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Ken Zanzig (right) receives "The Charles Bartlett Award" from Dudley Smith

## Charles Bartlett Award to Ken Zanzig

The M.A.G.C.S. Charles Bartlett Award came out of retirement and was presented to Kenneth R. Zanzig at the January meeting. The award is in memory of our friend, the former golf editor of the Chicago Tribune. Charles Bartlett's column, the "Locker Room" appeared weekly in the Sunday Tribune. Bartlett, like Herb Graffis, promoted the efforts of the golf course superintendent, but maintained we must do our own public relations. The greenkeeper must shed his overalls, mingle, be seen and listened to. The tribute recognizes an outstanding feat in oratory or journalism by a Midwest member. Past winners include Paul Voykin, Oscar Miles, Norman Kramer, Ray Gerber, Robert Williams, and Julius Albaugh.

Ken Zanzig started his golf career with Leonard "Brownie" DeBruyn at the Ridge Country Club in 1950. He was superintendent for John Curtis at Walnut Hills G.C. until the course was sub-divided. In 1986 Ken Zanzig retired as superintendent of Green Garden Country Club in Frankfort, Illinois. In 1978 Ray Gerber published an original poem by Zanzig in the **Bull Sheet**. Since that time each issue has contained a Zanzig inspiration. In recognition of his wit, integrity, and artistic ability the Midwest Association honors our "poet laureate" with the Charles Bartlett Award.

### "February Magic"

February! The shortest month of the Year,  
Where mid-winter magic doth appear.  
From Ground-Hog predictions thru Valentine Day,  
The Month has a habit of slipping away.  
While in the midst of Winter's cold sting,  
Thoughts leap ahead, anticipating Spring.  
Happiness is knowing, before very long,  
All of Nature will be singing Spring's song.

**Kenneth R. Zanzig**