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## Super-In-Site

by Joel Purpur

It will be great to be back at the beautiful Turnberry Country Club for our August meeting with host Jim Evans. Jim last hosted a M.A.G.C.S. golf event back in 1987 and since then there have been some changes.



Jim has been the superintendent at Turnberry for 14 years and has been the host of the Illinois Open in 1989 and the CDGA State Amateur Tournament in 1992. The fairways were converted from bluegrass to 50% Penneagle and 50% Seaside bentgrass in 1985 and 1986 and continue to receive treatments for Poa annua control. Currently the fairways and tees are on a program of Betesan early and Prograss in the fall which has given pleasing results. Prior to the present management program liquid Endothol had been used quite a bit and Jim still works with the material on occasion.

In 1988 the addition of the Garden Room was completed (where we will be having our lunch buffet) and landscaping was completed in-house. Shrub and flower beds with walls and other improvements have been made to the practice range area in-house as well, keeping the crew busy. Other course renovations include the rebuilding of the 8th, 10th, and 11th tees along

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with several championship tees. The 11th green and bunker complex has been completely rebuilt to raise the area onto higher ground (this year is the test) and they are currently working on the drainage around the 13th hole. (It will probably stop raining when they are finished.)

Turnberry has gone through ownership changes as well. From 1986 to 1989 the club had been owned by a realty company called McIntosh Ltd. The company ran into money problems in 1989 and went into bankruptcy. This was particularly bad timing for Jim because there was no money for the new 18 hole course he was working on. The irrigation system and seeding had been completed and they were just entering the grow-in phase for the course he had worked so hard on when the money came to a sudden halt. The newly completed course was abandoned. In 1990 the membership of Turnberry bought the old course and everything began to run smoothly, and in October of 1990 the "Lakewood" course was sold.

The club is now developing a long range plan for remodeling the old course just to keep Jim busy. Jim Evans and his wife Debbie have two children, Jim (15) and John (13). Jim stays young by working out and playing hockey after being retired from the sport for many years. (His skates are older than half of the guys on the team). His stick handling talents are coming back quickly even though he refuses to part with his pair of 1972 Bobby Orrs'!