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## DATES TO REMEMBER

May 3 — ITF combined meeting, Mount Hawley C.C. and Weaver Ridge G.C., Peoria area

June 16 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Broken Arrow G.C.

July 19 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Crystal Lake C.C.

July 27 — 1999 Midwest Regional Turf Field Day at Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

August 17 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Odyssey Club

November 20 — Fall Dinner Dance at Seven Bridges G.C.

From your contributing editor: I know most MAGCS members are aware of the impending staff changes at *On Course*. To fill Fred's very large shoes, it is taking two of us: Cathy Ralston will be the managing editor of the magazine and will handle all articles and advertisements, while I—John Gurke—will tackle the contributing editor position with my primary responsibility being the *Bull Sheet* section. Please be patient during the transition—we'll try (with Fred's help) to make it as smooth as possible. For the time being, fax me *Bull Sheet* information at 630-801-7989. An e-mail address and office phone number will follow.



It is my privilege to congratulate Fred Opperman on being presented the Charles Bartlett Award at the March CDGA Greens Seminar at Medinah C.C. Fred's name joins a veritable hall of fame group of past recipients including Tim Kelly, Peter Luezingler, Julius Albaugh, Oscar Miles, Bob Williams and Ray Gerber. Upon accepting the award, which honors achievement in the field of journalism and public relations, Fred was his usual gracious self, deflecting the limelight back to these predecessors. Kudos, Fred!

Irrigation law update: It no longer would take a licensed plumber to install lawn or golf course irrigation lines under a Senate bill approved recently (Senate Bill 457). The bill would reverse an Illinois Supreme Court ruling last year that suburban lawn care companies contend would put many of their employees out of work and raise costs to homeowners. This newfangled, common-sense approach to government just might catch on . . .

Milwaukee C.C. is currently seeking a full-time arborist. Applicants must have ability to climb, trim, prune, apply plant protectants and fertilizers, and water. Benefits include: health, dental and life insurance; paid vacation; 401k plan; and golfing privileges. High school graduate or equivalent preferred. Arborist certification a plus. Must be able to secure Turf and Ornamental Pest certification. Salary: negotiable based on qualifications.

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Apply by sending resume or application to: Milwaukee Country Club, 8010 N. Range Line Road, River Hills, WI 53217. Phone 414-362-5222.

Summer turf intern wanted: Aurora C.C. is seeking a current turf student for the 1999 golf season. Successful applicant should have some golf course experience, with desire to excel in the industry a MUST. Huge salary, benefits too numerous to mention. Send resume to John Gurke, c/o Aurora Country Club, P.O. Box 278, Aurora, IL 60507 or call 630-892-3600.

Don't forget: The MAGCS Web site at [www.magcs.org](http://www.magcs.org) is up and running. This address now always appears on the index page of *On Course*.

Congratulations to Russell Stachlewitz, who has accepted the superintendent's position at Prestbury G.C. in Sugar Grove, IL. Russ is formerly of Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, where he was assistant superintendent. Russ will be working with one of our very own, Dave Meyer.

Tod Hopphan of Elgin C.C. has recently completed the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) specialization in GCSAA's Environmental Management Program (EMP). IPM is one of six distinct areas of specialization in the program, along with Water Quality and Application; Underground Storage Tanks; Employee Safety and Right-to-Know; Golf Course Development; and Storage, Disposal and Recycling. Congratulations, Tod, for the several recent feathers in your cap.

HEY! Just two more months to submit entries for the Ray Gerber Editorial Award. This is where I do my best Fred Opperman impression and say, "C'mon, guys, let's write those articles!"

Horticultural supervisor needed. Full-time position with excellent benefits. Call Rick Hahn, Marriott's Lincolnshire Resort, at 847-634-0100, ext. 6275.

Congratulations to Luke Cella on accepting the graduate assistant's position in environmental sciences and natural resources at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Luke will work under Dr. Tom Voigt beginning in May. Don't forget us poor working stiffs up here, Luke, and good luck!

For sale: Smithco 6915, 125-gallon boom sprayer with MTD-3000 controller plus foam marker. Very good condition, used three seasons. Call Jeff at Chalet Hills GC at 847-639-9091.


The sympathy of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents is extended to the Don Gerber family on the death of Don's mother, Mrs. Jo (Ray) Gerber on Monday, April 5. Mrs. Gerber was 94 years old. She served as one of the hostesses for the women's program in 1959 (Ray was president of MAGCS) when the GCSAA conference was held in Chicago at the Sherman Hotel. She was the wife of a greenkeeper when roughts were mowed with horses and lime was used to control diseases. Her era saw the mechanization of the golf courses and the first chemicals used to control weeds and disease.

**Midwest Association Notes**

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and since the first of the year 60 members have been elected to membership or have been reinstated to active membership. Using this increase as a gauge, by the end of this year membership in the National Association should be stronger than ever before.

At the Friday morning Membership Meeting, the Membership voted to increase the dues to \$10 yearly retroactive January 1, 1937. All membership cards issued for 1937 at the old rate have been declared null and void. The purpose underlying the raise in dues is to increase the scope and value of the organized greenkeeping movement.

At the same meeting, the Membership voted to change the name of the organization to "The American Greenkeepers Society." The change in title will not become effective perhaps until the first of 1938. 

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