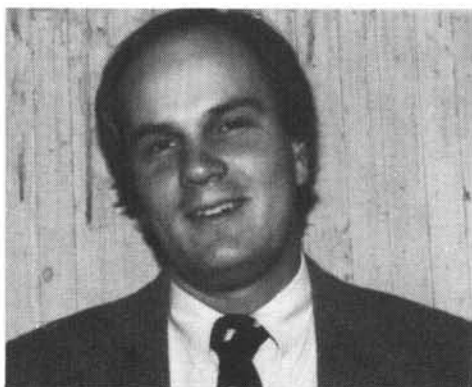


Director's Column



A Wonderful Life

by Dave Louttit, Innsbrook C.C.

It was usually on a Monday, during the summer months, that I would be awakened by my father at 4:00 a.m. He would quietly tell me it was time to get dressed and eat some breakfast. I would rush to get dressed and eat my cornflakes. You see, the sooner this was done, the sooner we could get to the golf course.

Mondays at Gary C.C. (in Merrillville, Indiana) were special days. The club was closed on Mondays, and although it was my dad's busiest day of the week, it was a day of adventures for me. It was a day where I could watch the sunrise and the birds carry out their early morning tasks. It was also a day to learn how to play golf or to take a hike on the course, where I could see all the different trees and wildlife. And sometime during the day, I knew that I would hit the mother lode; a ride on a golf cart!

As the saying goes, "The more things change, the more they stay the same". I'm now the golf course superintendent (at Delaware C.C. in Muncie, Indiana). The club is located in a rural area, and with the house that is provided for me and my family, it is now my sons who enjoy daily adventures. Even though the open spaces surrounding the house give a youngster plenty to do, the highlight of the day is a tour of the golf course on a golf cart. The questions asked and the look of the eyes is an earlier reflection of myself. And each time my sons and I take that golf cart ride, I'm reassured about this unique and demanding profession. It is indeed a wonderful life!

Favorable Temperatures for Lawns

Lawngrasses are temperature sensitive. Favorable temperatures for root development are different than those for growth of foliage. For cool season [northern] grasses, roots grow best when soil temperatures are 50 to 65 degrees Fahrenheit. Foliage growth of these grasses is best when air temperatures are 60 to 75 degrees Fahrenheit. For warm season [southern] grasses, roots produce best growth when soil temperatures are 75 to 85 degrees Fahrenheit. Foliage grows best when air temperatures are 80 to 95 degrees Fahrenheit. When temperatures are within these ranges, lawn care practices will always be most effective.

A.N.V.I.L. Seminar

Association for the Use of Native Vegetation in Landscape through Education — 871 Shawnee Ave., LaFayette, IN 47905

We are scheduling a technical seminar for March 15, 1988 at 9:00 a.m. at Kishwaukee College in Malta, IL. The cost of the seminar is \$10.00 per person. This includes lunch.

Jock Ingels of Lafayette Home Nursery and his crew will have a demonstration of a prescribed prairie burn.

Jim Safran of McGinty Bros., Inc. and his crews will demonstrate proper methods of prairie installation using a rangeland drill and hydroseeding at the field day.

Don Lutyens of American Excelsior will demonstrate proper methods of installing erosion control blankets.

Weather permitting, the seminar will be held outside. Make sure to wear appropriate attire. This seminar will be geared for hands on experience of prairie installation and maintenance.

A.N.V.I.L. is a relatively new organization dedicated to educate, preserve and enhance our heritage of native prairies, wetlands and woodlands.

The executive director, Dr. Ray Freeborg, formerly of Purdue University, will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the Association. He may be contacted at (317) 463-1943.

Your support of the educational objections of A.N.V.I.L. is much needed and will be greatly appreciated. Any questions regarding the seminar contact JoAnne at McGinty Bros., Inc. at (312) 438-5161.

MAGCS Seeks 1988 Monthly Meeting Sites

The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents, through its Arrangements Committee, is in the process of establishing a tentative monthly meeting schedule for this year, 1988. It is, once again, our goal to arrange a geographically balanced schedule with a variety of golf courses for all MAGCS members to enjoy. If you are interested in offering your time and your club or facility for such an event; complete, clip and return the form below to:

Dennis Wilson
Sunset Ridge C.C.
2100 Sunset Ridge Rd.
Northbrook, IL 60062

I am interested in hosting a 1988 MAGCS monthly meeting:

NAME _____

CLUB _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

Specific month for meeting date (if preferred) _____