



Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

May 10 — Combined Golf Day

June 21 — MAGCS meeting at River Forest G.C.

July 19 — MAGCS meeting at Poplar Creek G.C.

August 9 — MAGCS meeting at Lakewood G.C.

August 21 — MAGCS Family Picnic & Kane County Cougars

August 30 — John Deere Golf Tournament at Elgin C.C.

September 21 — MAGCS meeting at Shoreacres G.C.

October 4 — MAGCS meeting at Bartlett Hills G.C.

November 10 — MAGCS Turf Clinic at Medinah C.C.

Congratulations to Sandy and Russ Fink on the birth of Katelyn in late March. Katelyn weighed in at 6 pounds and 12 ounces.

The CDGA Green Seminar was great this year. For the few of you who missed it due to the weather that morning, here is a brief recap. Frank Thomas, Technical Director of USGA, gave a brief report of what his job is all about. The USGA has a 2 million dollar budget for testing all equipment used in the game of golf. At the present there are 800 golf balls approved. Two piece balls are 8 of the 10 longest balls being sold. They also test over 300 golf clubs per year. Surprisingly putting has improved only 1 stroke over the past 24 years. A golf ball velocity is between 155-170 mph.

Ms. Jean Mackay, Staff Ecologist, New York Audubon Society mentioned they now have over 700 courses registered in their program. She went on to explain and show slides of how golf courses add to the wildlife of the area and how beneficial it is to all concerned. At the end of the talk, she presented framed prints to the St. Charles and Aurora Country Clubs. Two of the first clubs to be complete certified in the program.

Bob Wolf, Department of Ag Engineering at University of Illinois, went on to explain the rules of washpad rinsate collection. It looks like the golf courses would be better to follow Rule 250 in Category C, for it is more lenient concerning the forms to be filled out and is geared better to the golf courses.

James Anderson, President of Sunset Ridge C.C., spoke on communications between the Superintendent and club officials and members. His message is communicate, communicate, communicate — by written, oral and being visible and available as much as possible. The superintendent should, if he already isn't doing so, request that he attend Board of Director's meetings to present his reports. "The Superintendent is the most valuable asset to the golf course."

The Editor and Printer apologize for the bad pictures of Albie Staudt and Ed Braunsky in the last issue.

For Sale: Woods D80 Mulcher and Cub Cadet tractor. Best offer. Call Tod Hoppan, Evanston G.C., 708/676-9593.



Presented with Audubon Prints for completing certification at the CDGA Green Seminar are, left to right: John Gurke, Superintendent and Peter Koehler, President of the Aurora Country Club; Ben Waldie, President of St. Charles Country Club and Peter Leuzinger, Superintendent.

As mentioned briefly in the above notes, Aurora C.C. was dedicated a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary." John Gurke's inventory of wildlife boasts 12 mammals and 52 species of birds, including great horned owls, wood ducks, yellow-crowned night herons, and eastern bluebirds. Aurora is around the 5th or 6th golf club in the states to become certified. Congratulations!



1993 Annual March Gin Tournament

by Paul Voykin

Friends of Bill "White Shoes" Krafft raised over \$1,000.00 Monday, March 29th in the warm atmosphere of Hackney's Restaurant in Wheeling. The generous sum of money contributed was handed over to Dudley "Doodles" Smith (who was last seen suspiciously heading toward Arlington Race Track) to be presented to our dear old friend Bill Krafft. Bill has been ailing for quite some time and, in fact, had serious lung surgery the past year. However, because of his courage, positive attitude, and just plain Hoosier orneriness he has been valiantly fighting back and soon might be playing golf with us again and attending a few meetings.

Trent "Handsome" Bradford beat last year's champ Dick "The Phader" Baker for the gin championship. Nothing remarkable or exciting happened in this year's event except "PV" managed to get into the semi-finals much to the astonishment of his opponents who were confused by his weird and strange gin maneuvers. Gin tournament co-chairman John "The Bear" Berarducci and Peter "The Voik" Voykin again did a superb job of setting up the event. Checks are still being accepted. Send them to Dudley Smith. Remember, my friends, the only true happiness is to help others.

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