

Midwest Breezes



Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

- August 1-4 — Western Open at Butler National Golf Club
August 7 — Illinois Landscape Contractors Association Summer Field Day at Kishwaukee College, Malta, IL (6 miles west of DeKalb). This is the site of the "All American Vaughn Trial Gardens"
August 12 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Briar Ridge C.C., Dyer, IN. 11:30 Lunch provided by Nadler Harley Davidson, they also are providing hors d'oeuvres and cocktails before dinner. Shotgun start at 12:30 PM.
September 9 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Aurora C.C.
September 19-24 — GCSAA Mid Year Turfgrass Conference & Show, Indianapolis
September 29 — MAGCS Family Picnic at Potowononi Park, St. Charles, IL
October 7 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Flossmoor C.C.
November 10-12 — Penn State Turf Conference, State College, PA
November 12 — Midwest Clinic at Medinah C.C.

This is the third month for the new cover, and I can count on one hand the comments I have had on the change. I have to assume that it is agreeable with everyone since I haven't heard otherwise. Well, that is not altogether true, for Paul Voykin liked the "Bull", and that is quite understandable for all of us who know Paul.

I felt that a character changing a cup on a green symbolized our profession of golf course management better than any other chore that we do. Cup changing is unique only to golf courses and golf course superintendents. I felt a picture of a golfer could mean just about anything from a club newsletter to a newsletter put out by the golf professional. A picture of someone mowing could be any profession from a landscaper to an equipment manufacturer. Just a picture of a green or golf hole is just that, a picture of a green or golf hole, for it really doesn't say what the newsletter represents or what the contents might be about.

It has also been suggested that an actual picture of a person changing a cup would look better, and I have to agree. So, here is a chance for all of you to help your newsletter. We'll have a contest of who can submit the best picture of a person changing a cup on a golf green. Things to keep in mind are: the picture should be taken in the early morning or evening with soft shadows, person changing the cup should not be identifiable, the picture will be reduced to about the size of the present character on the front cover of "The Bull Sheet" and the picture should be taken in color. All entries must be submitted to me by September 15, 1985. If we can come up with a winner, we will use it on the cover of the "Bull Sheet" when our present supply of front covers runs out.

As host superintendent of the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation Golf Day, I was very pleased with the record turnout we had for this fun day. We had 167 golfers and over 190 for the pig roast. Back in May I promised, no, I guaranteed that the weather would be in the mid 70s with a gentle breeze and sunshine. I also guaranteed that the trees would be many (I heard that I was right from all of the people who ended up behind them!), the rough would be rough (it hadn't been cut for two weeks due to a golf tournament that was held the Thursday and Friday before), and I also guaranteed no golf scores for that day. Know what? I was 100% right on my guarantee! For those of you who came out to support the ITF, I thank you; for those of you who didn't, you really missed a fun day.

Dear Fred;

Thank you so much for providing the ITF Golf Day at Glen Oak Country Club with such a beautiful and well conditioned golf course. Your personal guarantee for perfect weather was just that.

There are many people to be thanked as 167 golfers, 58 caddies and plenty of support people consumed 300 lunches. EZ Go sponsored lunches this year. Five tappers of beer were sponsored by Turf Products. MAGCS donated a check for \$5,000. Another \$750 check to turf research was given thru MAGCS via the Coghill family of Silver Lake Country Club. Glen Oak waived cart fees for us. Additional generosity by Glen Oak staff included \$100 donation from your Locker Room manager, George Christiansen; Terry Carlson donated 3 putters to our prize list. My goodness, you work at a nice club!

Al Slatin, Glen Oak Club manager donated his day to help make sure everything ran smoothly. Jon Stephenson was our starter this year. With 167 golfers, we would have never made it through the day without him. Donated golf gear from Jim Hansberger, of Ram Golf were raffled off; as well as clubs from Joe Phillips from Wilson Sporting Goods. Dave and Penny Meyer were experts in preparing lunches and a prize hog for the giant pig roast at the end of the day.

In conclusion, you are to be commended for helping the ITF having a most successful day. At this point it looks like over \$13,000 was raised for turf research.

With over 90 golf prizes and door prizes, plenty of food and drink complimented by your golf club, I only hope we can continue to serve turf research the way we did this year. Thanks again.

**Pete Leuzinger, CGCS
ITF Golf Day Chairman**

Are you an amateur photographer? The "Bull Sheet" needs your services. We would like to have photos taken at our monthly meetings and special events that take place throughout the year. Black and white photos are the best for they reproduce to give the clearest picture in our publication. Color can be used if all the prints are clear and sharp. Call Fred Opperman for details at (312) 469-3444.