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DATES TO REMEMBER

January 8-9 — GCSAA Seminar "Golf Greens, History, Theory, Construction and Maintenance" at Oak Brook, IL.

January 12 — MAGCS monthly meeting, Arrowhead G.C. Wheaton, IL.

January 14-16 — Mid-America Horticultural Trade Show at Navy Pier.

January 19-22 — The 68th Annual Michigan Turfgrass Conference, Lansing, MI. Call Kay at 517-321-1660 for further information.

January 20-22 — Midwest Turf Expo at Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN.

February 2-8 — GCSAA Conference & Show, Anaheim, CA.

February 23-27 — Indiana-Illinois Turfgrass Short Course, Holiday Inn, Willowbrook, IL. For information, call Jack Lagershausen at 312-201-0101.



Outgoing president, Ed Braunsky, passing the gavel to our new 1998 president, Kevin Czerkies.

The "Ray Gerber Editorial Award" was presented to Dan Dinelli during the Midwest Clinic for his article "Part II Holistic Plant Health Care." Dan was also the last winner of this award in 1995. Congratulations, Dan, and keep those articles coming.



Editor Fred Opperman presenting Dan Dinelli with the "Ray Gerber Editorial Award" plaques.



Dr. Karl Danneberger, Ohio State University, speaking on "Moss on Putting Greens."



Tom Brodeur, Crystal Tree Golf & CC, sharing "My Experience with Moss on Putting Greens."



Brian Sullivan, Bel Air CC, and Steve Cook, Oakland Hills CC, speaking on "Taking Your Career to Other Parts of the World."

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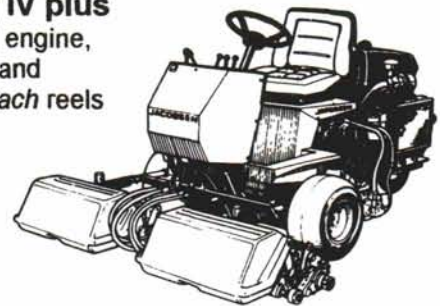
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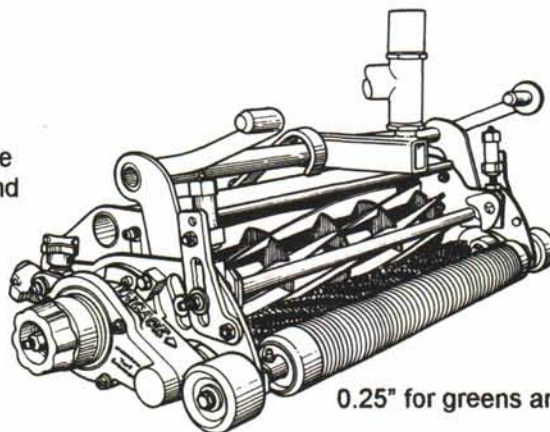


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Sam Smith, Chicago Tribune columnist and keynote speaker, talked on some of the inside stories behind the locker room door of the Chicago Bulls.



P. Mark Johnson, director of TETA, speaking on "Partners in Professionalism."



Jim Patchett, Conservation Research Consortium, talking about "The Benefits of Integrating Native Landscapes into your Golf Course."

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Congratulations to the Orchard Valley G.C. in placing 5th in the John Deere Team Championship Golf Tournament held November 8 and 9, 1997, on the Avocet and Falcon Courses at Wild Wing Plantation in Myrtle Beach, SC. The team consisted of Jim McNair, golf superintendent; Tom Tierney, golf professional; Harry Lovero, club manager; Gill Fehrenbacher, club president; and Holly Gilmour, distributor representative. The team competed against 33 other teams from across the U.S. and Canada.

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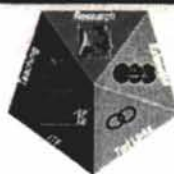
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of Charley Rack singing and playing "Shine on Harvest Moon." You had to see it to believe it.

The tenth clinic, November 27-28, 1962, reached a new high in attendance—116! On November 17-18, 1964, the clinic moved back to where it all started: Medinah C.C. Gerald Dearie Jr. was host superintendent. Panel discussions were becoming popular, and some distinguished panel members were Jim Latham, Jim Holmes, and Dr. Mike Britton. A dialogue skit with Gerald Dearie and John Ebel as superintendent and green chairman was presented. No Oscars were awarded. Celebrity guests graced the podium at the December 6-7, 1966, clinic in the persons of Mrs. Richard Daley and "Hey-Hey" man, Jack Brickhouse, voice of the Chicago Cubs. A touch of beauty was added when Suzie Frederickson, (you know, Harold's better half) gave a delightful talk entitled "Honey Your Supper Is in the Oven."

The Medinah years continued with a new host, Superintendent John Jackman, who replaced Gerald Dearie after his tragic and untimely death in 1968.

The clinic was a one-day affair in 1974. Maybe the Education Committee was a little tired that year. The theme for the clinic in 1976 was "50 Years of Beautiful Golf Courses," the title chosen in recognition of the MAGCS's 50th anniversary. The keynote speaker was Dr. Fred Grau. This clinic proved to be the most traumatic we have ever had. Fred's wife, Francis, suffered a fatal heart attack during lunch, and we were all stunned and felt so helpless.

Nineteen seventy-nine found a new superintendent at Medinah C.C. in the person of Don Pakkala. It was at this clinic that

one of its authors was honored on his retirement, with a "This Is Your Life, Bob Williams." Bruce Sering was the main conspirator in the well-thought-out and humorous presentation complete with color slides and testimonies.

The Medinah years continued through 1981, and it was with some reluctance that we left the hospitable confines of the majestic temple.

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They founded the North Central Turfgrass Exposition in 1982. These combined groups drew 900 people in 1983 to the Arlington Park Hilton Expo Center. With the promise of continued growth and need for more space, the NCTE was moved to

the O'Hare Expo Center in Rosemont, Illinois.

The search for excellence has brought us a long way in the past thirty-two years. Although the Midwest Clinic has been somewhat absorbed by the NCTE, it should be remembered that the Midwest Clinic and its pioneers have been instrumental in establishing a reputation of leadership in education for the MAGCS, and it's accurate to say that the clinic has been helpful to such educational meetings as the Milwaukee (Wisconsin) Symposium and as a steering committee for the GCSAA Turf Conference.

The MAGCS Clinic is truly a pioneer and will always keep its identity.

The author apologizes for any and all errors and any omissions concerning the history of the Midwest Clinic. The many helps from our business and educational communities are acknowledged. Without them the struggle would have been much greater.

A special thanks to *the Bull Sheet* and its editors and to Bob Williams for providing all the information.

"Are any of you lacking in wisdom; let him ask of God, who gives to all men liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

James 1:5 KJV

Special Note: A one-day Turf Conference was held on March 14, 1953, at the U. of I. Drug and Horticultural Experiment Station near Downers Grove, Illinois, with two hundred people in attendance from seventeen related fields. The Midwest Clinic as we know it today was begun in December 1953. ■

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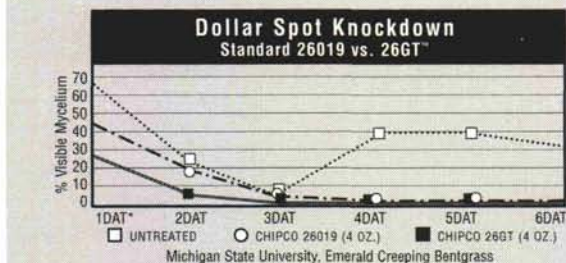
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