

Midwest Breezes



Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

September 8 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Deer Creek G.C.
September 15 — ITF Golf Day at Byrn Mawr & Evanston G.C.
October 6 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Wilmette C.C.
November 10-12 — Penn State Turf Conference
December 9-11 — North Central Turfgrass Exposition
January 26-February 3 — GCSAA Conference in Phoenix

Oscar Miles did an outstanding job in preparing Butler National for the Western Open the last of July and first of August. The course had to have been the best conditioned in the Chicago area. The Penneagle was superb! The press that Oscar got was just great throughout the entire event. Oscar sure made the Midwest stand out as a great golf center for the world. Congratulations Oscar for a job very well done.



*Hospitality Tent at Butler National
during the Western Open*

Andy Dauksas, the assistant at Glen Oak C.C. (his wife Elizabeth), and the gardener for the past four years, are the proud parents of a baby girl on August 10, 1986.

MAGCS 1986-1987 Slate of Candidates

President — Jim Evans, Turnberry C.C.
1st Vice President — Mike Nass, Bryn Mawr C.C.
2nd Vice President — Al Fierst, Oak Park C.C.
Bruce Williams, Bob O Link G.C.
Secretary/Treasurer — Dave Meyer, Carson Pirie Scott courses
Director — Al Fierst or Bruce Williams (1 year left on term)
Director — Ray Schmitz, Flossmoor C.C. (1 year left on term)
THREE TO BE ELECTED FOR A TWO YEAR TERM
Director — Dennis Wilson, Sunset Ridge C.C.
Director — Bob Maibusch, Hinsdale G.C.
Director — Dave Loutitt, Oak Hills C.C.
Director — Brian Chalifoux, Olympia Fields C.C.

“Dues Increase Coming”

The Board of Directors will be proposing a dues increase for approval at the 1986 annual meeting. There has not been an increase since 1981. It is necessary at this time to cover the increased costs incurred by our need to incorporate the associate to comply with IRS laws. It is also needed so we may continue to move forward with our goals of increased educational benefits and membership services.

The new dues structure would be as follows with the current dues shown in parentheses.

Class A & B — \$50.00 (\$35.00)

Class D — \$25.00 (\$20.00)

Class E — \$75.00 (\$55.00)

In addition the administration fee for new applications would be increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00.

Ray Gerber Editorial Award Nominees

This year we have only five superintendents who qualify for this award. It is a shame that more superintendents can't write an article for their newsletter. So many of our members can write! That is what is a darn shame that they don't sit down and write an article and be able to qualify for this outstanding award. To be able to qualify is very simple: you must be a superintendent of the MAGCS and have your article published first in **The Bull Sheet**. It couldn't be any easier.

This year we have the following articles for consideration:

“Effective Communications to Members” by Bruce Williams

“History of the Midwest Clinic” by John Ebel

“Pfister Potpourri” by Dudley Smith

“Survey of Sand Bunkers” by Fred Opperman

“Unions for the Golf Course” by Robert K. Breen, Sr.

The judges for this year's award will be: Dave Behrman, President MAGCS; Dr. Fred Grau, Dr. Tom Fermanian, Warren Bidwell, and Len Ziehm of the Chicago Sun Times.

The award will be given at the North Central Turfgrass Exposition in December.

Art Benson is doing another 9 holes of fairways this year. Last year he started a 3 year program to kill, strip, and completely regrade 9 holes per year. Last year's results were very good.

Randy Kane, PhD. of CGGA/U of I reports that he has had about 40 plus visits up to the middle of August on the various golf courses in the area. Seems there have been some nemotades chewing on some greens. Also C-15 decline reared up around the 4th of July on some greens in the area and will create a lot of work this fall in resurfacing many greens.

Joel Purpur had the greens at Bartlett Hills G.C. rolling pretty fast for our August meeting. He warned before the round to keep the ball below the cup, and he was right. Dr. Jim Watson from Toro was our speaker for the night and he stressed the fact that we need better turf grasses for the demands that are being put upon them today.