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**President**  
**OLD FRIENDS**  
**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dog-gone-it, my friend Ray died. He will be eulogized by other people who knew him better than I did. He is very popular as Ray was always a Greenkeeper's friend, having been in the business for so many years. Word spread fast among the MAGCS members. He died on a very nice day, while all his friends were out taking care of their golf courses not knowing that Ray was probably looking down. Ray would know what really should be done to have those courses looking good. Ray was a conservative Greenkeeper that knew how to water; keep true, firm-fast greens. He had seen it all. Thanks for helping us younger guys, Ray. Thanks for doing such a thorough job on **The Bull Sheet** as Editor. Thanks for being a leader in the "Midwest" and the "National".

While I am talking about old friends, there is another fellow that I used to work for by the name of Walter Fuchs, Sr. He has been the Golf Course Superintendent at beautiful Evanston Golf Club for at least 10 years. Walt has decided to retire. I guess he figures he finished his job there. Walter has completely revamped the drainage system at Evanston. We used to do regular maintenance on the golf course during the morning hours then go on to drainage projects until dark. There is one thing that Walter knows how to do. He knows how to work. I can remember thinking to myself after a long haul out on the courses, "How much longer can we keep this kind of schedule up?" He could tell when I was pooped. That's when he'd take me into the clubhouse, give me a cup of coffee and a little pep-talk. "Pete", he'd say. "The golf course is our bread and butter. We have to keep pushing. It's hot and we have so much to do. We can't get any farther behind. You'll understand someday when you get your own golf course." He knows what he was talking about. Last year Walter and his crew completely rebuilt the Evanston Golf Club's course. The job was monumental. He did a great job at Evanston. The next guy to work there is really gonna have his hands full, because he'll be following one of the hardest working and knowledgeable Superintendents that ever was. Good Luck Walter and enjoy your retirement. We all have our own way of doing things. Ray and Walt did things the way they knew best. They are both men to emulate as they have wonderful families, they kept good golf courses, they helped fellow superintendents out whenever called on. Thanks a million!

**Pete Leuzinger, Pres., MAGCS**

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With the passing of Ray Gerber, Fred Opperman will assume the duties of Editor of **The Bull Sheet**. All correspondence should be directed and sent to Fred Opperman, 1022 Shady Lane, Glen Ellyn, Illinois, 60137. Phone calls should be made to (312) 469-3444 which is the new number for **The Bull Sheet**. Calls can be made anytime since there will be an answering device used to insure that all calls and messages are received.

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## RAY GERBER 1899 — 1983

Raymond Gerber, acknowledged "Dean" of midwestern golf course superintendents, died July 6th at Elmhurst hospital after a brief illness.

Ray's fifty-five active years in golf course management began at the Woodhill Country Club in Wayzata, Minnesota. After nine years at Woodhill, he moved to the Pine Valley Golf Club in Clementon, New Jersey where he was sent by the Toro Corporation to oversee the use of their mowing equipment. While at Pine Valley, Ray married his wife Julia, also from Wayzata, Minnesota.

Ray returned to the midwest again to help in the construction of the Medinah Country Club in Chicago, Ill. In 1936, Ray took over the position of Golf Course Superintendent at the Glen Oak Country Club in Glen Ellyn, Ill. and held that post until 1970 when he retired to the status of Superintendent Emeritus. For the past 11 years Ray has kept active in Golf as the Editor of the Midwest Superintendents Association monthly bulletin, **The Bull Sheet**. As Editor, Ray received national recognition awards from the National Golf Foundation and from the International Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Ray served his profession well and became president of both the local Midwest Association in 1946 and the International Golf Course Superintendents Association of America in 1950. In 1975, Ray received the highly coveted Distinguished Service Award from the Golf Course Superintendents Association, their highest award.

Typifying Ray's devotion to family and profession is the following quotation from his remarks upon receiving the Distinguished Service Award at the 1975 national meeting in New Orleans. "A golf course superintendent should be many things, — To his family, a loving husband and father. To his club, a willing and tireless worker. He should be a loyal man who likes his job as well as being able to get along with everybody. He must have a smile ready even when the going gets rough."

Incidentally, Ray never missed an annual Turfgrass Conference of the Golf Course Superintendents over a forty-three year period ending this past February in Atlanta, Georgia.

Ray is survived by his wife Julia, two sons, Donald, Superintendent at the Chicago Golf Club in Wheaton, Ill., and Dr. Gerald of Duke University, and five grandchildren.

