



Ray Gerber Editorial Award Contestants

by Fred Opperman, Editor

The Ray Gerber Editorial Award was not presented in 1994 due to having only three superintendents that wrote articles. This year we had six articles that will qualify.

Article 5 of the guidelines for the award state:

There must be at least six articles in a qualifying year (September through August) to be considered. If less than six articles in any one year, those qualifying will be carried over to the next year(s), till there are six articles to be judged.

Those qualifying for the Ray Gerber Editorial Award in 1993/1994 are:

February 1993 — "Pesticide Round Table Follow-Up"

Dave Blomquist

October 1993 — "Experiences With Wildflowers"

Tony Rzadzki

June 1994 — "Keepers of the Green" — Tony Rzadzki

Qualifying in 1994/1995 are:

December 1994 — "Experimental Green at Cantigny"

Tony Rzadzki

January 1995 — "Goose Tactics Tried and Untrue"

Tony Rzadzki

January 1995 — "The Use of Weather Stations"

Dan Dinelli

March 1995 — "Time for a Change" — Brian Green

March 1995 — "5+5+ILME=MOMS?" — Jerry Mach

May 1995 — "Preventative Maintenance for Mowers and

Other Equipment" — John MacLeod

June 1995 — "Tommy Witt Interview" — Luke Cella

July 1995 — "Team Concept Introduced Into Golf

Course Maintenance" — Fernando Fernandez

The above articles will be judged by a panel of five, and the award will be given at the Midwest Clinic on November 9, 1995, at the Medinah Country Club. The judges for this year's award will be: Joel Purpur, President, MAGCS; Dr. Randy Kane, U. of I. and CDGA; Dr. Tom Fermanian, U. of I.; Donald Gerber, Retired Golf Course Superintendent and Past President of MAGCS; and Fred Opperman, Editor.

MAGCS Nominating Committee

22 August, 1995

— Slate of Candidates —

— Officers —

For MAGCS President: Donald A. Cross

For MAGCS Vice President: Ed Braunsky

For MAGCS Sec./Treas.: Kevin Czerkies

For MAGCS Past President: Joel V. Purpur

— Directors —

For MAGCS Director: Kerry Blatteau, Robert Maibusch,

Jim McNair, Tom Robinson, Luke Strojny, Greg Thalman

How about a little help on what's happening out there on the courses this fall. What projects are you doing, what's on the drawing boards, etc. You all like to read about it, so how about adding to it?

Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

October 12 — MAGCS meeting at Sportsman G.C.

October 14 — MAGCS Fall Dinner Dance at Aurora C.C.

October 16 — Northern Illinois Golf Day at Midlothian & Beverly C.C.

November 9 MAGCS Clinic & Annual meeting at Medinah C.C.

November 27-29 — NCTE at Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, IL

February 5-11, 1996 — GCSAA 67th Conference & Show, Orlando, FL

Position Available — Second Assistant — Midlane Country Club. Illinois Pesticide Operators License required. Contact Brad Anderson at 708/249-1956.

Assistant Needed: Call Peter Voykin at Twin Orchard C.C. in Long Grove, Il. Call 708/438-8499.

Congratulations to Dave Behrman who will be leaving Riverside Golf Club and assuming the position of Golf Course Superintendent at the Midlothian C.C. in the near future. Milton and Melvin Duehr are retiring after "100 Years of Service." That's not a typo folks, you need to go back to the April 1995 issue and read again Peter Vandercooks' article on this set of twins. There has been a Duehr working on the course and/or a superintendent at Midlothian since 1927!

Peter Leuzinger is a two-timer. It's true. The dictionary defines the term as someone who is unfaithful in love or to deceive. But truthfully, Peter does not fit that description. He is a two-timer in the fact that he is no doubt the only Golf Course Superintendent to have had two golf courses certified by the Audubon Society. Both St. Charles C.C. and Ivanhoe Golf Club are certified. That takes a lot of work and dedication.

For Sale: 1966 Ford 4000 tractor, good condition, \$3,500; 1970 Ford 2000 tractor, good condition, \$4000; 1975 Turf Vac (new engine), \$1,500; 1989 Sweeper Room for Toro 72", like new, \$1,900. Call Joel Purpur at River Forest G.C., 708/782-4259.

Lohmann Golf Designs reports that 9 of the 27 holes at Broken Arrow G.C. have been opened the end of August. Grassing has begun at Whispering Springs G.C. in Fond du Lac, WI. Seeding has begun at Hunters Ridge G.C. in Marion, IA and at the Meadows G.C. in Dubuque, IA.

(Midwest Breezes continued)

It was good to see some publicity in the newspapers in late August and early September detailing the plight of many of the area golf courses. The "Beacon News" had articles by staff writer Bill Kindt, describing the Fox Valley clubs and quotes from Dave Meyer, John Gurke, Jim McNair, Dan Sterr, and Dan Anderson.

The "Chicago Tribune" had an article by staff writer Gary Reinmath that quoted Dr. Randy Kane, Ken Lapp, Frank Jemsek, and Bob Maibusch. This report was on Friday, September 8, 1995.

Besides these two articles, the CDGA put out a letter to all member and many non-member clubs also detailing the problems that most clubs experienced during the long hot summer.

Fernando Fernandez at Green Acres C.C. is in search of a first and a second Assistant Superintendent.

The first Assistant needs to have at least 3 years of supervisory experience on a club, a 2 or 4 year degree in Turf Management, have a valid Illinois pesticide Operator-Applicators license, be mechanically inclined in all areas of golf course maintenance. (Affluent in Spanish a plus).

The second Assistant needs to have 1 year experience of supervisory experience on a club, a 2 or 4 year degree in Turf Management, have a valid Illinois pesticide operator-applicators license be mechanically inclined in all areas of golf course maintenance. (Affluent in Spanish a plus).

For information call 708/291-2232.

George Ott at Hillcrest Golf Club will be rebuilding his tee and a fairway bunker on the 3rd hole. The 7th hole will have work done on a green bunker and the tee will be divided into multiple tees, adding more teeing surface.

Congratulations to Gary Schweber who is the new Superintendent at Four Winds Golf Course. Gary was Peter Voykins assistant at Twin Orchard for the past 8 years.

Assistant needed at Edgewood Valley G.C. Applicant should be computer literate, have an Illinois Pesticide License, golf course construction a plus and college degree. Send resume to: Jim Schreiber, Director of Golf, Edgewood Valley G.C., 7500 S. Willow Springs Rd., La Grange, IL 60525. Call 708/246-0278 or 246-5476.

The deepest sympathy of the members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents is extended to Steve Cummins and his family on the death of Dr. Amy Cummins, D.D.S., Steve's wife, who died on Monday, September 11, 1995.

Steve wishes to thank all of his friends and associates for the outpouring of concern, friendship, and support that they have given him and his family during this sad and hard time they are going through.

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