

Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

May 15 - Joint Association meeting at Eagle Ridge, Galena, IL

May 25 - Superintendent/Pro Golf at Bonnie Brook

June - We need a meeting place

July - We need a meeting place

August - We need a meeting place

September - We need a meeting place

October — MAGCS meeting at Prestbury C.C.

November - Annual MAGCS meeting and clinic

At the April Board Meeting the Board approved 11 new members for our association and they also approved donating \$1,000.00 to the GCSAA Robert Trent Jones Endowment Fund.

The word is that the Fox River Valley area will have three new golf courses built in the next year or so.

Tim Kelly paid an unexpected trip to the hospital to have a chicken bone removed from his throat around the first part of April. He is better now and makes sure he chews his food better.

1989 Gin Tournament Winner Peter Voykin

by Paul Voykin

Over \$1,000.00 was raised by our annual gin tournament at Hackney's Restaurant in Wheeling on March 20th. It was a cold day and there was snow on the ground, so a few more faces showed up for a good cause. This year the generous contribution went to Bruce Burchfield ("Cousin Brucie"), a long-time member of our Midwest Association who is suffering from the lingering Epstein-Barr disease. Naturally, as per every year, yours truly lost in the first round. My astute opponent, Johnny ("Your course is beautiful") Lebedevs went to the final round but lost to brother Peter (1983 champ) whose skill, experience and mostly luck regained the Voykin honor. Thanks again to "Johnny the Bear" and brother Peter for co-chairing this annual tournament. In the past eight years we have raised over \$16,000.00 for worthy charities.

Chris Piske Receives Nor-Am Scholarship

John Turner, sales representative for the Nor-Am Chemical Company, presented Chris Piske a scholarship at the Midwest Regional Turf Conference held in Indianapolis on January 24th, 1989. Piske, a senior in turf management at Purdue University was recognized for his leadership and academic achievement. The scholarship program provides merit and financial assistance to young people at universities who pursue an education in turfgrass management.



March 31, 1989

Mr. Fred D. Opperman Editor/Publisher Midwest Assn. of GC Superintendents 1022 Shady Lane Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Dear Mr. Opperman

We are pleased to inform you that your entry, *The Bull Sheet*, has been selected for Special Merit in the State/Regional Professional Association Newsletter category of the 1988 Harry C. Exholf Award competition for excellence in golf journalism.

This year, the competition attracted more than 100 entries in 13 categories. As in previous years, the calibre of entries continues to be excellent, indicating a continuing high standard in golf journalism on the local and regional levels.

We are preparing your certificate at this time, and it will be forwarded to you in approximately 30 days. In addition, you will be receiving a press release detailing all the 1988 Harry C. Eckhoff Award winners. We are enclosing the Harry C. Eckhoff Award winners.

Congratulations on your selection, and, every best wish for continued success in the coming year.

Sincerely,

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Kit Bradshaw Manager of Public Relations

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"May Lei"

May — a composition of wonderful Days,
Of Blossoms that astound, constantly amaze.
Colors galore, a Hawaiian Lei treat,
That Nature delightfully lays at Our feet.
The Golf Course reflects each Floral addition,
A rainbow of colors with green intermission.
Yes — May is a great time, filling the hours,
On the Golf Course, with beautiful Flowers.

Kenneth R. Zanzig

Tee for Two (Countries)

When you drive a golf ball on the ninth hole of the Gateway Cities Golf Club, your ball doesn't come down until an hour later.

Not due to gravity, of course. Due to the location of the course, which is laid out in two countries. It is doubtless the only golf course in the world where you can play golf in two countries at the same time and not worry about border checking. You play the first eight holes in Canada, beginning at North Portal, Sask., and finish on the North Dakota side, at Portal.

No immigration officials will hassle you, unless you steal their balls on the course, where the officials often play. George Wegener of Portal holds the distinction of having made a holein-one from one country to another.

For more information, contact Gateway Cities Golf Club, Inc., North Portal, Sask. or Portal, ND 58772.

submitted by Bill Kraft