

## Midwest Breezes



### Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendar

November 7th — Annual Meeting, Cypress Inn, Hinsdale, IL  
November 17th — Fall Dinner Dance at River Forest G.C.  
December 10th - 12th — NCTE at Rosemont O'Hare Exposition Center.  
January 7th & 8th, 1985 — GCSAA Seminars at Pheasant Run

### 1985 MAGCS Nominations, Board of Directors

President Mr. Joe Williamson, CGCS  
1st Vice President Mr. Dave Behrman  
2nd Vice President Mr. Julius Albaugh  
Mr. Mike Hart  
Secretary-treasurer Mr. Dave Meyer  
Directors Mr. Phil Taylor, Mr. Mike Nass,  
Mr. Al Feirst, Mr. Bruce Williams  
Mr. Tim Davis, Mr. Tim Kelly, Mr. Dave Louttit

The Annual Meeting will be held, November 7, 1984 at Cypress Inn, Hinsdale, IL. Cocktails begin at 6:30 in the evening and dinner at 7. The business meeting and election will follow.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor during the election. One vote is to be cast for the election of each officer on the ballot. Three votes may be cast for Directors, as three candidates are to be elected for a two year term.

Please note that, according to our By-Laws, AA, A, and B members are eligible to vote.

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## Annual Fall Dinner Dance

Saturday, November 17th, 1984

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## GCSAA 56th Conference

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's (GCSAA) annual conference for 1985 will feature new and exciting things — even a new name. It is now known as the International Golf Course Conference and Show.

Asked why the name was changed from the International Turfgrass Conference and Show to the International Golf Course Conference and Show, GCSAA Executive Director John M. Schilling answered, "The Association's Executive Committee felt the term 'golf course' better explains the focus of the Conference than did the term 'turfgrass' although many seminars do pertain to all aspects of turfgrass. The Conference does bring the attendees the latest in research, equipment, education and management practices specifically for golf course managers."

In addition to the name change, the equipment trade show will feature many new and exciting pieces of equipment designed specifically for golf course maintenance. This show will feature the latest products and services with more than 2,000 technicians, engineers, top management and marketing personnel representing more than 250 companies present to talk with golf course managers.

The educational conference will feature more than 20 seminar courses, for which continuing education credits can be earned, and over one hundred professional presentations by researchers, businessmen and professional golf course superintendents from all over the world.

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**1985 MAGCS Board of Director Nominees**

**PRESIDENT**

**Joe Williamson, CGCS:**

Joe and his wife Sandra have a 15 year old daughter, Robin. Sandra helped lead the Chicago Cubs to a successful year as their whole family are big fans. They make their home in Dyer, Indiana as Joe has been the Project Manager of Briar Ridge C.C. for the past 6 years. The highlight of this year for the Williamsons, was a trip to the British Open. Joe thinks every golf course superintendent should make this trip and better appreciate our business.

Joe is a graduate from Purdue University, class of 1969, B.S. degree in Agronomy. He was the golf course supt. at Deer Creek prior to his move to Briar Ridge. Joe is an active member in GCSAA, Mid-West Turfgrass Association and has served on MAGCS board for four years serving virtually every committee. He is now First Vice President. Joe is an avid golfer and has worked very hard over the years for MAGCS.

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**

**Dave Behrman:**

Dave is the Superintendent at Deer Creek Golf Club. He and his wife Chris have a son by the name of Zachary David. Dave is a 1978 graduate from the Penn State Turf program and holds an Associate Degree in Turfgrass Management. He has worked at both Flossmore and Silverlake prior to his move to Deer Creek in 1978. Dave has been with the MAGCS board for the past 3 years and has served on almost every committee. He enjoys the game of golf, family life, and good sleep after a hard day on the job.

