

## Midwest Breezes



## Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

**September 21** — MAGCS meeting at Balmoral Woods G.C.

**September 28** — ITF Golf Day at Deerfield & Highland Park G.C.

**October 8** — MAGCS meeting at Woodstock C.C.

**October 23** — Dinner Dance at Riverside G.C.

**November 4** — MAGCS Annual Meeting at Cyprus Inn

**November 9-11** — Penn State Turf Conference

**December 8-10** — NCTE at Pheasant Run, St. Charles, IL

Chicago Turf and Irrigation has an opening with responsibilities including field service, in-house controller trouble-shooting and repair, plus warranty administration duties for all irrigation equipment and pumps. If interested, please send a resume to Tom Nestor.

Warren Bidwell writes that on August 9th he was at Stone Mountain, Georgia to participate in the Georgia GCSA two day seminar. He talked on, "Green Seed" and "Bentgrass Stress". In October he will be going to the Palm Springs for a chapter visitation during the overseeding time there. In early November he will be on the Carolina Turf Conference program and the Southwest Turf Conference in Memphis. Then in December he will be on the Texas Turf Conference program in Houston.

## Extension Specialist Picked at Purdue

Mr. Jeff Lefton has joined the faculty of the Department of Agronomy at Purdue University as the Turfgrass Extension Specialist. Mr. Lefton earned his B.S. and M.S. degree in Agronomy from Purdue University with a specialization in turfgrass science. Following his graduation in 1973 Jeff was responsible for starting the two year turf program at The Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster, Ohio. In addition to his duties as director, Jeff taught several courses pertaining to turfgrass management. In 1975, Jeff joined the ChemLawn Corporation as Regional Technical Manager for Indiana and Northern Kentucky. As Regional Technical Manager he planned pesticide and fertilizer programs for 11 ChemLawn branches, developed and conducted training seminars for employees and wrote technical fact sheets for homeowners. Jeff also served as a liaison between the ChemLawn branches and various governmental agencies.

As the Turfgrass Extension Specialist Jeff will devote 70 percent of his time to extension activities and 30 percent to research. His extension efforts will be directed toward professional turfgrass managers through conferences, field days and seminars. He will be responsible for organizing and planning the Midwest Regional Turf Conference and the Turf Field Day. Jeff will also coordinate both Turf and Ornamental Pesticide Use Seminars. With Jeff on staff we hope to be able to offer more half-day seminars on specific topics, such as the recent Black Layer Symposium. Jeff will also focus on training county extension personnel and providing current information to extension personnel through bulletins and seasonal update on current problems. Jeff will be allowed to develop a research program based on his interests and expertise. His research will complement that of the entire turf program. His office is in Room 2-446 of Lilly Hall and he can be reached at 317/494-9737.

We are pleased that Jeff is a part of the Department of Agronomy and feel he will be an attribute, not only to the turf program, but to the entire Department and the University. Jeff's expertise in lawn care will be a valuable asset to the turf program. His contributions will help Purdue University maintain an excellent turf program.

## Deerfield and Highland Park to Co-Host Northern ITF Golf Day

September 28th will be a fun filled golf day for ITF fund raisers. We are very fortunate to have Superintendents Al Pondel and Tom Robinson hosting their fine golf courses this year. This cooperative effort, of two courses in close proximity, will not only attract more golfers, but will make a popular event even more enjoyable as the field can be split to 60-80 golfers per course. As many of you already know, last year's event at Bryn Mawr and Evanston attracted almost 165 people. Although we had a perfect day, it was a four to four and one-half hour round of golf. This year's event has been designed to make the golf go as quickly with plenty of time to socialize at the end of the day.

Here is the run down of the day's event:

— Tickets can be purchased from ITF headquarters in advance for \$75. This includes: lunch, golf, cart, 11:00 a.m. shotgun start and pig roast at Deerfield Golf Course that evening.

— Prizes and raffles for golf clubs are part of the event; so bring along some cash for ITF research.

— This is the second annual Dom Grotti trophy event for Superintendents and their Assistants; so get your handicaps registered for a partner's best ball. A fine traveling trophy will go to the winner. Last year's winners were Superintendent Carl Hopphan and Assistant Superintendent Terry Dilner.

— Guests are welcome, but tickets must be ordered and paid in advance. Sorry, no refunds.

— Reservations and golf course assignment will be handled through ITF Headquarters, Russell Schneider. Phone 644-0828.

At this goes to press it is on again/off again for the Western Open at Butler National. The Chicago area was hit by record rains which flooded many, many courses. Next month we will try to cover the flooding story — so send pictures and horror stories to me by September 10th.