Contributions may be made in Ray's memory to: Illinois Turfgrass Foundation, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL 61801, c/o David J. Wehner, Ph.D.

The deepest sympathy of the members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents is extended to the Gerber family due to the death of Ray. Ray Gerber has been an inspiration to our association and has made **The Bull Sheet** one of the premier newsletters of golf course superintendents in the country.



### A TRUE FRIEND

One of the hardest things a person has to do is to say "Good-bye" to a friend he knows he will never see again. At least, this is the way it is for me. That friend is Ray Gerber. I had the very good fortune to count Ray as my friend and advisor. I really got to know Ray Gerber when I started to work here at Glen Oak C.C. That, in itself, is a story worth repeating.

Ray saw me at one of the Midwest meetings and bought me a drink. During the conversation, he said I ought to stop by and visit with him at Glen Oak in the next week or so. Well, I did, and at the time, he mentioned that he was thinking of retiring and wondered if I might be interested in the job. I started at Glen Oak C.C. on May 1st, 1970, and have been here ever since.

But that first summer was very interesting. I presumed that I would be taking over in a couple of weeks or so, however thru May, June, July, and into August, Ray was on the job every day. He would assign all of the jobs first thing in the morning to get the crew started and assign some afternoon jobs. It was awkward for me to step in and give any jobs to the crew. Many times the men would come in from mowing or raking traps, and they didn't know what next to do, for Ray hadn't told them. I then would assign a job, but always with the stipulation that if Ray asked them to do something else, they were to go do it.

After the first month, Ray suggested that it was senseless for both of us to come in on Sundays, so from then on I had every other Sunday off. That was great; a superintendent getting a Sunday off during the season was sensational.

Our big event around Glen Oak is our "Round-Up", which is held usually around the middle of August every year. Well, our "Round-Up" is two days, and the day after the event when Ray was leaving to go home, he turned to me and said "Catch" as he tossed me his keys. That's all ... "Catch", and with that he got into his car and drove home. He never once after that came back to give me any directions on how to run the course unless he was first asked.

Ray was made an Honorary Member of the club, thus I saw him every day for lunch at the clubhouse. He had many opportunities to ask why this or that is or wasn't being done, etc., but he **never did**. What willpower he had to have to keep quiet. To think that he spent his life here on the course, turned it over to someone else, and then sat back, watched things being done somewhat differently than in the past, without questioning that person - that is a friend.

Good-bye dear friend, I know the Lord will have the grass greener and your editorials will be easier from now on.

Fred D. Opperman, CGCS  
Glen Oak Country Club



## THE CHARLES BARTLETT AWARD

While serving as president of the MAGCS in 1967, Dudley Smith proposed an award to a Midwest member for his achievement in journalism and or public speaking. The purpose was to foster public relations; and to arouse some of the latent talent in our membership.

The Award was NOT to be a routine annual presentation, but rather a special citation to the superintendent who prepared an outstanding paper or lecture before a regional or national audience.

The plaque was named in memory of Charles Bartlett, sports columnist of the CHICAGO TRIBUNE. Mr. Bartlett covered golf for 36 years for the Tribune. He founded the GOLF WRITERS ASSOCIATION of AMERICA, and was secretary of that organization for 21 years until his death. Bartlett's weekly column, "The Locker Room" in the Sunday Tribune, was the page read first in most golfing homes. He interceded for the superintendent when the public wanted to know what "ice sheet damage" or the "dog days of August" was all about. Charles Bartlett pleaded with the greenkeeper to doff his Oshkosh overalls, to mingle, to be seen and heard. The Charles Bartlett Award was presented to Paul Voykin, for the remarkable feat of writing the book "A Perfect Lawn the Easy Way" which Rand McNally published in 1969. In 1971, Ray Gerber was awarded The Charles Bartlett Award for public relations. Robert Williams was another Bartlett recipient for a paper he presented at the C.D.G.A. spring seminar. At the North Central Turfgrass Exposition at the Arlington Hilton in November, the Charles Bartlett Award will be presented again.

Would you like to win this honor? Get the typewriter out of the closet, sit down and put your thoughts on paper. Let us all benefit.

Henry J. Schaul, owner of Schaul & Sons Golf Course Construction, Mundelein, Illinois died of cancer on April 7, 1983. He was only 55 years old.