**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT**

**Julius Albaugh:**

Julius and Vicki live in Skokie, IL with their four children, Dan, David, Melissa and John, where Julius is the golf course supt. at the Westmoreland C.C. He holds a B.S. degree in Agronomy from Purdue University, class of '63'. He became the Assistant Supt. under Don Strand at Westmoreland right after graduation, and accepted the superintendents duties in 1965.

Julius has been very active as a MAGCS board member these past 2 years serving on various committees. He was the first winner in several years of the Charlie Bartlett Award in 1983 for his article which received national attention, "A New Turf Menace". Julius enjoys family life, bicycling and card playing in his spare time.

**Mike Hart:**

Mike has been the Supt. at Bon Vivant C.C. since 1979. Mike and wife Jan live in Bourbonnais, IL with their two sons Michael and Nicholis. He attended Indiana State University, and has been in the turf business since 1964. Mike was Supt. at Curtis Creek C.C. in Rennselaer, IN.

He has served on the MAGCS board for the past 3 years, has contributed several articles for **The Bull Sheet**. Mike has an unusual hobby of croquet. Maybe not so unusual. He is ranked 13th in the nation, as Mike has participated for the past three years in the National Finals Croquet Tournament.

## SECRETARY-TREASURER

### **Dave Meyer:**

Dave enjoys the title of Grounds Manager of Carsons International. He and his wife, Penny have four children, Brian, Heather, Austin and Kara, and live in Lisle, IL. Dave attended the University of Illinois before becoming Assistant Supt. at Glen Oak C.C. under Ray Gerber.

He has been with the MAGCS board for 10 years serving as the association's Secretary-Treasurer for the past 8 years. His other interests include farming, and 4-H work on which Dave is a board member for DuPage County 4-H. Dave is a busy man, but still has time for sporting events and most of all, family.

## BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES

### **Tim Davis:**

Tim and his wife Jean have a young daughter named Erin. He is a graduate from Southern Illinois University with a B.S. degree in Plant and Soil Science. Tim continued with more college courses at Mc Henry County College and studied Ornamental Horticulture.

He was the Golf Course Supt. at Woodstock C.C. for three years and has just completed his first season at Shore Acres. Tim says he is just now getting his feet on the ground there. His interests include golf, fishing, the Cubs and family life.

### **Allan Fierst:**

When asked about his family, Al states "he is single, and wishes to remain so." He graduated from Ball State in 1973, B.S., Industrial Education, and received an Associate Degree from Michigan State, Turfgrass Management, 1975. Al has been in the business of turf for the past 17 years; was the Assistant Supt. at Bob O-Link Golf Club in 1976 and became the Supt. at Oak Park Country Club, where he now resides.

He is currently V.P. for Chicagoland Golf Course Supt. Association. He is a past president for the Michigan State University Turfgrass Club. And in his spare time he enjoys travel, and just a little "Vetting".

### **Tim Kelly:**

Tim, his wife Lynn and son Andrew live in Glen Ellyn, IL and he has been the Golf Course Supt. at Village Links of Glen Ellyn since 1974. He was the Assistant Supt. there in 1973. Tim holds a B.S. degree in Personnel Management from the University of Dayton.

Professionally, Tim has been very active with MAGCS serving on the Finance Committee for two years and a regular attendee at monthly meetings. He has served on the Chicagoland Association of Golf Course Supts. for the past 5 years and is now its President. Tim enjoys his family life, fishing, and the game of golf. He states that he is very good at fishing and family life, but wishes his golf game were a little better.

### **Dave Louttit:**

Dave lives in Orland Park, IL where he is Supt. at Oak Hill Golf Course. He holds an Associate's Degree from Penn State University in Turfgrass Management. He was the Assist. Supt. at Olympia Fields 4 years ago prior to his move to Oak Hills.

He has been an active member of MAGCS by attending monthly meetings. He has served on the golf committee for the past two years. Dave loves the game of golf and he loves his marital status. He too is single.

### **Mike Nass:**

Mike and wife Jean Ann have two daughters by the name of Amy and Kerry. He holds a B.S. degree from the University of Illinois in Agronomy. Mike has been the Supt. at Bryn Mawr C.C. for 8 years. Prior to that he was Assistant Supt. at Medinah C.C.

