

The 48th Annual Midwest Turf Clinic, Revisited

As has become tradition, Medinah Country Club was the host of the 48th Midwest Turf Clinic. Registration numbered over 175 members in attendance. With a strong program in place, none were disappointed.

The MAGCS Annual Meeting kicked off the day, including all of the committee reports with President Ferreri presiding. Following adjournment of the business portion of the meeting, Cathy Ralston, editor of *On Course*, presented the Ray Gerber Editorial Award. This year's recipient was Dave Braasch, superintendent at Hughes Creek



Dave Braasch of Hughes Creek G.C. won the 2000 Ray Gerber Editorial Award for his article, "Be A Lifesaver! Basic Medical Procedures You Should Know."

Golf Course. Dave's winning article, "Be a Lifesaver! Basic Medical Procedures You Should Know," came from the June 2000 issue.

Fred Yelverton, Ph.D., N.C. State, was the first speaker to take

the podium. Dr. Yelverton discussed his research on *Poa annua* reduction on golf course putting greens. This topic is timeless and new technology has yet to make a significant impact. Dr. Yelverton is available for questions via e-mail at Fred_Yelverton@ncsu.edu.

A roundtable discussion was the format used to pose questions to the Midwest's new superintendents. Panelists were Jon Jennings, CGCS, Shane Kissack, Alan Perkinson and Keith Peterson. For each, this was his first season in his present position. They all discussed the challenges and unique situations encountered in their first year at a new facility.

Oscar Miles, CGCS brought the morning session to a close with his presentation of "Inside the

Ropes," related to conducting the 55th U.S. Women's Open Championship at Merit Club. Oscar explained the procedures needed to run a major tournament at your golf course. In typical Oscar fashion, he was very animated and spoke his mind freely. It was truly a learning experience.

The afternoon session was divided among two exceptional speakers. Steve Mona, CEO, GCSAA, delivered a very informative "state of the association." He included all aspects of the GCSAA, past, present and future. Following his presentation, he entertained questions regarding our national association. There should be no question as to the position of the GCSAA on any topic we currently face. All expenses for Mr. Mona were paid for by the GCSAA.



New superintendents (L to R) Alan Perkinson of Broken Arrow G.C., Keith Peterson of Calumet C.C., Shane Kissack of Riverside C.C., and Jon Jennings, CGCS of Chicago G.C. share their first-year experiences with Dave Gelino of Seven Bridges G.C. moderating.

Photos by Derek Florian of Prairie Landing G.C.



CEO of GCSAA Steve Mona gives his views on the many issues facing our national association.

Our final speaker of the day came from the other side of the pond. Eddie Adams, GCS, or greenkeeper of the Old Course at St. Andrews, Scotland. Eddie gave a presentation entitled "The Origin and Foundation of Golf," a truly fascinating piece on the origins of golf. It was amazing to hear Eddie, a native of Scotland, tell the story of golf as it started 600 years ago. In viewing the slide show, you could see that not much has changed in appearance or maintenance in the past few centuries. Eddie can be reached by e-mail at linkstrust@standrews.org.uk.

Concluding the business meeting was last on the day's agenda. The first order of business was a vote on a dues increase pro-

posed by the Board of Directors. With about 60 voting members in attendance, the topic prompted no discussion. The vote was unanimous with one abstaining. The new dues structure will go into effect for 2001. Elections took place next. Brian Bossert, CGCS, was elected as your next president unopposed. Luke Strojny, CGCS, was elected vice president unopposed. Kevin DeRoo was elected to the office of secretary/treasurer, also unopposed. Three seats on the Board of Directors were also filled. Those elected to two-year terms were Phil Zeinert, CGCS, Mike Mumper and Gary Hearn. Several days after the Medinah meeting, Board member Tom Fahey resigned for personal reasons. Gregg Rosenthal, CGCS, the candidate who received the next-highest number of votes during the election, thereby joined the Board.

Congratulations to all those elected to the Board of Directors.

The last order of business was to present Bob Maibusch MG, CGCS, a gift for his extended service to the MAGCS as his term of President Emeritus came to a close. Don Ferreri then passed the gavel to Brian Bossert for the close of the 48th Annual Midwest Turf Clinic.




Outgoing MAGCS president Don Ferreri of Seven Bridges G.C. gets a few last words in before passing the gavel to...




Brian Bossert, CGCS of Bryn Mawr C.C., our new president.



Eddie Adams (R), greenkeeper of St. Andrews, with afternoon moderator Mark Thibault (L) of Ruffled Feathers G.C. after Mr. Adams' keynote address on the preparations for the 2000 British Open.





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