

Midwest Breezes



Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

- June 4** — MAGCS meeting at McHenry C.C.
June 11 — Pro/Supt. Golf at Country Club of Illinois
July 14 — MAGCS meeting at Village Greens of Woodridge
August 24 — MAGCS meeting at Turnberry C.C.
September 21 — MAGCS meeting at Balmoral Woods G.C.
October 8 — MAGCS meeting at Woodstock C.C.
November — Annual meeting
December 8-10 — NCTE at Pheasant Run, St. Charles, IL

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While I was in Minneapolis I was surprised to find out that in late April the Minneapolis area was a good two weeks ahead of the Chicago area. Minneapolis had a very mild winter the same as us and it has been very dry for them also. I saw a lot of dead pfitzers around the area due to an open and dry winter. They may lose 50% of the pfitzers due to the winter. The turf on the other hand was looking pretty good.

Only Two Months Left!

Two months left for what? Why, to become eligible to compete for the annual Ray Gerber Editorial Award. Remember this is a traveling award plaque that has your name engraved on a plate and you get to keep it for one year. You also get a smaller plaque with your name on it to keep. The contest runs from September thru August and you must be an active golf course superintendent to win. Up thru June this year we have only four superintendents who have qualified so far. Come on guys, let's get into this and write an article for **"The Bull Sheet"**.

Joe Williamson has left Turf Products and has gone into the real estate game. Joe left Turf Products the middle of April and due to the timing it was not mentioned in the May issue. Good Luck Joe!

Jim Walsh has left Lebanon Chemical Corporation to go into a business for himself. Not sure what business Jim has gone into. If anyone hears, let me know and I'll mention it next month.

Our one and only P.V. gave a talk to the Canadian Golf Course Superintendents Association in March at St. Johns, New Brunswick. The title of the speech, "Wildflower Connection". Surely everyone knows who P.V. is after learning where the talk was given and the subject. If you don't — you're a rookie and need to do your homework and learn who your fellow superintendents are.

"Prospective"

June — the last little Gal of Spring,
Carries Summer in on Her wing.
Will it be a Tropical Heat Wave,
That this Summer will fashion?
Or just a good old Summertime,
Free of that Hot House thrashin?
We're obligated to accept, whatever It's goal,
Even flight to the end, body and soul.
Every Summer, it runs cross the mind,
Will It be mean? Or will It be kind?

Kenneth R. Zanzig

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One hundred and fifty members and friends attended the retirement party for Howard Baerwald of La Grange C.C. Howard has been the superintendent there for 33 years. Howard and his wife Jeanette thanked everyone there and wished them all success on their scorecard of life.

There have been reports of turf damage due to burning when you use a turf groomer (verti-cut) too soon after a fertilizer treatment. Like anything else — use a little common sense and proper timing.

The deepest sympathy of the members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents is extended to Robert Breen on the passing of his wife on May 17, 1987.

Congratulations to Don and Cindy Cross on the birth of Abigail Lo on May 4, 1987.