A Note from Settlers Hill Golf Course

by Dan Murray, CGCS

On January 11, 1990 we started construction on the next nine. After the initial staking to locate the center of the greens, tees, and turing points on the fairways the clearing limits were established. The next step was to come in with a Hydro-Axe and start to remove all the small (up to about 6") trees in the total clear area. This made a big difference in the look of the golf holes. There were so many scrub trees in the way you could not see from some landing areas to the green. The Hydro-Axe was a spectacular machine to watch (from a safe distance). On the larger trees it was raised up until the top of the tree was cut off then the cutting unit was lowered down until there was nothing left of the tree but chips. On the smaller trees it worked like an out-front rotary cutting down the trees then chipping them up. All trees in the selective clear area to be saved are marked with ribbon. The large (above 6") trees which are not to be saved will be cut down with chain saws. They will be pulled to a central area where the smaller limbs will be chipped up and the large trunks hauled away. The areas where the Hydro-Axe cannot get will be done by hand. In total there will be about 10 acres to clear. Before the dirt work is started in the spring (after the frost is out of the soil) all sensitive trees will be fenced off to prevent any encroachment over the root system. With all this going on, it is making for a busy and exciting winter for me. More at a later date.

The following is a letter from Bill Kraft which I received. It is something that all of us should do and no doubt always mean to do, but never get around to it. Thanks for the letter, Bill, and congratulations to you.



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Mr. Fred D. Opperman, CGCS Editor, Bull Sheet 1022 Shady Lane Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Dear Fred

The American Red Cross, Lake County Chapter had a training course in Standard First Aid and Adult CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) at the WellSource Health Center on January 20th, 1990. I decided that I should take the two courses because you never know when an occasion will arrive when you are needed. In our profession, he who ceases to learn doesn't deserve to teach.

On January 20th, 1990 I passed my American Red Cross Standard First Ald test as well as my Adult CPR test. Passing these two tests certifies me for performance to ald some one in need.

The instructions and tests took eight (8) hours. Class started at 8:30AM, before we broke for lunch we had a twenty-five (25) question test on Standard First Aid. To be eligible for the afternoon portion of Adult CPR, you first had to pass the Standard First Aid test. The day ended at 5:30FM with the completion of another twenty-five (25) question test on Adult CPR.

These tests were given at WellSource Health Clinic in the Southlake Mall - Merrillville, Indiana. We had four (4) instructors from the American Red Cross and the charge was twenty-two dollars (522.00). The Standard First Aid certificate is valid for three (3) years and the Adult CPR certificate is valid for one (1) year.

Sincerely

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