Mike has been very busy with allied associations. Besides his good attendance record at monthly MAGCS meetings he is past president of ITF and Chicagoland Association of Golf Course Supts. He served on both Boards for 6 years simultaneously. He has written articles for **The Bull Sheet** and has been a speaker at turf clinics. He is also a member of the CDGA Turfgrass Research Advisory Committee.

### **Phil Taylor:**

Phil and his wife Marilyn have two young children, Donald and Joseph. He is a 1978 graduate of Purdue University in Agronomy, holding a B.S. degree. Phil spent two years as Supt. at Old Wayne Golf Course in West Chicago and is now the Manager-Supt. at Sugar Creek. He expects to complete his PGA apprentice this fall.

Phil has been a busy MAGCS Board member this past year as Chairman of the golf committee. Prior to this, he has been an active member at MAGCS meetings and has voluntarily helped the golf committee for the past three years. Phil enjoys golf, racquet ball and of course, his family life.

### **Bruce Williams:**

Bruce and wife Roxan have a young son by the name of Blake. Bruce is Golf Course Supt. at Bob O'Link Golf Club and has been there since 1977. He did apprentice work at the Glenview Club prior to that. Bruce was an English major at Baldwin-Wallace College, B.A. Degree. He attends the turf program and received an Associate's certificate for Turfgrass Management from Michigan State.

Bruce has been very active with association work. He is a member of the CDGA Turfgrass Research Advisory committee. He is a Board member for Chicagoland Association of Golf Course Supts., and has served as treasurer and **Verdure** editor. He has submitted 4 articles for our own **Bull Sheet** this year. And states that he has helped for the past 3 years on the MAGCS Turf Clinic as a speaker. He has also been involved with GCSAA and their education committee.

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moan each year about the lack of texture on the greens, snow mold on the fairways, and rough up to your knees. Generally, these complaints derive from the player's failure to sink a three-footer, hit a fairway wood from a genuine lie, or an iron shot askew into the spinach.

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"You've got to do a lot of forward thinking about keeping up a golf course", Ray says. "Especially in the fall and yes, even during the winter. Some folks think you just go out and mow the fairways, touch up the greens, and your job is done. A real greenkeeping superintendent can't be had cheap, if he's going to do the job right.

"I got my own start as a kid, driving a team of horses up at the old Woodhill club in Minneapolis. I was 15 then. Nobody had even thought up some of the mechanical contrivances we have today. If they mowed the fairways once in a week those days, it was good. The rough grew so high that it was seldom cut until the haying season, and the stuff was fed to the horses. It got so steep that a lot of the old timers who hooked or sliced a shot would actually roll into the high grass to find the ball by hitting it with their backs or chests. Ask Chick Evans or Jock Hutchison, Sr. They did it. And the greens were hand mowed, with an old job just like your pop used to wheel around on the front lawn. Man, how lucky golfers are now!

Our first job at this time of year is to spray the whole place with a special solution designed to eliminate clover and broad leaves. Our toughest job, and I guess it's one of the real tricks

in sports, is to anticipate the first snow fall. If you can guess that one, you'll have the name of the game. Idea then is to treat your greens and fairway fronts to beat winter kill and snow mold. Winter kill comes from thawing, freezing, and standing water in low spots. Snow mold is a fungus condition originating in the soil.

This goes on all thru the months when most folks don't play golf in these parts. I can't say enough about last winter, when the January snow fell on unfrozen ground. As soon as that thawed, we went back to work again and treated the fairways and greens with a hand spreader, using dry material instead of the liquid solution we would use to spray during better weather.

"This sounds simple, but other off-season jobs include tree-trimming, leaf-gathering, painting birdhouses and fences, draining the swimming pool, catch basins; plumbing of all sorts, screening the compost for next spring's top dressing. Shucks, I could go on and on. But I've been doing it at Glen Oak for 17 years, for a grand bunch of people, and I love it!"

