

Midwest Breezes



Up Coming Events — Mark Your Calendar

August 1 — Illinois Landscape Contractors Association 25th Anniversary Summer Field Day at Synnestvedt's Burr Oak Nursery, Round Lake, IL

August 7 — Midwest Institute of Park Executives Equipment Show at Meadow Park, Northbrook, IL. Questions: Call Mike Schiller at 291-2989 for registration fees & times.

August 20 — Midwest Meeting at Riverside Golf Club. 11:00 A.M. Shotgun Start

September 10 — Midwest Meeting at Turnberry C.C.

September 24th — Illinois Turfgrass Foundation Golf Day at Itasca C.C. Get a foursome and GO SUPPORT this worthwhile group.

October 1 — Midwest Meeting at Cress Creek C.C., Naperville, IL.

Hey! Hey! Hey! Ed Smith had a "Hole-In-One" on the 10th hole at Sportsman C.C. at the last Midwest meeting on July 9th. Ed stated that he has had a few eagles on the par 4's and par 5's, but that this was his first hole-in-one. Congratulations Ed! You can buy at the next meeting where we have to pay for our drinks. We all can thank Yamaha for the drinks at the July meeting.

Boy oh Boy, you sure can't beat Joe Jemsek for being able to pick good people for his organization. Now he has picked two of the best in our area to help with a new course he is building in Mundelein, Illinois. Joe has snatched Carol McCue out of retirement to co-ordinate all of the required leases, licenses and whatever one may need when starting up a new business or in this case a golf course. Then Carol will become the Manager of the new course once it opens in May 1985. For those of you who worked with Carol while she guided the CDGA you knew when she was asked something or given a job to do you had better stand back out of the way — for she got it done. It's great for golf that Carol McCue is back in the game.

The second person our Mr. Jemsek picked to organize the construction of the course and the building of the club house was Ted Sokolis from the Village Links of Glen Ellyn. Ted has spent many years at the Links, he started when the first spade was turned in the mid sixties and advanced thru the chairs from construction superintendent, to superintendent, to facilities manager of the recreation department of Glen Ellyn. Good luck to both Carol & Ted in their new positions.

Maddox will be the builder for the course following the golf architects of Joe Lee and Rocky Requemore who built Dubs Dread and the course at Disney World, to name a couple.

SALES REPRESENTATIVE WANTED ... To work with Landscape, Lawn Care, Wholesale, and Golf Course markets. Over night travel required. Salaried, auto and fringes. Send salary requirements and resume to: Lebanon Chemical Corporation, P. O. Box 8002, Rochester, MI 48308.

Congratulations to the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation! They are celebrating their Silver Anniversary this year. This is a very fine organization that every golf course should belong to and SUPPORT. In the past 25 years the ITF has contributed over \$258,000 to research. They have held annual educational turfgrass conferences since 1960 for our benefit.

It's A Boy!!!! David & Chris Behrman become proud parents of Zachary David on June 20th, 1984.

I am both sad and happy to report that Ed Stewart, Supt. of River Forest C.C. is home from the hospital after amputation of his right leg from just below the knee.

Wasn't it great to see and read of all the outstanding comments of one of our local Superintendents — Oscar Miles — with the great job he and his crew performed for the Western Open. Oscar must have had his own press corp with all of the fine "print" that he and the golf course received during the coverage of the tournament in early July. The weather was perfect for once and crowds set records every day. The Pros even raved about the course. I do not want to take anything away from Butler or Oscar, but as we all know there are at least three dozen other courses in the Chicago area that are in just as fine a condition. It's a shame that they aren't able to be seen by the golfing public and appreciated for the fine work by their Superintendents. At any rate Oscar, it was a great job and we are proud of you for representing us to the nation as an area where we have fine golf courses.

1984 and 1985

North Central Turfgrass Exposition

The 1984 NCTE will be held at the O'Hare Exposition Center in Rosemont, Illinois, Tuesday through Thursday, December 11-13. We have moved to a new facility to help bring the tradeshow together in one room. It is believed that this move was necessary for the further growth of the NCTE. Highlights of the 1984 program include a turfgrass disease symposium, workshops on preventive maintenance, disease diagnosis, and computer communications. The Midwest Clinic will again be held on Wednesday, December 12, with the majority of topics being presented by golf course superintendents. For the first time, the Central Illinois Golf Course Superintendents Association will also be conducting a clinic. This clinic will be held on Thursday morning, December 13. The clinic will rely on superintendents to relay their experiences over the past season. The headquarters hotel will be the O'Hare Hyatt and a special celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation, Inc. is being planned for Wednesday evening, December 12.

In order to help make this educational opportunity available to all people in the State of Illinois at a reasonable cost, we have decided to hold the annual NCTE at an alternate location once every five years. The 1985 NCTE will be held at the Peoria Convention Center, Peoria, Illinois, December 17-19, 1985. The Peoria Convention Center is an excellent facility, allowing for a full-size tradeshow and a full educational program. Preliminary plans are being made to accommodate a superintendents clinic under the auspices of the Central Illinois Golf Course Superintendents Association.