Hank was raised in Peotone, and later moved to the Niles area. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of WW 2. His wife, Marion; five sons: Dale, Terry, Skip, Scott and Craig; and two daughters, Donna and Sharon live in Mundelein.

"Bulldozer Hank" started with his uncle, Ray Didier, former superintendent at Tam O Shanter, in the nursery business. This expanded to remodeling golf greens and installing fairway drainage systems.

In 1952, they built the golf course at Downey Veterans Hospital in North Chicago for the CDGA.

Hank was friendly with all Midwest superintendents, as he worked on more than 30 of our golf courses. The beauty of his work can be appreciated at Butterfield, and Northmoor and Mission Hills. Most recently Hank completed Kemper Lakes, Bon Vivant and Evanston golf clubs. An artist at finish grading, he never left any rubble or clean-up work for the superintendent.

Gardening was Hank's hobby. His backyard greenhouse provided many exotic houseplants for our wives. We greenkeepers were kept supplied with jars of pickled vegetables, "hot" peppers, and Luxembourg sausages.

The LORD must need some refinements on that great golf course upstairs, to reach down and summon Hank from us.

Adios, pardner!

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First-degree burns, those caused by hot water or steam, usually don't require medical treatment. Submerge the injured area in cold water (not ice) until the pain subsides, then blot the area dry with a sterile cloth and apply a dry dressing.

The same treatment is effective for second-degree burns. Second-degree burns usually can be identified by a red or mottled appearance and blisters.

For third-degree burns, which look white or charred, don't immerse in water. Simply cover the burned area with a sterile dressing and seek immediate help.

Contrary to some folk remedies, you should not put ointments, butter, or any other medicine on a burn. In the case of chemical burns, it is essential to wash away the chemical completely, using large quantities of water from a shower or a hose. Immediate washing is more important than neutralizing the chemical and should be continued for at least five minutes.

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As golf rolls into mid-season it may be necessary for many of us to take a good look and see if we are maintaining our office files as well as our golf courses. Although we are aware of the importance of records, some items may slip by while we give our full attention to the mainstay of our business - growing grass. So, here are a few items one might want to make sure are being included in your records.

First and most important are records of fertilizer and pesticide applications. These records should include the following: **when** the material was applied, **what** the material was, **where** it was applied, **how much** was used, and finally make a short notation as to **why** the application was made at this point in time. I would like to stress the point that this information should be recorded for every fertilizer, fungicide, herbicide, or insecticide application made anywhere on the grounds of your golf course. Do not neglect to keep track of the rough, the clubhouse lawn, or an open area that is not in play.

Secondly, review your equipment maintenance records. These records might include the following items: the date any maintenance was performed, what parts were replaced or repaired, who performed the maintenance, and how long it took to complete the repair. One last item that is not as important, but may prove valuable, is making a note of who the operator was at the time of the breakdown; especially if your machinery is driven by more than one operator.

Another important area is employee work records. The superintendent should know when his employees worked, how long they were there, and ideally what jobs they performed on a daily basis.

In addition to these categories one can expand into more detailed data to be used in streamlining costs or to justify expenditures. These records would contain more specific details of work operations, such as: job performed, man hours involved, equipment used, gasoline consumption, and material costs if any.

I have touched on some very basic ideas concerning record keeping. Obviously this can be expanded upon many times over, however, the value of records as a tool in our profession should never be overlooked. Evaluation of records can aid in solving or preventing recurring problems with your turfgrass. Records can indicate the need to replace old equipment or justify purchasing time saving new machinery. Employee records are valuable in giving proper recognition and compensation to quality employees or in verifying the need to reprimand or replace one that's performing poorly. And last but not least, records are a source for answers. Answers to your problems and to those endless questions posed by your owner or members whatever the case may be.

So, invest a little time and keep your records current. You will find the benefits are as unlimited as the records you can keep.

