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1984 Turfgrass Research Field Day

A University of Illinois Turfgrass Research Field Day will again be held in conjunction with the University of Illinois Nursery Research Field Day. The turf portion of the program will be held in the morning and the nursery program will be in the afternoon on July 25, 1984. The Field Day will take place at the Ornamental Horticulture Research Center in Urbana. Many turf research projects will be available for inspection along with several new projects. The evaluation of cultivars of creeping bentgrass, Kentucky bluegrass, perennial ryegrass, fine fescue, and tall fescue will be available for view. A fairway bentgrass study will be shown in addition to two new studies on the application of plant growth regulators.

Lunch will be available after the turfgrass tour. We ask you to pre-register so that we may make necessary plans. More information will be sent to you prior to field day.

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In April of this year, I received a phone call from Dennis Davenport of the CDGA who inquired as to the possibility of acquiring some volunteer help and some equipment to aerate and topdress the greens at a small 9-hole golf course on the grounds at Hines VA Hospital. I told Dennis that I thought it very possible that some of my superintendent friends in the area and myself could help them out. I called Ray Schei at Ruth Lake C.C. and Bob Maibusch at Hinsdale C.C. and got an enthusiastic response. On May 19 Bob and Ray with two crew members from Ruth Lake C.C., showed up at Riverside after their Saturday morning work was complete. With the help of three crew members from Riverside (who also happen to be brothers) Jim, Joe, and Jack Farnan, we loaded up the aerifiers and headed for Hines. The greens at this course are in need of a lot of work as there is no regular maintenance being performed on them. We finished the job in record time under the constant threat of rain. We enjoyed the fellowship with each other and managed to find time to hoist a few to a job well done. My many thanks to the golf course professionals who saw their way clear to making Hines VA Hospital a more enjoyable place for all the patients who are able to make use of the golf course. In the days following that Saturday, I kept thinking about what we had done at Hines and couldn't seem to get it off my mind. I finally realized that I had a really good feeling about what we had done. I was proud of the fact that Dennis Davenport had contacted the MAGCS through me to get some volunteer professional help. I was proud of the fact that those MAGCS members responded so eagerly to my call for help. I was proud of the fact that our professional knowledge and ability may have provided some enjoyment for others less fortunate than us. Thanks to all who helped, and how about same time, same place, this fall?

By now you should have received your MAGCS survey in the mail. It is of vital importance that you fill it out and return it. We need this information about our membership in order to serve you in the best way possible. Membership records are incomplete to say the least because before Dave Meyer took over as Secretary/Treasurer and Penny Meyer took over as Executive Secretary, records were often lost or mishandled with each change of the Board. The new computer will prevent this from happening in the future but we need to bring all those records up to date before entering them into the computer. Do yourself and your association a favor and send in that survey NOW!

It's the beginning of Poa Annuua Funeral season and out of respect for Chicago's most loved/hated turfgrass, I will close for now. See you at the Senior's Picnic at Sportsman's Golf Course on July 9th!

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