

Midwest Breezes



Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

November 2 — Annual Meeting & Midwest Clinic at Medinah C.C.

November 14-16 — Penn State Turf Conference

November 18 — CAGCS Annual Forum at Northmoor C.C.

December 6-7-8 — NCTE, Pheasant Run

January 3 & 4 — MAGCS/GCSAA Seminars at Pheasant Run

January 23, 24, 25 — Midwest Regional Turf Foundation Seminar, Indianapolis

In early October a group of exhausted, worn and battered Superintendents and salespeople who had waged war with nature and green committees throughout the summer traveled to the peaceful deep valleys of West Virginia to take on Mother Nature and her white water rapids. Emerged victorious were 15 drenched and revitalized men ready for more challenges. This is the type of a trip everyone needs to clear the mind and soul after the hard summer of 1988.

Your editor, now having only the job of an editor, took off one day after the white water trip for a long overdue trip to Alaska. I left on October 6th and returned late on the night of the 20th. My friend that I went to New Zealand & Australia with is a bush pilot in Alaska, so it seemed to be the logical time to make a trip north and explore those frozen reaches. It is hard to describe the feeling of flying up the slopes of Mount McKinley in a Super Cub. It feels that you strap the plane on for it seats only two and you feel very intimate with your environment. Looking down on the frozen glaciers really gives one the chills if you stop to think what would happen if the engine died. The glaciers are filled with deep crevasses and stress ridges, totally an awesome sight up close — like at 50 feet or less at times above the ice and rocks. The wildlife was profuse, with dozens of moose, caribou, sheep and mountain goats seen daily while flying. To be able to fish in clear rushing mountain streams and catch 15 pound salmon with almost every cast was something I had never experienced before. It was a totally wonderful trip even though I slept only once in a bed while there.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUPERINTENDENTS

Minnie Monesse Golf Club is looking for an assistant with at least two years experience under a class A Superintendent. Contact: Edward Hurley, R.R. #1, Box 465, Grant Park, IL 60940.

South Bluff Country Club is needing a Superintendent: send resume to South Bluff C.C., Rt. #1, Peru, IL 61354.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR ASSISTANTS

Contact Kerry Blatteau, Supt., Woodmar C.C., 1818 177th Street, Hammond, IN 46324. Phone (219) 844-0330.

Contact Randi Baltz, Lake County Forest Preserve District, 2000 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Libertyville, IL 60048. 18 hole course, salary \$20,837, excellent fringe benefits. Phone (312) 367-6640.

FOR SALE: 2 Jacobsen HF-5 Fairway mowers, (1983) with 1400 hours. Contact Bruce Williams at Bob O'Link G.C. (312) 432-0088.

WANTED: Jacobsen fairway or blitzer 30' reel mowers with or without frames, also need a F-10 tractor. Call Ron Payne (815) 468-3438.

Illinois Superintendent Receives GCSAA Certification

David R. Beno, superintendent of Waukegan Park District/Bonnie Brook and Greenshire Golf Courses, has been designated a Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS) by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

Beno has been superintendent of the Waukegan, IL course since 1982. He lives at 38729 N. Lewis Avenue in Zion.

To become certified, a candidate must have five years' experience as a golf course superintendent and be employed in that capacity. The candidate must pass a rigorous six-hour examination testing knowledge of the game and rules of golf, turfgrass management, pest control management, financial management, organizational management and the history, ethics, purpose and procedures of GCSAA. Also, an on-site inspection of Beno's golf course operation was conducted by two currently certified golf course superintendents.

ANNOUNCING...NCTE '88

North Central Turfgrass Exposition
December 6-8, 1988
Pheasant Run Resort -- St. Charles, Illinois

1988 NCTE Co-Sponsors

- Illinois Turfgrass Foundation
- Central Illinois Golf Course Superintendents Association
- Chicagoland Golf Course Mechanics' Association
- USGA Green Section
- University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service
- Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents
- Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association
- Sod Growers Association of Mid America

NCTE '88 PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Keynote Address by John Cassis — "Developing Mental Toughness"
- Pesticide Applicators Training Session and Test
- Dr. Al Turgeon, Penn State University — recipient of the ITF Distinguished Service Award
- Trade show with exhibitors in the ultra-modern "MegaCenter" exhibition hall

Pheasant Run Resort Rates:

Standard Single/Double	\$55.00
Deluxe Single/Double	\$65.00

Advance Registration Fee:

ITF Members	\$60.00
Non-Member	\$80.00

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Illinois Turfgrass Foundation

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