David Behrman  
Deer Creek Golf Club

## UPCOMING MIDWEST MEETINGS

August 8th at Ridge C.C., Chicago IL — Host: Sean Daley  
September 12th at St. Charles C.C., St. Charles, IL — Host: President MAGCS Peter Leuzinger  
October 3rd at Kishwaukee C.C., DeKalb, IL — Host: Daniel Murray



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## U.S. AMATEUR AT NORTSHORE COUNTRY CLUB — AUGUST 31- SEPTEMBER 4, 1983

The U. S. Amateur starts at the Northshore C.C. on August 27th and 28th with practice rounds, August 29th and 30th are the qualifying rounds at Skokie and Northshore and then the tournament starts on August 31st, and ends on September 4th (unless there is a rain delay and then September 5th would be used). Joe Dinneli is the host superintendent for this prestigious golf tournament. Joe reports that he has the greens rolling around "9" on the stimp-meter and the USGA wants them to be "10" by the tournament. (This report is being written in early July and Joe feels that getting a "10" will be no problem). Joe states that getting ready for this tournament has been a three year project. He has had to re-sod ten of his greens in the fall of 1981 to Penneagle due to C-15 decline. His fairways have been cored twenty-two times in the past three years. He is cutting his fairways at 1/2" and his greens are being cut about 5/32".

Joe is asking for superintendents to help Marshall during the tournament. He is hoping to get four superintendents per day that are willing to work a four hour shift, a morning or an afternoon. To sign up please call Joe or his son Dan to arrange a time you would be willing to work. His office phone number is 724-4963. Superintendents wishing to view the tournament are requested to show their association membership cards at the gate.

Joe has promised this editor that he will follow up the tournament with an article in the **Bull Sheet** later in the year, on what it is like to host a major tournament.





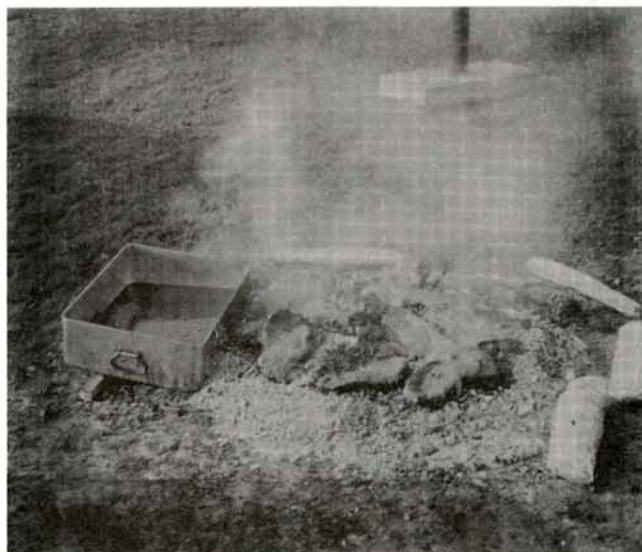
## MIDWEST BREEZES



These are the fellows we honored at the Midwest Seniors Day at Palatine Hills G.C. Left to right: Joe Canale, Bill Krafft, Ben Coker, and Bill Miller.



Host Frank Kruger, telling tales around the beer keg at the Midwest meeting at Palatine Hill G.C.



Buffalo steaks on the coals at Palatine Hills G.C. They were delicious ...

Remember to set aside Monday, September 19th for Illinois Turfgrass Foundation Golf Tournament. This year it will be played at Turnberry C.C. More details later on this very worthwhile event. Let's all plan to attend.

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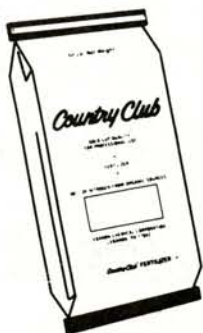
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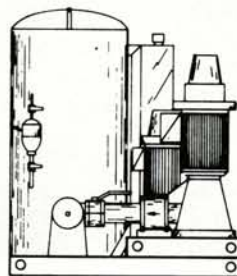
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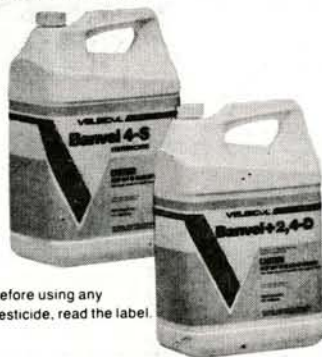


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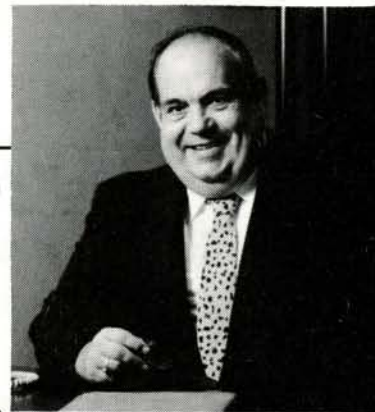
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