



### Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

**November 8-10** — Penn State Golf Turf Conference, State College, PA

**November 10** — Midwest Clinic & Annual Meeting at Medinah C.C.

**November 28-30** — NCTE at Pheasant Run Resort

**December 7** — CPR Seminar at Oak Brook Hills Resort, Oak Brook, IL

**January 17-19** — Midwest Turf Expo, Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN

**February 12-17** — Indiana-Illinois Turfgrass Short Course

**February 20-27** — GCSAA Conference & Show, San Francisco

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Don Maske is moving to Kansas City, MO where he will become the District Manager for Agr-Evo. Don will be starting December 1st. We all wish him well and will miss him in our area.

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Ed Esgar, currently interning at Flossmoor C.C., is seeking an assistant's position. Call 708/957-5262.

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Len Berg is making a BIG MOVE, he is heading to Summit, New Jersey to take over at the Canoe Brook C.C., a 36 hole private club. The club was built by Donald Ross in 1901. Len starts on December 1st. Good luck, Len and thanks for all your work with the MAGCS.

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Ken Lotzer at Twin Lakes G.C. is looking for an assistant. Please call 708/934-3006. (Ken & Ed, you need to get together).

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Mike Bavier and Gordon Witteveen got together on Long Island for 4½ days in late September and played 7 different golf courses.

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The experimental test green at Cantigny Golf Club is finished and all are welcomed to come and visit. Give Tony a call so he can explain what all it is and will be able to do.

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For Sale: Foley Reel Grinder, good condition. Call Art at Pinecrest Golf Club, 708/669-3130.

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Rick Wilson, Glenview Park District Golf Course will be returfing and leveling a few tees this fall. He also likes topdressing with push spreaders using dry sand for his greens.

## Art Benson Sr., One of the Deans!

by Peter Leuzinger

Art Benson Sr., passed away on October 17, 1994 from congestive heart failure. He had a heart of gold. One of Art's trademarks was his generosity, kindness and willingness to each. He taught more than greenkeeping. For example, he always considered the current president, his best friend. He told young people getting started that, "if you want to save money, spend less than you make." He understood the planning and patience needed to grow specimen trees on a golf course. He spaced them far enough apart from each other and well away from the fairway. He loved greenkeeping and the game of golf. He felt fortunate to be making a living doing something he loved. He allowed his enthusiasm to be shared with others, especially younger people.

Art Sr., worked at 3 golf courses in his life time; all in the Fox Valley. They were Fox Valley C.C. in the 30's, Aurora C.C. in the 40's and 50's and St. Charles C.C. from 1956 to 1979, when he retired completely. He was an Honorary Member at St. Charles C.C. and one of the most respected and highly regarded individuals ever to walk the grounds.

Art was a tall, friendly Swede. He always knew who to kid or what to do if a person needed a helping hand. He was a great guy and one of our best friends.

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Bill Aiston, Lake Shore C.C. will be spending his time removing the bent from the banks of his greens and resodding with bluegrass.

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Dan Dinelli at North Shore C.C. has a new toy; a weather station that does everything except apply the chemicals when needed. It has all of the "bells & whistles" from soil moisture sensing of a green, dew, wind, humidity, air temperature at 6" and other sensing features. Also call Dan and ask what he is doing with hydrogen peroxide and black layer.

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A contribution is being donated to the American Cancer Society in the name of Terry Petric, a deceased MAGCS member. These funds are from the June meeting at Aurora C.C.

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The Dave Meyer Family did very well this past year at the local and state level, in showing their livestock. At the DuPage County Fair, Austin, 17, won Champion Steer and Champion Market Barrow Hog. Sister Kara, 13, won Champion Market Lamb, which was purchased at auction by Max Armstrong for \$485.00. Then Austin won the Grand Champion Market Drouc Hog at the State Fair and it was auctioned off and Spike O'Dell won it for \$3,100.00. Well done, kids. (See page 30 for a picture of Austin and his champion hog).

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This years College Golf Champion is being shared by two excellent turf schools — Penn State & Purdue University. There were eight teams entered this year and their order of standing is: Danville 3rd, University of Illinois 4th, Wisconsin 5th, Southern Illinois 6th, Michigan State 7th and last, Kishwaukee.