hard for the judges to pick a winner for we have 9 fine articles that are in the running and only one can win. The winner will be announced at the Midwest Turf Clinic to be held at Medinah C.C. on November 2, 1985.

The following is to be used to judge this year's winner.

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 this award.

2. All articles will be judged during the time period of September 1984 thru August 1985 editions of "The Bull Sheet".

3. 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 Superintendent in the performance of his duties and responsibilities.

Articles in Consideration for the 1985 Ray Gerber Editorial Award

September 1984 — "Landscape Renovations on The Golf Course" Randy Whaler; October 1984 — "What Gives A Superintendent Gray Hair" Ed Fischer; October 1984 — "The Use of a Flail Mower in Golf Course Management" Dave Ward; January 1985 — "Installing an Irrigation System With the Use of a Vibratory Plow" Joel Purpur; January 1985 — "Golf in the 25th Century" John Stephenson; May 1985 — "Battling Sand Clumps" Joel Purpur; June 1985 — "The Relationship Between Water pH and Spraying" Richard Kensinger; July 1985 — "What is the Superintendents Role in Private Club Management" Bruce Sering; July 1985 — "The Role of the Assistant Superintendent" Peter Leuzinger.

Sulfur-Coated Urea for Turfgrass Fertilization

N.W. Hummel, Jr. and D.V. Waddington
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