



Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

- October 3 — Pro/Superintendent at Glenview Club
- October 10 — MAGCS Meeting at Oak Brook Hills C.C.
- October 21 — MAGCS Dinner Dance, River Forest G.C.
- November 10 — Midwest Clinic and Annual Meeting at Medinah C.C.
- November 28-30 — NCTE at Pheasant Run Resort



Penn State vs. University of Illinois

Dudley Smith and Rick Wilson are putting together a bus trip to the football game in Urbana, on November 12, 1994. They are looking for both Illinois and Penn State alumni and friends to go along.

A charter bus will leave the parking lot of Silver Lake C.C. at 8:00 a.m. on the morning of Saturday, November 12. The fare will be \$50 per person and will include a game ticket, bus fare, drinks on the bus and a pre-game cookout. Be sure to wear your colors and come along for a good time. Call Dudley at 708/349-1307 or Rick Wilson at 708/729-5117 by November 1.

Mechanic Needed — Call Terry at Woodmar C.C., 219/844-0585.

Congratulations to Fernando Fernandez of Green Acres C.C. on becoming a Certified Golf Course Superintendent recently.

John Stephenson has retired from Pottawatomie Golf Course as of September 9th. John is moving back to his home town of Quincy. John, good luck on your retirement, enjoy it, for you have earned it. Luke Cella has replaced John as Superintendent. Luke has worked for John for eight years.

October 10 - Oak Brook Hills — B. Bossert, P. Taylor College Championship, 2 man scramble. A college must have at least (2) 2-man teams to qualify for the championship. Championship winner is gross scores only. Your partner must be from the same college you attended. Your team can play with another team from a different college. The winner will be the college with the lowest two team gross total. Prizes will be awarded in both gross and net. Net scores are determined averaging the two handicaps and taking 80%. There will be a non-college open division as well.

MAGCS New Golf Champions for 1994

- Gross**
 Championship Flight
 Tom Robinson 73
 Al Pondel
 Bob Kronn
 First Flight
 Mark Thibault
 Kerry Blatteau
 Jim Roberts
 Second Flight
 Paul Schaefer
 Steve Jump
 Craig Josclyn
 Third Flight
 Don Ferreri
 Jim McNair
 John Gurke
 Senior Flight
 Ken Goodman
 Keith Fuchs
 Fred Hall
 Commercial Flight
 Trent Bradford
 Charlie Brogler
 Richard Kepschire

- Net**
 Championship Flight
 Randy Wahler
 Tim Scott
 Ed Fischer
 First Flight
 Dan Anderson
 Joel Purpur
 Dave Blomquist
 Second Flight
 Steve VanAcker
 Brad Johnsen
 Jay Druhan & Bob Lively
 Third Flight
 Bob Padula
 Brad Helms
 Don Cross
 Commercial Flight
 Randy Kane



Left to right: Gross Champions — Paul Schaefer, Don Ferreri, Mark Thibault, Ken Goodman, Tom Robinson, and Trent Bradford



Left to right: Net Champions — Randy Wahler, Randy Kane, Bob Padula, Steve VanAcker, and Dan Anderson

Photos by Ray Schmitz

For Sale: Tow behind topdresser — any reasonable offer. Call Ted Mochel at Woodbine G.C., 708/301-1276.

The annual white water rafting trip by MAGCS members was exciting and the Illinois Lawn Inc. celebrating 40 years will have follow-ups in the November issue.

Fertilization — Fall and Late Fall Style

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One of the very important turf management practices during the fall is fertilization. This time of year there are many other activities which require time and attention, but fertilization must also be given priority. For many reasons, turf management practices done in the fall will have a major effect on the quality of turf the following spring. Fertilization is one of the most important.

Phosphorus and potassium in the fall

The key nutrient in fall fertilization is nitrogen. Some have suggested phosphorus and potassium are the key nutrients in fall fertilization. Certainly, these nutrients should be available to turf in adequate quantities. For example, when potassium is limiting, there is a reduction in stress tolerance. Considering the potential for low temperature injury to turf during the winter, if potassium could have an impact on reducing low temperature injury, turf managers should be sure adequate potassium is available to the turf. There is also some evidence to suggest there is an increase in susceptibility to snowmold when potassium is limiting.

To be sure there is adequate potash in the soil, use a soil test for medium and fine-textured soils. If tests suggest potash is needed, appropriate rates should be applied based on recommendation and common sense. For turfs on sands, soil tests for potassium are usually low in spite of a potash fertilization program. Regular, light applications of potash at frequent intervals (spoon feeding) should be made on sandy soils, particularly on sand greens.

When late fall fertilization is practiced, some potash should also be applied along with the nitrogen. On sands, use equal quantities of nitrogen and potash, if needed based on soil test recommendations, phosphorus can be applied in the fall fertility program as well, normally in a complete fertilizer. Seldom is phosphorus limiting on turf. An exception is when no phosphorus has been applied and clippings are routinely removed. Another potential exception is on sand greens. Sands have little capacity to hold phosphate. We have seen several cases of phosphorus deficiency on sand greens, more commonly on new greens, but also on older greens where no phosphorus has been applied for some time. Soil tests must be used to determine need for phosphorus.

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Fall Nitrogen

For cool season grasses, both fall and late fall fertilization should be considered. Fall fertilization is best done during September, preferably early in the month. With the weather changes in late summer, the shorter days, cooler nights and more rainfall cause the turf plant to grow less rapid vertically

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President, Alan Fierst calling the September MAGCS meeting to order at Seven Bridges G.C.



Host Superintendent and Arrangements Chairman, Don Ferreri, presenting Joel Purpur an award for 2nd place in the first flight, net division.

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