

MAGCS Representatives Attend Mechanics Job Fair

by Dave Blomquist, CGCS
Naperville Country Club

On April 22, Don Cross, Joel Purpur, Phil Taylor and myself attended a job fair at the Universal Technical Institute. Wes Danielewicz and Chuck Totten represented the Turf Equipment Technician Association. Our intent was to introduce the MAGCS to the school so we may have a source for qualified technicians when needed. Roger Stewart discovered this fine trade school while searching for a technician for his club. UTI is located in Glendale Heights and they specialize in all facets of mechanical training including diesel, transmission, electrical/hydraulic systems, as well as heating and air conditioning/refrigeration.

We found the school was run in a very professional manner with the staff being very courteous and helpful. The students come from all over the country and will spend an average of one year to complete their program of choice. I hired a UTI student as a part time Assistant Mechanic for \$6 hour and he will work approx. 30 hours a week.

We gave the MAGCS office number to students that showed interest in our group. If you are looking to hire, you might consider this course. Joan Martin, 708/529-2662, is the employment placement director at UTI, and she would be glad to post your job description.

Nels Johnson Supports Superintendents' Hockey Team

by Dave Blomquist

Not only is Nels J. Johnson Tree Experts one of the best tree care companies in the area, they have branched out into sports team sponsorship! Several local Superintendents are on a hockey team that plays out of Center Ice in Glen Ellyn, and the Johnsons are kind enough to provide sponsorship. The following superintendents are involved:

Dave Blomquist (Naperville C.C.), Kevin Deroo (Bartlett Hills G.C.), Jim Evans (Turnberry G.C.), John Gurke (Aurora C.C.), Joel Purpur (River Forest G.C.), Dave Schlagetter (Indian Hill C.C.), Matt Springer (Prairie Landing G.C.).

Ed Braunski and Tim Kelly are the team towel boys. At press time our record is 6 and 2 with Blomquist leading in most shots missing the net; Deroo leads in broken sticks and tripping over the blue line; Schlagetter leads in assists and most shots to the goalies' chest; Gurke and Purpur are defensive stalwarts (they also lead in penalty minutes so don't even think of going near our goalie); Springer just looks good because he has the best pads. Finally, our team leader is Jim Evans, the cagey veteran with skates that went out of style in the early 70's, but he still crashes the net with the kind of reckless abandon that you just don't get from today's overpaid, slack jawed rookies. The playoffs are a couple weeks away so stay tuned for continuing updates and again thanks to Johnsons Tree Experts for their support.

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