

Midwest Breezes



Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

March 2 - 3 — Midwest Regional Turf Conference at Purdue

March 3 - 5 — Landscape Exposition at O'Hare Exposition

March 16 — MAGCS Meeting at Indian Lakes Country Club

April 9 — USGA Regional Meeting at Westmore County Club,
Milwaukee

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The 2 seminars held at Pheasant Run on December 6 & 7, 1987 sponsored by the GCSAA & MAGCS were a huge success. The attendance was 59 for the course taught by Dr. James Beard & Dr. Jeffrey Krans on Basic Turfgrass Botany and Physiology, the course on Irrigation Part II: Systems Design & Management by William Speelman and David Davis had 22 superintendents in the classroom. These courses both had a lot of meat (not meet, Dudley!) to digest and absorb. Those superintendents who haven't been to one of these seminars are really missing the boat. The instructors have always been great, there is plenty of time to question them, and there is a lot of new research discussed that hasn't been available before.

Congratulations are in order for the new inductees to the GCSAA Quarter Century Club: **Harold Frederickson** at Edgewood Valley C.C.; **Oscar Miles** at Butler National; **Dale Pieper** at Cherry Hills C.C.; and **Dick Trevarthan** at Prestwick C.C. All of these fellows received their pins in Phoenix during the annual conference.

Looking for an assistant? Call Steve Schoenfeldt at (815) 838-2454 or write him at 1060 Maple Court, Lockport, IL 60441. Steve has experience in golf course construction, having worked with the Wadworth firm and has been an assistant before.

Oscar Miles would like to correct the chemical used to lower the pH in the soil mentioned in Dudley Smith's article last month. Oscar uses phosphoric acid (not sulfuric acid) to lower the pH in his soils. The rate of phosphoric acid is 1 pint to 1 quart per 300 gallons of water when the soil temperature is cold. In summer he uses 2 to 4 pounds of iron sulfate per 300 gallons of water.

The Editor would like to thank Roger Stewart of Riverside G.C. for helping with the February & March issues of the "Bull Sheet" while he is down under on his walk about. If there are any questions and articles to be submitted for the March issue, give Roger a call at 447-1049.

Good News! The NCTE will be at Pheasant Run in St. Charles next December 8-9-10, 1987. This news should really make the commercial people happy for they were taken with the fees they had to pay for the few services they received at the Rosemont. Pheasant Run has just built a new exhibition hall.

Steve Cummins, formerly assistant to Randy Wahler at Knollwood Club is the new Superintendent at Lake Barrington Shores Country Club.

Bob Maibusch and Ray Schei flew down to Sebring, Florida (courtesy their wives!) to tour the Lesco plant and get a demonstration on a new Lesco mower. That's a long way to go, fellas, for a free meal and room at the Holiday Inn!

The GCSAA Seminars were again at a great success at Pheasant Run. Thanks go out to Pete Leuzinger and Pete Merkes, for all their work and arrangements.

Teletype from Australia: The weather is great and I just threw another shrimp (or is it shrap?) on the barbie for us. See you blokes in February! Received from the "Koala".

Roger Stewart is filling for the "Koala" while he is down under so if you find any mistakes in the **Bull Sheet**, please call Fred when he returns February 17. Did you all get that? February 17.

Equipment for Sale

- One 1985 HF-5 Mower, 10 bladed reels, grooved rollers, outside casters, wide rear tires with catcher baskets. 671 hours running time.
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