

Midwest Breezes



Marge and Tony Meyer are proud parents for their last son just graduated May 13, 1984 from the College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Illinois. Robert will have an associate position with a clinic in Ocala, Florida on June 1st.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Kruger's grand-daughter, Tricia Goebel graduated from Illinois State University on May 5th, 1984. Also Frank's wife, Francis retired on April 27th from 27 years with Avon Products.

For Sale: Driving range equipment — Ball dispenser, washer, and pick up unit, with or without tractor. Palatine Hills Golf Course, (312) 359-4022.

Mark your calendars now for the 81st Western Open Championship at Butler National Golf Club - July 5-8, 1984.

“Johnny Lebedevs Goes to the Finals”

Johnny “Cool Hand” Lebedevs came second in the 3rd annual charity Gin Tournament March 26, 1984 at Hackney's in Wheeling. Johnny's sudden surprising prominence into championship form was a result of skill and technical knowledge (according to his boss, Walter Fuchs, Jr.) versus his opponents loose but willing strategy based on luck & superstition by quick call artist Vince Latham known on restaurant row as the “Man from Rio”.

Almost \$1,000.00 was again raised by our generous endeavor for this year's recipient, the American Cancer Fund.

New and eager participants this year were Carl “Blue Grass” Hopphan, Craig Marfia (came in third), and David “Thunder” Meyer. A wonderful free lunch was served by our generous host “Greg” Masterson. One note of possible interest, my committee of Johnny “Bear” Beraducci, Kenny “Cap” Goodman and my own dear brother Peter carried out a treacherous South American “knife in the back” coup while I was hunting the sunny beaches of Puerto Vallarta. During my “few words” to the boisterous participants I was suddenly interrupted and presented unceremoniously with a Past Chairman gin tournament trophy. The jealous comment was “We do all the work and you do all the talking.”

Submitted for the last time by
“memorial” Paul N. Voykin, now past
chairman and as usual past loser in the 1st round

The May joint meeting of the three area associations was well attended at the Kankakee Elks C.C. by over 175 people. LESCO sponsored the golf event and at the dinner presented a check for \$2,500.00 to the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation. It was a great day to get together with the other superintendents from the central and north west chapters.

The deepest sympathy of the members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents is extended to the Alfred Bertucci family on the death of Al's father, Elmer, age 98, who passed away on May 8th, 1984.

Elmer Bertucci became a golf course superintendent in 1913 and retired in 1958 after 45 years as the Superintendent at Old Elm Club. At that time Al Bertucci succeeded his father as Superintendent until he retired in 1981. Elmer first worked at Exmoor Country Club after coming here in 1907 from Italy. Elmer has been a lifetime member of the MAGCS.

M.A.G.C.S. Meeting Monday, June 4, 1984

Old Elm Club

800 Old Elm Road

Highland Park, Illinois

Host Superintendent - Ed Fischer

For this event reservations will be required and the event will be limited to M.A.G.C.S. members only. The reservation deadline is June 1. For reservations, call Mike at 312/432-6272. When making reservations the following information will be needed:

1. Names of members of your foursome.
2. Everyone must take a golf cart or Old Elm Caddy, state your choice, this will be on a cash basis only.
3. Golf handicaps for each member of your foursome will be needed.

The agenda for the day will be as follows:

Arrival time will start at 10:00 a.m.

Golf bags to be dropped at the front door.

Each contestant will be assigned a locker.

Lunch will be served in the Dining Room at 11:15 a.m. — since we will be treated in the “Old Elm Tradition”, a sports coat will be required. The luncheon and cocktails at Old Elm will be furnished by sponsors.

The golf event for the day will be a Fourmen Best Ball Event. A Shotgun start is scheduled for 12:15 p.m. A Skin game will be operated by the Pro Shop.

After golf we will travel to the Highwood Ramada Inn at 666 Sheridan Road in Highwood. Cocktails start at 6:00 p.m.; dinner served at 7:00 p.m.; meeting and awards to follow.

Directions: from the tollway, exit at Route 22 east, take Route 22 east to Route 41, take Route 41 north to Old Elm Road, take Old Elm Road east to the club.

“Summer Season”

Kenneth R. Zanzig

As June initiates the Summer Season,

The Heart of the Golfing Season makes It's stand.

The thrill of dealing with Summer's treason,

Is like filling a straight, in a Poker hand.

If You're wise, or lucky, equal to the teasing,

And Mother Nature heeds your demands,

You'll cut the mustard, whatever reason,

And graze upon the promised land.