

# Ken Lapp's First 50 Years

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Our own Ken Lapp, superintendent of the four courses of Cog Hill, has just completed his 50th year of working for Joe Jemsek, remarkable in this day of short attention spans. Ken started working in the clubhouse at St. Andrews when he was 12 years old washing glasses, sweeping, picking up papers, and filling tee bags. After two years, he began working on the grounds crew and at age 19 moved over to Fresh Meadows as head superintendent. He stayed at Fresh Meadows for

eighteen years and in 1973 moved over to the top job at Cog Hill.

During Ken's twenty-six years as superintendent of Cog Hill, he maintained the courses for seven Western Open Championships, the U.S. Amateur Championship, the 1970 and 1989 USGA Public Links Championship, the 1987 USGA Women's Public Links Championship, the 1988 Western Junior, the 1987 and 1989 Ram Intercollegiate, the 1992 Great Midwest College Conference Championship, and numerous national qualifying rounds and corporate

outings. Cog Hill has been host to many national golf schools and many charity pro-ams, including Michael Jordan Day, Walter Payton Day, and Mike Ditka Day. All events received nothing but accolades from the participants.

Ken has been married to Betty for 43 years and has three sons: John, Bill and Jeff, all with Masters degrees.


We hope he keeps up the good work for another 50 years!



## Ray Gerber Editorial Award Contestants 1997-1998

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Editor

For this year, we will have nine articles to choose from which qualify for the Ray Gerber Editorial Award. 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 qualify in any one year, those qualifying will be carried over to the next year(s) until there are six articles to be judged."

All of the articles will be judged by a panel of five judges, and only one will be picked as the winner for this time period. The award will be given at the Midwest Clinic in November. 

### THOSE QUALIFYING FOR THE AWARD IN 1997/1998 ARE:

1997	Article	Author
September	Golf Cart Usage	Daniel Albaugh
	The Naturalized Golf Course	Patrick Norton
October	Are You Walking on Water?	Tom Broedeur
November	None	
December	None	
1998	Article	Author
January	None	
February	A Clearer Picture	Jeff Leuzinger
March	<i>golferus no repairus diviticus</i>	Nick Hongisto
April	To Cover or Not to Cover?	Daniel Albaugh
May	None	
June	Point of View From the Club PGA Professional	Gary Hearn
	If You Are a Golf Course Dog, Read This!	John Gurke
July	Don't Let the Legal Beaver Bite You	Kevin DeRoo
August	None	