

Midwest Breezes



Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

- May 18** — Joint Association meeting at Pontiac Elks C.C.
June 11 — Pro/Supt. Golf at Country Club of Illinois
June ? — MAGCS meeting at McHenry C.C.
July — We need a place for a meeting
August 24 — Turnberry C.C. MAGCS meeting
September ? — Balmoral Woods G.C. MAGCS meeting
October 8 — Woodstock C.C. MAGCS meeting
November — Annual Meeting
December 8-10 — NCTE at Pheasant Run, St. Charles, IL

Midwest Breezes

Congratulations to Linda & Tim Kelly on the birth of their second son, Adam Timothy on Friday, March 27, 1987. Adam weighed in at 9 pounds 6 ounces.

Condolence should be extended to Len Berg on the death of his father in April and to Don Hoffman whose father suffered severe burns in a house fire.

The Midwest Breezes is always looking for what's happening around the area. Everyone always has something to tell but never seems to have the time to jot it down and send it in. Why not just pick up the phone and call 469-3444 and put it on my recorder. The guys with a phone in their cars who are calling on the various superintendents can call me when they see something going on. It seems today that most of our salesmen in the area have car phones and it would be a natural for you to give **The Bull Sheet** a call with the latest news — take a few minutes to write down my number for your car phone and call me — (312) 469-3444.

The Editor would like to apologize to Illinois Lawn Equipment Inc. for not placing their full page ad in the April issue. Illinois Lawn has been one of our staunchest supporters in the MAGCS and **The Bull Sheet**. So, please give the good folks who handle our needs so faithfully a call at (312) 340-8484.

Some of our fellow superintendents were able to get away and view the Masters back in April. They were Randy Wahler, Tim Davis and Art Benson, Jr.

For Sale

1968 Massey Turf Tractor 2135, turf tires, 3 pt. hitch, PTO, new valve job & bearings — \$3,000.00; 2 sets Spring Comb Kits for Toro Series V Greens Mowers; 2 sets caster wheels for pull frames for Toro GMIII; ¾" Irrigation keys & quick couplers; 1½" irrigation keys & quick couplers. Best offer. Kishwaukee C.C., Dan Murray (815) 758-5273.

For Sale

1981 Smithco Sand Trap Rake, excellent condition — \$1,500.00. Peerless Reel Grinder. Best offer, Contact Randy Wahler, Knollwood Club (312) 234-4160.

Congratulations to Tom Nestor on winning and being named the Toro Irrigation Division's "Midwest Region Service Man of the Year for 1986". Well done, Tom, there are many of us who feel you very well deserve the honor.

Looking for an assistant? Robert Pearson, a graduate of Illinois State University with a B.S. in horticulture/business major. Phone (312) 719-1356.

The 20th annual CDGA Green Seminar was a huge success with the largest turn-out ever. Paul Eldredge, from the Wadsworth Golf Construction Company led off the program showing slides of courses across the country that his firm had built and is building. He stated how the resort areas of Arizona and Florida are booming with new golf courses and mentioned that in the Chicagoland area there are going to be about ten new courses. His four points in remodeling a course are: 1) Hire a Golf Course Architect to reach your goals and objectives and be flexible. Understand your needs and problems. 2) Get a set of construction drawings and a set of specifications. 3) Hire a contractor, either go out for bids or negotiate with a contractor that you want to work with. 4) Above all, be flexible — the owner, architect, and contractor all need to be flexible and work together for a common goal.

Warren Bidwell went into the bentgrass choices we have today and they seem to boil down to Penncross, Penneagle, and Pennlinks. Each requires a little different management that we all should be aware of and how they are used.

Oscar Miles went into Putting Green Management at Butler for the Western Open and his program of stimpmeter readings.

Dr. Randy Kane reviewed his activities as the CDGA/U of I Turf Consultant. He stated that 70% of all his calls last year concerned putting greens and the other 30% were problems on the fairways. He also discussed the pitfalls of fast greens. (there is a short article elsewhere in this issue).

Frank Gasperini from E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co. went on to cover chemical usage and it's liability. Out of a dull sounding title, Frank proved to be very interesting and stressed using common sense when handling chemicals. He gave us an important phone number to be used if we ever do have an accident and need help in any way with a chemical. The toll free number is for Chem Tract 1-800-424-9300. Everyone should be sure to add this number to their emergency calling list.

Walter Fuchs Sr. had a stroke in Florida and is now recovering. Send him a get well soon card at: 116 Marseilles Dr., Naples, FL 33900.

Warren Bidwell has been busy this past winter with trips to Phoenix for the GCSAA Conference, a week in Tokyo for a golf trade show, and three days in St. Johns, New Brunswick.

Flossmoor C.C. is looking for an assistant. Housing is available. Contact Ray Schmitz at (312) 798-2498.