

Bird Watching Pays Off

by Dudley Smith

The MAGCS "Charles Bartlett Award" was presented to Peter Leuzinger, CGCS, Superintendent at St. Charles C.C. at the Chicago District Golf Association Seminar at Drury Lane Theater on March 24, 1994.

The Award named for the former sports columnist and golf writer of the Chicago Tribune, has been achieved ten times since 1967. Mr. Bartlett, an ally of the greenskeeper, proclaimed if the superintendent wanted more "respect" then he must: Speak at public functions, be a prolific writer, and be a master at public relations. Midwest members that have achieved this award include: Julius Albaugh, Mike Bavier, Ray Gerber, Norman Kramer, Oscar Miles (twice), Paul Voykin, Robert Williams, and Ken Zanzig.

Peter Leuzinger was the first in Illinois to be certified by the New York State Audubon Society. His 45 minute talk at the U.S.G.A. Educational Session in Dallas on February 7, 1994



was outstanding. Peter told of the fifty acres of nature preserve he has created at St. Charles C.C. The lecture had audience participation, humor, some personal Leuzinger anecdotes, and colored slides of school children and garden club members walking the nature trail enjoying the bullfrogs and wildflowers.



What a shame Paul Harvey was not present to hear Leuzinger relate how a greenskeeper attempts to preserve the environment!

Peter Leuzinger is a past president of MAGCS and the Illinois Turf Foundation, a Horticulture graduate of the University of Illinois, and has been at St. Charles C.C. sixteen years. His wife DeAnn and daughter Megan are low handicap golfers. Son Jeffrey is also an Illinois graduate and is currently the assistant superintendent at the Glenview Club.

Congratulations Peter Leuzinger on a job well done.

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