

Nostalgia, Reflection Mark 49th Annual

More than 150 members of the MAGCS convened at Medinah C.C. on November 7, 2001, for the 49th Annual Midwest Turf Clinic. Sterling weather by November standards made for a few absentees (toiling at their courses, no doubt), but those in attendance enjoyed an unusual and intriguing program that celebrated the Midwest's 75th anniversary. Part history lesson, part exercise in clairvoyancy, the program afforded the opportunity to reflect on the past, comment on the present and anticipate the future. Featured speakers included Carl Hoppfan, Bob Maibusch and Mike Bavier. Panelists Ed Fischer, Pete Leuzinger, Danny Quast and Paul Voykin participated in a roundtable Q & A, while Dr. William Meyer covered the science angle with "Genetic Enhancement of Turfgrass for Golf Courses."



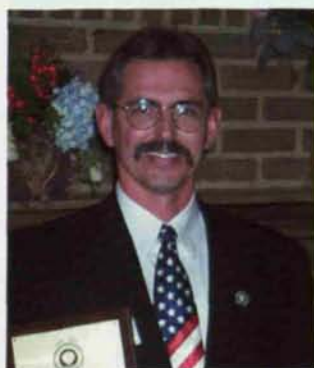
The Lake Park High School choir began the day with a lovely rendition of "America the Beautiful."



Carl Hoppfan started the morning session with a "History of the MAGCS."

Keynote speaker Paul Konrad, zany weather forecaster for WGN's morning news, discussed how September 11 has impacted television news and touched upon the art of meteorology. Konrad hung around for the presentation of the 2001 Ray Gerber Editorial Award to Henry Michna of Winnetka G.C.

The day concluded with the election of officers (Luke Strojny – president, Kevin DeRoo – vice-president, Fred Behnke – secretary/treasurer) and new Board members (Luke Cella and Dave Braasch) and the reelection of director Tim Anderson.



Bob Maibusch, CGCS spoke on the "Evolution of Turfgrass Maintenance Equipment."



Ed Fischer, CGCS, Dan Quast, CGCS, Paul Voykin and Peter Leuzinger, CGCS — the "Statesmen of the MAGCS."



Keynote speaker Paul Konrad of WGN News offered his expertise on the weather, local newscasting and how to dress for a speaking engagement.

Midwest Turf Clinic



MAGCS past presidents turned out en masse for the Midwest Turf Clinic during the Association's 75th-anniversary year. Pictured here are, front row, L to R: Albie Staudt, Brian Bossert, John Berarducci, Fred Opperman, Don Ferreri, Dave Meyer. Back row, L to R: Paul Voykin, Pete Leuzinger, Ed Braunsky, Bob Maibusch, Don Cross, Joel Purpur, Ed Fischer, Ted Woehrle, Mike Bavier.



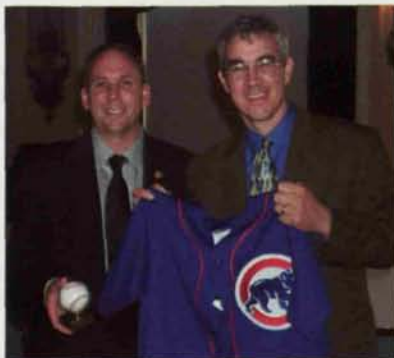
Henry Michna, CGCS receives the Ray Gerber Editorial Award from Fred Opperman.



Dr. Bill Meyer filled us in on "Genetic Enhancement of Turfgrass for Golf Courses."



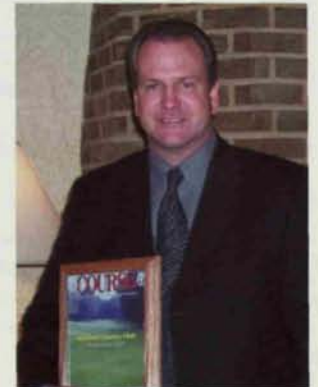
Mike Bavier, CGCS attempted to enter the bar after his talk—"MAGCS—A Vision for the Future"—but was thwarted by two of Medinah's finest bouncers.



Don Ferreri, CGCS accepts the customary "in recognition of your many years of service blah blah blah" gift from outgoing president Brian Bossert, CGCS. To ensure this authentic game-worn Cub jersey was clean, Brian procured it from Todd Hundley.



Brian Bossert, CGCS passes the gavel to incoming president Luke Strojny, CGCS.



First-time host Tom Lively, CGCS with the coveted framed issue of On Course magazine.