

## MIDWEST BREEZES

Drought problems are being solved at the following golf courses with the installation of long overdue automatic irrigation systems. Congratulations to:

Paul Boizelle . . . . . Onwentsia Club  
 Dave Beno . . . . . Bonnie Brook Golf Club  
 Ray Schmitz . . . . . Flossmoor Country Club  
 Tom Vieweg . . . . . Cary Country Club  
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Riverside Golf Club is renovating fairways. To date Roundup has been applied to ten fairways and then seeded with Penn Eagle. Next year five more fairways will be renovated using the same method. The renovated fairways are being mowed with Tri-Plex Turf Pro 84 mowers. Some construction work being completed around the club include three semi-truck loads of railroad ties being installed, work of resodding areas around no. 4 greens, and the reconstruction of deteriorated traps have all been important projects during 1983. Roger Stewart has been Golf Course Superintendent at the club for the past five years. In Roger's spare time he is an instructor at Triton College in River Grove where he teaches Lawn and Turf for the Horticultural Department. Riverside Golf Club was founded in 1893.

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A friendly and cordial membership who wants excellence in turf is the atmosphere that exists at the Glenview Club says Bruce Sering, Golf Course Superintendent. The club was founded on March 29, 1897 under the name of Glenview Golf and Polo Club. Bruce is the fourth superintendent and has been with the club for the past 12 years. Some of his accomplishments which he has seen completed include installation of an automatic watering system, a new maintenance building, rebuilding every tee, recontouring of fairways, removal of ten traps and construction of three others, rebuilt and drained the driving range and complete relandscaping of the clubhouse areas. This past month he has been very busy rebuilding two tees, relocating two fairway traps, and recontouring of some of the rough areas for better drainage. This construction included the installation of approximately 5,000 sq. yds. of Bluegrass and Bentgrass sod. The fairways have been aerified with Greensaires for the past four years. At present these fairways are mowed with GM3 greens mowers at a height of 1/2". It takes approximately seven machines in operation and a total of four hours to cut these fairways one time. Bruce states that with fairway management riding greens mowers, no fertilizing, and a strong fungicide program equals membership happiness.

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The second oldest Stag Golf Club in the United States is right here in our Chicagoland area. This being the Old Elm Club which was founded in 1911. Ed Fischer has been superintendent for three years and is the sixth superintendent in the history of the club to maintain its golf course. The play on the course usually averages around 7,000 rounds a year leaving it rough for Ed to get his maintenance completed during the early morning hours. This fall, drainage work is being completed in some of the low areas to eliminate some spring wetness. Also a tree planting program is under way in order to give some direction along fairways and to block off some open areas.

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It's a great pity that because of the force of gravity it takes more energy to close the mouth than to open it.

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*Mr. Larry Marty, Kishwaukee College*

The MAGCS meeting at Kishwaukee was a real success. Dan Murray had the course in top shape. There were a couple greens that still had flood damage, but the greens and the rest of the course above the flood level was in fine condition. There were 52 that played golf and we had 58 for dinner. The Educational Speaker was Larry Marty from Kishwaukee Community College. Larry spoke to us and showed slides of the trial flower and vegetable gardens that the college has and maintains each year.

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The MAGCS Fall Dinner Dance will be held at River Forest C.C. with Ed & Jean Stewart as our hosts. Date: November 19th, 1983. Time: 6:30 hors d'oeuvres; Prime Rib Dinner at 7:30, Dancing & Door Prizes following the dinner. Cost: \$50.00 per couple with two cocktails before dinner and wine on the table.

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Please excuse the error in last month's issue about the Dudley Smith Dinner Dance. It was reported to be on Saturday, November 4th. It will be FRIDAY, November 4th.

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Some recent job changes in the Midwest area: Carl Hopphan, longtime resident Superintendent at Aurora C.C. is moving to replace Walter Fuchs Sr., who is retiring at the end of the year at Evanston G.C. Congratulations to both. Tom Rader is turning in his cup cutter at Shoreacres C.C. and moving south to the balmy breezes of Harbour Town C.C. on Hilton Head Island. Sorry to see you leave the area Tom, but best of luck to you. Now we all have a friend to visit at a nice resort area.

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO HOWARD BAERWALD

Howard celebrated 30 years at La Grange Country Club this year. The story goes that some of the members at La Grange surprised Howard one day while he was having lunch at the club. A gal came in with a singing telegram to congratulate him and commenced to strip down to her belly dancing outfit. She had him sitting on her "magic carpet" while she danced and bounced all around him. What a surprise!!!

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The Midwest Turf Foundation & Purdue University will have a "Turf and Ornamental Pesticide Use Seminar" on November 7 thru the 11th, 1983. For further information contact: R. P. Freeborg, Dept. of Agronomy, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907 - phone 1(317)494-4784.

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### **RAY GERBER MEMORIAL FUND**

The following letter was sent to Ken Killian, Treasurer of the Musser International Turf Foundation from Fred V. Grau.

“Dear Ken:

Enclosed please find my personal check #9331 dated 9/20/83 for the amount of \$25.00. This is to establish the name of Ray Gerber on our MITF Memorial Roll of Honor.

It is my purpose to see that every president of GCSAA finds a place on our MITF Memorial Roll of Honor. I would like to so honor every notable in the Green Industry, but my budget must be considered. It would be better to have the person's own organization make the Memorial Gift. Can you suggest a way to accomplish this.

Sincerely, **Fred**”

*Editor's Note: What a wonderful way to honor our past Presidents as to make a Memorial Gift where it will do so much good in the turf industry.*

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 Dave Fisher, Supt. at Park Hills G.C. in Freeport, Illinois has been just a little busy this past Fall with completely rebuilding three greens, fumigating and seeding 18 others to remove the C-15 strain that was on the greens. Dave started this August 8th, and was mowing the greens three weeks later.

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 Mike Hart, MAGCS Director has been appointed Chairman of National Green Committee of the United States Croquet Association. Mike also competed in the National Croquet Tournament in Central Park, New York and came in 13th overall. Congratulations to Mike Hart.

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 If anyone is looking for a good golf partner, especially in a scramble event, call Tim Davis. Just ask Dan Murray, Dave Fisher or Fred Opperman. That foursome won the event at Kiskwaukee with a 5 under par.

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 Looking for an assistant???? Dan Anderson is looking for that place. Call him at (815) 654-1671.

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 Dear Fred,  
 In the September issue of **The Bull Sheet**, J. Michael Hart states, “I hope I never have to go to sand.” (top dressing) It would be interesting to know what he **does** use for top dressing.

It would be of real value to make a yearly survey as to the composition of top dressing used by every superintendent. Names would not be necessary. This would provide useful information, and show the trend in the make-up of this very important material.

Best wishes,  
**Harry Rubendall, Freeport, IL**

*Editor's comment: I agree, Harry and if the Superintendents would send me what they use on their greens when they topdress I will compile it and publish it at a later date. Come on guys, drop me a line on the type of sand and all other information you may have on what you use.*

The farmer killed a pig and hung it up for the night, intending to butcher it in the morning, but the next day it was gone. He didn't tell a soul about it, and nothing happened for more than two months. Then, another farmer who lived down the road came by and asked, “By the way, Josh, did you ever find out who stole your pig?”

“Nope”, said Josh, “not till just now.”