

Midwest Breezes



Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

May 19 — Joint Association will meet at Eagle Ridge C.C. in Galena

June 9 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Crystal Lake C.C.

July 21 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Palatine Hills

August 7 — U of I Turfgrass Field Day at Urbana

August 18 — MAGCS monthly meeting, Bartlett Hills

September 8 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Deer Creek G.C.

October 6 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Wilmette C.C.

November

December 9-11 — North Central Turfgrass Exposition

Ed Stewart of River Forest G.C. won a Kawasaki All-Terrain Vehicle at the recent GCSAA Conference in San Francisco! It goes to show he who takes the time to fill in all of those address cards can come out a winner.

For Sale: 1978 Dedoes Green Aerifier, Model TCA 501. Excellent condition. Make offer. Call Ken at Woodruff Golf Course. (815) 722-3346.

John Ebel has another bright new assistant in Brian Bossert, who comes to Barrington Hills C.C. from Medinah C.C. John is GIVING AWAY 9 wood tee benches which need some cleaning and painting (yes folks, John has admitted that something he has is dirty and needs paint!!!) and plus 9 Par Aide metal waste receptacles for 2" pipe mounting in good condition. Call John Ebel at (312) 381-0140.

The deepest sympathy of the members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents is extended to the Mike Smith family on the death of his father on April 1, 1986.

Do you have a question on certification or about public relations with the GCSAA? If so, give Bruce Williams a call for he has just been appointed to those committees.

On the evening of April 4th, there was a surprise party for Ken Zanzig put on by Ralph Krueger, the owner of Green Garden C.C. This retirement party was attended by about 72 of Ken's friends and associates in the turf business. Ralph Krueger gave Ken and his wife a trip to Hawaii and also Dudley Smith presented another trip to Hawaii to the honored couple from his many friends. The two trips were a surprise for everyone concerned. Ken has worked for Ralph Krueger for about 18 years: at Palos, Old Oak, and at Green Gardens C.C.

Sean Daley from Ridge C.C. has left the area for the sunny climate of Mesa, Arizona where he will be working for LESCO as the area representative. Good Luck in the sunny southwest, Sean. Dennis Wilson has been appointed to fill the vacancy that Sean left on the MAGCS Board of Directors.

For Sale

Ideal reel grinder, Ideal bed knife grinder, and a Foley lapping machine. Price: \$1,000. Call (312) 963-6706.

Superintendent Wanted

Position now open to start construction of a Links 9 Hole Golf Course with a private recreation club near Ottawa, Illinois. Resumes to be sent care of: Bull Sheet, 1022 Shady Lane, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137.

The CDGA Green Seminar held at Butterfield was a success. The talks on lightweight mowing were very enlightening to the green chairmen and members of the green committees who were in attendance. Some equipment dealers went away smiling and others were scratching their heads. Overall it was a good seminar for anyone who needed more information on lightweight mowing of fairways.

For those guys who fish and hunt, the Illinois Department of Conservation has established a 24 hour toll free number providing us with a weekly update of conservation news. This will be like a "telephone billboard" and will include information like the latest hot spots in fishing, the best lures to use, and the best methods to catch fish. During the fall the information will include the hunting dates and seasons. To get this information, call: (800) 624-3077.

Dr. Randy Kane reports there is a wide spread kill of *Poa annua* on many courses due to crown hydration caused by the sudden drop in temperature following the heavy rains in November. Most damage seems to be with the *Poa* and most of it is in low spots and pockets that are poorly drained.

Joe Williamson is joining Turf Products on May 19th as a salesman! Joe will make the 3rd salesman that Turf Products has. Good Luck, Joe, in your new career.

Joe Williamson makes the 2nd MAGCS Board Member to leave the ranks of the golf course superintendents and go into sales.

Dom Grotti Trophy to be Given

The 1986 Northern Illinois Golf Day will feature a new format for golf course superintendents and their assistants. With the help of Dennis Wilson, a spectacular traveling trophy is being donated by Sunset Ridge Country Club in Dom's name. It will be given to the winning two man combination in a format to be named later.

Domenic Grotti was a friend to many golf course superintendents. As Arrangements Chairman for MAGCS in the 1940's, he campaigned for superintendent recognition, and worked hard to get monthly meetings out of the shops and into the clubhouses. He told many stories about the unsung superintendents who, by their talent and love for their golf courses, took a little bit of money, a lot of hard work and made something special of it.

ITF is planning a great golf day for all people interested in fine turf. Premiering the first annual Domenic Grotti trophy this year will make a special event even better for golf course superintendents and their assistants. MAGCS has and always will support turf research funding. Let's make Dom inaugural at the ITF Golf Day this September a big success.