



Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

- August 1** — ILCA Annual Field Day at Ball Seed Co., West Chicago
- August 8** — MRTF Field Day, Purdue University Agronomy Farm
- August 13** — MAGCS Monthly Meeting at Tamarack G.C.
- August 20** — ITF Golf Day at St. Charles C.C. & Geneva C.C.
- Sept. 24** — MAGCS Monthly Meeting at Bull Valley G.C.
- October 3** — MAGCS Monthly Meeting at Carillon G.C.
- November** — MAGCS Clinic
- November 27-29** — Turfgrass and Ornamental Chemical Seminar at Purdue
- December 4-6** — NCTE in Springfield

In August, Agri-Diagnostics will be co-sponsoring the meeting at Tamarack Golf Club. Agri-Diagnostics manufactures REVEAL, diagnostic kits for early disease detection. The kits are a management tool to supply valuable agronomic and operational information. They are much more than a diagnostic tool to identify 3 very common turf diseases. The kits have been used to confirm disease findings, justify fungicide applications, aid with fungicide selection and timing, and justify fungicide expenses. These are just a few ways the kits have been used as a management tool by superintendents.

In light of all the environmental pressures focused on golf courses, the GCSAA and USGA Research Committee are currently sponsoring Ohio State in their efforts to develop additional disease kits. In August, Agri-Diagnostics will have kits available to test disease levels on your golf course. I invite each superintendent to bring a grass sample to the meetings for testing. This is your opportunity to see how REVEAL can be tailored to meet your individual golf course needs.

To aid you in the sampling procedure call our 800 number for a free video. The number is 800/322-5487. I look forward to meeting and talking with all of you.

Len Conley

Congratulations to Ron Doruff on becoming the new superintendent at Chapel Hill. Now Ron is looking for a mechanic, call 815/385-0333.

Byron Forest Preserve is looking for a golf course mechanic to set up a new shop and all new equipment. Excellent benefits. Apply by August 15th. Ask for Steve Storz, 815/234-8535.

Congratulations to Paul Voykin on becoming a **Grandfather!**

Those of you who have, for one excuse or another, been absent from all or several monthly meetings have indeed missed the train. Yes, you've missed the train bound to improve your career knowledge as well as self-development.

The Education Committee has worked diligently to bring you interesting and timely topics in addition to quality speakers. If you weren't at the January and June meetings you missed two very enjoyable and informative self-development presentations. (Performance Enhancement and Psychological Stress Management). If you weren't at the March and April meetings you missed two important topics which provided information on current golf course problems. (Insect Control and Debris Disposal). If these were not enough also offered was a Computer Seminar to increase your awareness of the various labor and time savings the computer can provide to you.

Well, all is not totally lost. We're only about half way into this year's journey and tickets are still available at all stops. Don't delay, however, as time is running out and first class seats are usually gone early.

Check the boarding schedule below for the highlights of the balance of this year's stops and make it a point to be on board. You are bound to gain new ideas, have some fun, and surely learn something new. So, "ALL ABOARD"!

**Donald A. Cross, CGCS
MAGCS Education Committee**

EDUCATION BOUND (SCHEDULE OF STOPS)

- August 13 Hydraulic Aeration**
Research results of soil and turf responses to use of Toro's new HYDROJECT Aerator.
- Disease Diagnosis**
Agri-Diagnostic Rep. will demo kits using samples you bring. (Place a palm full of shaven turf leaves and stems in a Zip-loc bag.)
- September 24 Summer Review/Fall Recovery**
Dr. R. Kane will highlight the Summer Problems and remedies for recovery.
- October 3 Growing In of Carillon**
Renny Jacobsen and Greg Martin will discuss grassing this fast-track constructed course.
- November 7 Midwest Clinic**
Back to Medinah featuring Ground Water Contamination, GC Safety, Storm Water Mgmt., Drip Irr., Tree Care, Flowers, and more.
- December 4-6 NCTE — Springfield**
Dr. J. Vargus, Dr. C. Throssel, Scott Niven, Martin Segal, to talk on Biological Controls, Infrared Thermometry, Growth Reg., Future Plt. Protect. Formulations
We're BOUND to be WINNERS!

It was good to see Bill Kraft at our July meeting and playing golf. Bill had had a real bad experience while in the hospital for a rather routine procedure that almost cost him his life. Give him a call to find out more.