

Midwest Breezes



Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

August 2 — Purdue Field Day at Agronomy Farm

August 3 — ILCA Field Day at Morton Arboretum

August 15 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Balmoral Woods C.C.

September 13 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Crystal Lake C.C.

September 19 — ITF Golf Day at Knollwood G.C.

October 10 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Lake Barrington Shores

November 2 — Annual Meeting & MAGCS Turf Clinic

November 14-16 — Penn State Turf Conference

December 6-7-8 — NCTE, Pheasant Run

Jan. 23, 24, 25 — Midwest Regional Turf Foundation Seminar, Indianapolis

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Dear Editor,

Some golf courses are on water restrictions and others are facing the possibility due to severe drought conditions this spring and summer.

I feel the July 1980 "Midwest Breezes" column by Ray Gerber should be reprinted now.

Sincerely,

TED J. BLACKWELDER

Editor's comment: I agree and here it is:

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Most golf course Supts. had hopes that a good spring would be a prelude to the start of a beautiful summer. It has turned out to be the opposite. Poa Annuia has moved in with a bountiful crop of seed. The old saying used to be that when Poa Annuia produces a large crop of seed it is a sign of a hot summer. This is nature's way of being sure there will always be Poa Annuia in the future years. Should this be true, be sure your air conditioner is in good order.

Several golf courses in the Chicago area have started to change their bluegrass turf fairways over to bentgrass. This editor hopes their decision is one that they will not regret. A transition such as this requires considerable time and patience. It will not happen in one year or for several years thereafter, and in the meantime Poa Annuia loves the kind of maintenance that the bentgrass requires. Fairway maintenance budgets will need to be increased. More water will be necessary. More fungicide will be required and more fertilizer. I hope all of these requirements were taken into consideration before this type of transition went into effect.

Many people who can speak with authority have stated that in the not-too-distant future there will be a deficiency of water that will be available for irrigation purposes.

Congratulations to Lucille and Bill Saielli, of Indian Hill Club on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Their two sons, Bill Jr. and Robert, feted them with a dinner party for 140 relatives, friends and co-workers at Scornavacco's Restaurant in Highwood on Sunday, June 26th.



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