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## Old Tom Morris Award to President Ford

Former President of the United States Gerald R. Ford will receive the Old Tom Morris Award from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA). Ford is the 1985 recipient of this significant international award that is identified throughout the golfing world with the true heritage and traditional founding of the game.



"The award is presented to an individual who, through a continuing, selfless commitment to the game of golf, has helped to further the welfare of the game with the same dedication and zeal demonstrated by Old Tom Morris," said James W. Timmerman, CGCS, President of GCSAA.

Ford brought international attention to this popular leisure time activity while serving as President of the United States. His golf outings have been portrayed both positively and frequently by the press. Ford is renowned as a man of integrity, and his association with the game of golf only results in further enhancing golf's attributes of honor and sportsmanship in the eyes of the world.

During his term in the White House, he clearly expressed his love for golf and his respect for the golf course superintendent. In a 1976 letter to GCSAA, President Ford explained, "Countless numbers of Americans derive pleasure, relaxation and exercise on our nation's golf courses. Evidence of the sport's growing popularity is seen from the increasing numbers who play it, from the rising sales of golf equipment, and from the media attention given to its major events. Holding a fascination for players of all levels and every social background, golf has become an important part of our national life.

"Much of the credit for this goes to you whose dedication and concern for perfection have made our courses into beautiful and reliable playing areas. The imagination and energy you bring to your tasks assure our nation's golf enthusiasts of the world's finest courses."

Since leaving office, Ford has continued to bring international attention to golf through his participation in charitable golfing events, as well as sponsoring his own charitable golf tournament, the Jerry Ford Invitational Golf Tournament.

"President Ford was selected for this award because he exemplifies some of the same characteristics that Old Tom demonstrated throughout his life. Ford's love for the game of golf is known around the world. Mr. Ford, like Old Tom, is a gentleman first, a gentleman last," said President Timmerman.

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President Ford will accept the Old Tom Morris Award during GCSAA's 56th International Golf Course Conference and Show in Washington, D.C., February 5-13, 1985. The presentation will be made at GCSAA's annual banquet the evening of February 12th at the Sheraton Washington Hotel. An international golf audience and representatives of every major golf association will be on hand for the banquet ceremonies. The banquet attendance is expected to reach 2,000. Country and western singer Tanya Tucker will be the evening's featured entertainment.

### MAGCS Survey

The survey conducted by the MAGCS is now completed and the results are being sent to those members who participated. We received a greater number of responses than ever anticipated. Our thanks to those individuals who shared their information with their peers and we hope the results you receive will benefit you in the performance of your job.

Each questionnaire was grouped by location (North, South, & West) and divided into three sub-groups which consisted of (1) Equity owned private clubs, (2) Resort and public courses privately owned and (3) Municipal, park district, or forest preserve (county).

#### Responses - Total (65)

**Group #1 (38)** — North-18, West-8, South-12; **Group #2 (13)** — North-3, West-4, South-6; **Group #3 (14)** — North-6, West-8, South-0.

In Group #1 North the average Superintendent's income was \$40,922.22. Income was based upon salary and bonus. In the case where a house is provided we assign a value of \$10,000 to that individual's income. The low end of the range was \$14,000 and the high end of the range was \$58,000. In Group #1 West the average income for Superintendents was \$41,606.25 with a range between \$26,000 and \$47,000. In Group #1 South the average Superintendent's income was \$35,712.50 with a range of \$22,000 to \$46,000.

In Group #2 North the average Superintendent's income was \$26,700 with a range between \$24,000 and \$29,000. In Group #2 West the average Superintendent's income was \$32,970 with a range of \$23,000 to \$44,750. In Group #2 South the average Superintendent's income was \$34,683.33 with a range of \$21,500 to \$45,000.

