

Midwest Breezes



Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

- June 10** — MAGCS monthly meeting at Naperville C.C.
July 15 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Golf Club of Illinois
July 4-7 — Western Open at Dubsdred
July 30 — MRTF Field Day & Trade Show at Purdue
August 12 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Woodmar C.C.
September — MAGCS monthly meeting at Ridgemoor C.C.
October — MAGCS monthly meeting at Biltmore C.C.
November 6 — Midwest Clinic at Medinah C.C.
December 3-5 — NCTE at Pheasant Run Resort
January 1992 — Arrowhead Golf Club
January 20-22 — MRTF Conference & Show, Indianapolis Convention Center
April 1992 — Geneva Golf Club
June 22, 1992 — River Forest Golf Club
July 13, 1992 — Briar Ridge Golf Club
August 1992 — Mt. Prospect Golf Club
October 1992 — Settlers Hill Golf Club

Julius Albaugh sent in a clipping stating that the Japanese have come out with pantyhose that has insecticide impregnated in it. They claim the insecticide is harmless to humans. They state that 400,000 pairs have been sold to office workers to ward off spiders and cockroaches. The following is Julius's note to the Editor: Dear Fred — The enclosed article appeared in the local paper last week. This type of thing could have a bearing on our golf course operations. (1) In a year or so, there could be an outbreak of rash or infections among Japanese women linked to this product. When the EPA gets wind of the problem, we are likely to lose another good insecticide. Or-(2) If the insecticide is indeed found to be harmless to humans, we could see this item sold in Pro Shops along with other golf attire. It could take the place of insecticide repellents. Our problem of green footprints in the middle of brown singed turf could be lessened. What's next?

“Rhyme and Reason”

June will start off Summer's Song,
To a Tune We Hummed all Winter long.
Summer's pleasures seem to forgive,
The Hectic Cycle in which We live.
While some work as others play,
Blessed be those Summer Days.
There between Rhyme and Reason,
Lay the Heart of the Golfing Season.

Kenneth R. Zanzig

NECROLOGY

It is with a deep sense of loss that we announce the death of Bill Boyd's wife who passed away on May 2nd, 1991. Bill is well known to many superintendents for his excellent work of grading and remodeling work.

Kevin Czerkies, superintendent of Sportsman C.C. has recently become a Certified Golf Course Superintendent. Congratulations Kevin!

Bob Kohlstedt is looking for an assistant's job. He is a recent graduate of the University of Illinois. Call 708/349-2629.

Two new golf courses under construction are looking for assistant superintendents. One 9 hole opening spring '92 in the Oakbrook area, and one 18 holes, with 9 holes opening this year in Lake Moor. Must be knowledgeable in trees, shrubs, flowers and turf. Call Lee Schnieders, CGCS, 708/420-0197.

Future GCSA Conference Sites

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Marv Gruening and Ed Stewart at Ed's Retirement Party.

Editor's Note —

I must apologize for the lateness of this issue of **The Bull Sheet**. It seems our fine postal service lost the issue I put together and mailed on May 23. The printer called me on June 2, inquiring why I was so late. Needless to say I was shocked to find out they had not received the rough copy for June.

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reduced to the point where it is no longer noticed. Then the predators move in. Eventually the cycle repeats itself.

Euonymous scale

Euonymous scale is the most destructive insect. Severe infestations will easily kill groundcover species. Females of this hard-shelled scale resemble oystershell scale. As such, they are not easily seen. But the white covering of the males is a conspicuous aid to identification. These insects spend the winter partially grown. In the spring, the females lay eggs which hatch into orange-colored crawlers. A close look at infested plants will reveal the exposed crawlers. They are vulnerable to spray applications at this time. A second generation hatches in late summer.

Euonymous scale is very difficult to control. Some Extension stations have reported success with a 3% dormant oil spray before plant growth begins in the spring. When you see crawlers about the first of June, spray with dimethoate, malathion or diazinon four times at ten-day intervals. Repeat this treatment in late August, when the second generation of crawlers can be seen.

(Editor's Note cont'd.)


Any advertisers that sent me special ads for the June issue were also lost. If these advertisers wish, they may get in touch with me and I will give them 50% credit for the June issue.

Kerry Blatteau's Director's Column is also missing. John Gurke had an excellent article with pictures. I have a copy of the article, but need the pictures. This will be used in July — if John still has the negatives.

Ed Stewart had a retirement party and many of his friends were invited. I took pictures of the event — they are lost. Again I will print this in July once I get the negatives and have another set printed. Speaking of Ed, he spent a few days in the hospital the first part of June. He should be out and at home when you read this. Give him a call to cheer him up at 309/463-2376.

The survey concerning the newsletter will also be in the July issue. We had a pretty good response and some cards are still trickling in.


It is amazing what one sees when you are visiting different courses. One fine "plantsman" I know painted some yews green because they had died over winter and he didn't have the time to get new ones in. He had me fooled and I never would have known if he hadn't pointed it out to me. Another superintendent, this one a "chemist" really had a witches brew going to spray his fairways. First time out with the "brew" he singed the grass. He took a pH reading and it registered 3.6! He then added another chemical to raise the pH and just about blew the lid off the tank — he took off running when he saw the chemical reaction. But it worked, the new pH was 6.8 and no burn to the grass.



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