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**President's Message**

As my term as President comes to a close, I would like to thank all the board members who worked hard in making 1985 a very good year for the MAGCS. Also I would like to thank the many members who helped on the various committees when they were asked. It takes the work not only of the board of directors, but the entire membership to make an organization strong. You are all to be commended for a job well done during 1985.

At the Aurora Country Club meeting, the membership voted to pay my expenses to attend the mid-year conference and show in Indianapolis. I have decided to write my final message on what I have seen and heard while in Indianapolis. If I offend anyone, I apologize. I tried to be as objective as I could in assessing the conference.

Upon my arrival in Indianapolis Saturday morning, I went over and registered. I then went into the exhibit area that was comparable to the NCTE in area. In one corner of the exhibit hall was an area that was cordoned off for various classes that were being held. I peeked into this area at three different times on Saturday only to find 15 to 20 people in attendance. As I made my way around the exhibit hall, I noticed very few people in attendance. My first reaction was not to panic because I thought Sunday would be a day for the largest attendance. I went back to my room Saturday night with one thought in mind. What will Sunday bring? Large attendance at the show? Good attendance in the classes? A lot of participation in the hands-on where numerous pieces of equipment were set up for you to operate if you so desired? I went to sleep with a very positive attitude and hoping for the best on Sunday.

Sunday brought a warm, sunny day to Indianapolis. I thought that if the attendance were to increase, it should be in the afternoon after the local superintendents finished their Sunday morning work. I got to the exhibit area at 9:00 a.m. when it opened. There I stood, me and eight other people waiting to get in. While I was touring the exhibit area for the second day, I noticed that all the badges, both Superintendent and commercial people, were alike. There was not a distinction made between any parts of our profession. This made it very tough on the exhibitors trying to distinguish between Superintendents and themselves. The attendance at the educational sessions on Sunday were terrible. Maybe 10-15 people in the classes.

During my day Sunday, I had a chance to talk to many exhibitors not about their particular product, but what they thought of the conference and show. I believe that in **all** cases, the feeling was that if this mid-year conference were held again, they would not participate. These commercial people pay a lot of money for this exhibit space plus the room and board for those people attending the booth or exhibit area.

In summary, I would like to see a profit and loss statement come from the GCSAA on this particular conference. I do not know the total people who registered, but I would guess between 200 to 300. The golf day which was held on Tuesday had 55 people entered and included staff people. The GCSAA should take a long look at the mid-year conference and assess the pros and cons before trying to hold a second one. The conference was very poorly attended, the educational sessions were poorly attended, and the exhibitors were very unhappy. And how was your day?

**Joe P. Williamson, C.G.C.S.**

## MAGCS Directors Column

### Superintendents Need to Know

by J. Michael Hart, CGCS

For the past two years, with the help of Dwight Dunbar from the Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Assn. Inc., I have tried to keep abreast of what was happening in our state legislature. I, for one, never have had any desire, or at least, thought I never had a reason, to concern myself with what our elected officials were doing in Springfield.

There have been several pieces of environmental legislation from Springfield in the last couple of sessions that effect our business. There is little we can do about a bill after it has been passed and signed into law. Our concern should be to watch very carefully what bills are in the various committees and will be coming out for a vote on the senate or house floor. I recently attended a local Chamber of Commerce dinner where all but one of my district representatives to the House and Senate were present.

The meeting was for a panel discussion with questions from the floor. I asked a simple question, can we expect more environmental legislation in the next bill passing session? To a man they all agreed there is much more to come, some needed, and some of the reactionary type, which stems from an occurrence. For example, large chemical spill or leak such as Union Carbide's recent problems, brought about a rash of community right to know bills.

We need to keep informed of what our legislators are thinking so we can express to them our feelings on matters that effect our livelihood. This doesn't mean only write your representative or senator only if you object to a bill being considered, write about bills that you feel positive about as well. We need to know that there will be legislation coming from Springfield, with or without our input. I think it will work in our favor if we have our concerns known, individually, as well as collectively through our Board of Directors before a bill becomes a law.

Following is a list of Senators and Representatives with their district and the county they are from. From recent personal experience I have found that your letter, or phone call, will be answered, and these people do appreciate input from their constituents when it is done in a positive and respectful manner.

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## A Description of the Operations and Responsibilities of the Golf Course Turfgrass Advisor

### INTRODUCTION:

Through the cooperation of the Chicago District Golf Association, the University of Illinois, and a board of area Golf Course Superintendents the development of a new position entitled: Golf Course Turfgrass Advisor has been established. The premise for which this position has been created is the need for expedient and integrated consultation and diagnosis of those maladies which threaten the high quality golf course turfgrass in the Chicago area. The destructive potential of the numerous maladies and the high populus of golf courses in the Chicago area of Illinois were the basis for the Chicago District Golf Association to adopt this program and pledge to support its operations.

The position of Golf Course Advisor will be organized within the State Extension Service directed by Dr. W. Oschwald, Associate Dean and Director of the Extension Service, College of Agriculture, University of Illinois. As an Extension Service employee, the Advisor will be housed in the C.D.G.A. office complex (619 Enterprise Drive, Suite 101, Oak Brook, IL 60521) also will have an office with a laboratory provided by the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

A review board representing the C.D.G.A., golf course superintendents, and the University of Illinois faculty responsible for turfgrass science will govern the operation and the direction of the Advisor.

The Advisor will never work or enter into any type of discussion regarding advice to a C.D.G.A. member club before the Golf Course Superintendent is first made aware of all initial approaches to such a situation.

