

Midwest Breezes



Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

January 6-7 — GCSAA & MAGCS Seminars at Pheasant Run

January 13-14 — Indiana GCSA 2 Day Seminar

January 26-February 3 — GCSAA Conference in Phoenix

January 31 — Prayer Breakfast in Phoenix

March 2-4 — Midwest Regional Turf Conference at Purdue

March 3-5 — Landscape Exposition at O'Hare Exposition

April 3 — USGA Regional Mtg. at Westmore C.C., Milwaukee

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Chicago Turf & Irrigation is interviewing for a sales oriented individual for commercial equipment. Duties will involve management of the dealer sales program, specification sales with key maintenance contractors and marketing oriented tasks for non-Toro products. If interested, please send a resume care of Ron Jones, 911 Hilltop Drive, Itasca, IL 60143.

Bob Breen, Superintendent, Arrowhead C.C. is looking for shelter house plans. If you do have any plans and would share them, please send them to him at Arrowhead C.C., 26W151 Butterfield Rd., Wheaton, IL 60187.

Some of the jobs that were open earlier in the year have now been filled; Joe Reents has taken over at Oak Hills C.C. and Paul Mays moved back into the area from Minnesota to fill the position at Green Acres C.C.

Gary Country Club has been renamed — Innsbrook C.C.

The NCTE certainly seemed to be another huge success story this year. The attendance was way up and the trade show was a success — the commercial people had someone to talk to this year as compared to when they were in Peoria.

The MAGCS donated a \$2,000.00 check to Illinois Turfgrass Foundation for Turf Research at the annual meeting which was held Tuesday afternoon, December 9, 1986.

Sand Creek Club is to be sold (or maybe is by the time you read this). Bethlehem Steel Corp. built this private club for it's employees about 10 years ago. About three years ago a membership was made available to the public in hope of raising revenues. But hard times in the steel industry is forcing the company to look at a Chicago firm that manages several private clubs to take over its operation on East Porter Avenue.

Editor's and Ray Gerber Editorial Award Winner's Comment

It is a strange situation that as the Editor of **The Bull Sheet** I am also the winner of its prestigious annual award. Having known Ray Gerber and being so close to that wonderful man for 13 years, I have coveted a place on the Ray Gerber Editorial Award plaque since its inception in 1983. It is really with great honor that my name is now the fourth to be added to this very special plaque. Everyone should have had the opportunity that I have had to be able to work with this fine gentleman, to be able to sit and listen to his wisdom of "greenkeeping". His unceasing self-control allowed a young successor to come in and make changes to a golf course that he had cared for with so much dedication for over 34 years — without being critical of any changes. It's a shame there are not more Ray Gerbers around for one to wait in their shadows and to learn to walk in their footsteps before going out into that big bright world on their own.

Yes, I am quite proud to add my name to Ray's plaque, and for those of you who did or did not know Ray, I hope your name will deserve a place on it starting in 1987. It's a goal to shoot for and a very satisfying one to achieve.

Thank you, Ray Gerber, for making it such an honor for me.

Fred D. Opperman, CGCS
Editor and Ray Gerber Editorial Award Winner

E-Z-GO, a leader in golf and utility vehicles is looking for a full time sales rep to market our line of turf and commercial vehicles. The ideal candidate will have extensive knowledge of turf equipment and their applications. Must possess good oral and written communication skills. We offer excellent benefits and the opportunity for advancement. Please contact Mike Aponas at 438-5511 for an appointment.

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James G. Prusa, GCSAA Associate Executive Director and Director of Education is leaving to go into a new business venture. Prusa will stay thru the conference in Phoenix.

Tony & Marge Meyer spent the Christmas Holidays in Innsbrook, Austria visiting their granddaughter who is studying there as an exchange student.

Knollwood C.C. is looking for an assistant. Call Randy Wahler at (312) 234-4160.

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