

## Midwest Breezes



### Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

December 6, 7, 8 — NCTE at Pheasant Run, St. Charles, IL

January 3 & 4 — MAGCS/GCSAA Seminars at Pheasant Run

January 9 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Arrowhead C.C.

January 16 & 17 — Michigan Turfgrass Conference, Lansing

January 23, 24, 25 — Midwest Regional Turf Foundation Seminar, Indianapolis



David Ward accepting the "Ray Gerber Editorial Award" from Fred Opperman, Editor

### David Ward, Two Time Winner of the "Ray Gerber Editorial Award"

Dave Ward is the 1988 winner of the "Ray Gerber Editorial Award" with his article, "Flower Bed Preparation & Maintenance." Dave was the winner the first year the award was given in 1983 with his article, "Sand Topdressing: Something Old, Something New, Mostly Borrowed, Never Blue."

This award has been given yearly in honor of Ray Gerber, who served as Editor of "The Bull Sheet" for 11 years and set the standard for what our newsletter is today. Ray was three times President of the MAGCS, President of the GCSAA in 1950, recipient of the GCSAA Distinguished Service Award in 1975 and a Superintendent at Glen Oak Country Club for 34 years.

To be eligible for this award, you must be a superintendent and write an article that is first published in "The Bull Sheet." The winning article is chosen from a panel of judges from the turf industry. This year's judges were: Mike Nass, President of MAGCS; Dr. Tom Fermanian, University of Illinois; Warren Bidwell, retired superintendent and world-wide speaker; Dr. Randy Kane, CDGA and University of Illinois; and Fred Opperman, CGCS, Editor.

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**59th Annual Michigan Turfgrass Conference**, Januar 16-18, 1989. Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, Lansing, MI. Contact: Michael Saffel, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824. Phone 517-355-9022.

Bill Kraft reports that his good golfing buddy and our old friend Ben Coker has had his right knee replaced with an artificial joint in late October. Maybe Ben is trying to keep up with Joe Canale and his bio-ionic body. We all wish Ben a speedy recovery and hope this helps his golf handicap next year.

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**PRICED TO SELL:** 1½" QC sprinklers, Toro & Rainbird; 1½" Buckner #4 QC valves; underground control boxes 16". Call John Ebel at (312) 381-0140.

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It was great going to another Midwest Clinic held at Medinah C.C. There is something about having our clinic by itself and having it held at Medinah C.C. that isn't the same when it is held elsewhere. Congratulations to Joel Purpur and his committee for a job well done on putting the program together. Having the assistants speak, (Rick Bowden, Bob O'Link and Mark Bobb, Barrington) was excellent. I also thought that the "Reflections of The First Year Superintendents" was interesting and humorous on their various trials and tribulations as told by Jerry Cooper of Lincolnshire. John Gurke of Bartlett Hills and Dave Blomquist of Naperville. Well done fellows.

Ms. Pat Sanders from Penn State gave an interesting and enlightening talk on "Pesticide Resistance" and how the academic community disagrees with each other on some subjects.

Dr. James Watson gave another of his enlightening and educational talks. It seemed that this one was filled with a lot of quotes. Some of the ones that I picked up were "Be careful of gimmicks and gadgets in the market place today"; "Turfgrasses are one of the most effective filtration systems for ground water"; "Past thirty years Turfgrass has improved more rapidly than most other industries in the same period"; "Look for the application of sonar and laser to come to our industry"; and lastly, "We do a tremendous job of talking to ourselves (between superintendents and within the green industry), but a tremendously poor job of talking to others".

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The Editor would like to apologize for somehow not placing the Lemont Paving ad in the October and November issues of our newsletter. Please readers, do not forget that Ray Murphy and his sons do a superior job of paving on the golf course.

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Remember that the MAGCS will have a hospitality suite at the NCTE. Ask any director for the room number at the meeting. The suite will be open only for the night of December 7th.

### "Rejuvenation"

December brings the "Big Sleep" Dormancy,  
Rest, Rejuvenation, Winter Normalcy.  
While We enjoy the Holidays in between,  
Nature edges towards the Spring Scene.  
Superintendent's Minds find little rest,  
As They prepare for the New Season test.  
Not only for Spring, that starts the year,  
But the entire Season, Tame or Severe.

**Kenneth R. Zanzig**