In Group #3 North the average Superintendent's income was \$24,942 with a range of \$17,300 to \$29,100. In Group #3 West the average Supt's. income was \$27,212.25 with a range of \$18,500 to \$39,000.

In upcoming issues of the **Bull Sheet** we will cover some of the other questions giving averages and ranges of the responses. Once again, our thanks to all those who participated.

MAGCS Survey Committee

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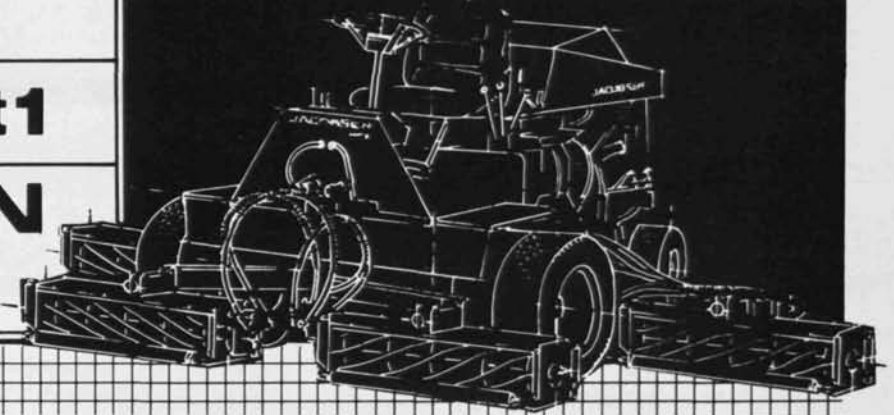
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- HEIGHT SET WITH GREENS MOWER GAUGE BAR TO 7/16"
- FINANCING AND TERMS AVAILABLE

### mower units

- SIX OR TEN BLADE WELDED REELS
- .012 PER CLICK HEIGHT ADJUSTERS
- TWO AXIS REEL FLOATATION
- BUILT-IN REEL BACKLAP
- GEAR DRIVEN MOTOR TO REEL DRIVE
- BALANCED
- HIGHEST REEL FREQUENCY (SEE GRAPH)

### hydraulics

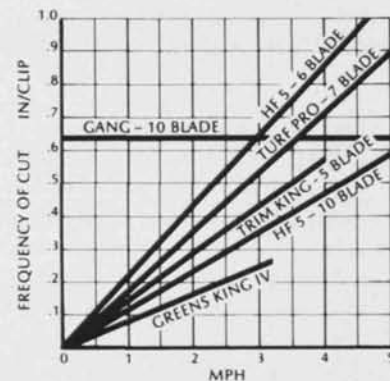
- HYDRAULIC STEERING LIFT, REEL, AND TRACTION DRIVE
- DIRECT DRIVEN VARIABLE DISPLACEMENT PUMPS
- HYDRAULIC ADJUSTABLE MOWER COUNTERBALANCE AND SHOCK ABSORPTION
- SUPERINTENDENT CONTROLLED GROUND AND REEL SPEED
- BUILT IN DIAGNOSTIC TEST PORTS

### engine

- 1.6 LITRE 4 CYLINDER WATER-COOLED DIESEL
- 1.4 GALLON HR. FUEL CONSUMPTION
- FUEL FILTER WITH WATER SEPARATOR
- TWO STAGE DONALDSON AIR FILTER
- DUCTED COOLING SYSTEM
- ENGINE OVERHEAT AND LOW OIL PRESSURE ALARM
- 9.3 GALLON FUEL TANK

### tractor

- COMPACT OUTFRONT DESIGN
- DUAL 8.50x23 TRACTION TIRES, 7.50x8 REAR TIRES
- OVER 300 SQ. IN. OF TIRE FOOTPRINT- 8 P.S.I. GROUND PRESSURE
- DELUXE SUSPENSION SEAT
- TILT WHEEL STEERING
- SIMPLE EASY CONTROLS
- WEIGHS 2,430 LBS.
- NOISE LEVEL 88 DBA



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