Dr. Randall T. Kane just recently moved in to fulfill the duties of Golf Course Turfgrass Advisor. His objectives will be to provide direction and coordination for turfgrass programs and specific research projects in areas that will improve the quality of turfgrasses and the costs to maintain it. In cooperation with Golf Course Superintendents, the University of Illinois, and the Chicago District Golf Foundation this position will provide us with our own "family doctor" to promote the highest quality conditions for the game of golf.

### RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GOLF COURSE TURFGRASS ADVISOR:

1. Be thoroughly knowledgeable in disease, insects, and in turfgrass deficiencies.
2. Be expert in turfgrass management practices.
3. Operate an efficient and expedient diagnostic laboratory.
4. Collect and record diagnostic cases and meteorological data for future reference.
5. Be communicative with turfgrass researchers and extension specialists at the University of Illinois.
6. Consult with golf course superintendents only at their requests.
7. Attend and participate in superintendent meetings on local, regional, as well as national levels.
8. Attend Illinois Turfgrass Foundation events.
9. Attend the University of Illinois Turfgrass Field Day.



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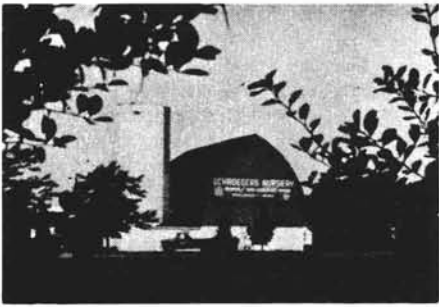
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## MAGCS Fall Picnic

The below snapshots were sent in by Bill Leith and were taken on September 29, 1985 aboard the "St. Charles Belle" during the MAGCS fall picnic. Bill reports it was a very nice day and the food served aboard the boat was excellent. Everyone who attended had a good time.



*l to r: Bertha Staudt, Sterling Hamilton, Ray Schei, Betty Schei & Sue Klein*



*l to r: Albie Staudt & Jim Burdett*



*l to r: Sterling Hamilton, Pat Klein, Bill Leith & Ray Schei*



*l to r: Bertha Staudt, Marilyn Burdett & Albie Staudt*



*l to r: Della Leith, Loretta Hamilton & Betty Schei.*

## PR Manual for Superintendents

Golf course superintendents around the world, are scheduled soon to receive a public relations manual written specifically for them.

The manual contains basic information and how-to steps to follow in obtaining favorable publicity for the superintendent as an individual and for the profession. To contain 10 sections when completed, the manual discusses such subjects as relationships with the news media, how to write news releases, public speaking, how to prepare and present reports, and other subjects related to promoting the professional image of the golf course superintendent.

Eugene D. Baston, CGCS, President of GCSAA, said of the new manual: "The PR Manual for Superintendents will, I'm sure, prove to be an invaluable source of information to our members."

Although the manual is not yet complete, the first mailing contains important sections that will allow the superintendent to develop a comprehensive PR plan, or to improve an existing plan. The remaining sections are to be completed and mailed to members no later than February 1986.

The manual is free to all 1986 Class A, Class B and Associate members as another benefit of membership. Other GCSAA members may purchase the manual for \$45. The manual will be made available to non-members in March 1986 at a cost of \$95.



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## Green Slick as Glass?

### LOF Puts Old Expression to the Test

Every golfer knows what it means when a green is "slicker than glass." It means trouble. But Golf Digest, with a little help from Libbey-Owens-Ford Co., tried to put some precision in the golfer's cliché by comparing glass and grass mathematically.

For its June issue, the magazine commissioned a series of tests on a variety of surfaces: marble ("faster than a marble staircase"), pavement ("like putting on concrete"), a billiard table ("smoother than a billiard table"), and a tub of molasses ("slower than molasses in January").

To get comparative speed figures for its tongue-in-cheek test, Golf Digest used a Stimpmeter — a device designed to release a rolling golf ball so that the distance it rolls indicate the "speed" of the surface. Most golf greens allow the ball to roll 6 to 8 feet, the magazine said, but some very fast greens might register up to 14 on the Stimpmeter.

So, how fast is glass versus grass?

To find out, Golf Digest contacted LOF's corporate headquarters in Toledo, and after some consultation, the company's management decided there was no harm in the project and allowed the test to take place on a huge sheet of glass at its Rossford plant.

An LOF employee, Leonard Klaege, performed the Stimpmeter test, and the magazine recorded the result:

"Reading: 468.7 Summary: For this report, we rely on our correspondent, Mel Barger, who supervised the test... 'The ball

traveled fast out of the Stimpmeter and did not appear to be slowing down much by the time it reached the edge of our 26 foot, 8 inch piece of glass. According to our stopwatches, the ball traveled this distance in 5,001 seconds, so you can relate that to the speed of other surfaces. We also noticed that golf balls don't roll smoothly on glass. The dimples on the balls apparently make them sort of bounce along."

The magazine concluded that molasses in January is indeed slow. The ball traveled only two inches. "What's appealing about the surface, however, is it putts so true."

The Magazine's "scientific" findings were clouded somewhat by circumstances.

The 68.5 reading for a marble staircase, for example, was expurgated to keep the ball from rolling through a 300-year-old Chinese vase.

The billiard table only rated 5.9 because "the Stimpmeter scored a Titleist 3 in the corner pocket."

And the sloping of the New Jersey Turnpike could have accounted for its high reading of 17,462. "Following in a car we observed the ball accelerate near the Newark, N.J. exit on the turnpike, then roll steadily to a point opposite several Elizabeth, N.J. chemical plants, where it passed through a patch of lavender mist and disintegrated."

The results of the tests, the magazine said, "suggest that the poetry of putting and the science of speedometry cannot be mixed."

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