

Super 'N' Site Profile

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The host of the September MAGCS meeting which also serves as our annual golf championship is Don Ferreri and the Seven Bridges Golf Club. Seven Bridges is a Dick Nugent designed course constructed in 1989 on the former site of Woodridge Golf Club using the rolling hills and established mature trees to create a sense of maturity to a new course. The course also incorporates the large storm water management system in Dupage County with an additional 40 acres of wetlands on the site. The course was completed in 1991 and is host to the annual Michael Jordan/Ronald McDonald Celebrity Golf Classic (awfully long name, isn't it?), broadcast nationally by NBC.



Don is a western suburb native graduating from Naperville North High School and then Joliet Junior College with an Associates of Arts and Science in Horticulture. He worked with Roger Stewart at Riverside C.C. and then at Butterfield C.C. with Art Benson for 7 years. He came to Seven Bridges in 1987 when the project was being developed and was instrumental in the overall design concepts of the facility. The course lulls you to sleep on the front nine and then reaches out and grabs you on 10,11,12 — it never ends — the whole back nine was a nightmare for me. I needed a boat to get to my ball most of the time.

Don is married to Geri and has three daughters; Brenda 12, Bridget 8, and Brittany 5. He lives in Naperville and is active coaching soccer and softball with his children. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the M.A.G.C.S. Sharpen up your game for this year's championship — you'll need it for this course.

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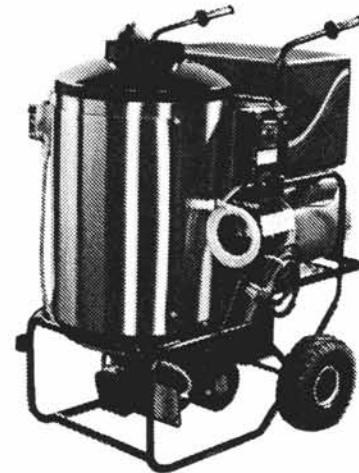
by Dave Wehner

The most enjoyable aspect of any job is meeting and working with people. Since coming to Illinois 14 years ago, I have become friends with many of the MAGCS members and also had the opportunity to work with some excellent students. The support provided by the MAGCS has been fantastic, from participation in the NCTE and golf days to donations of equipment and supplies. Thus, it is with some sadness that I must announce that I will be leaving the University of Illinois to take a position as Head, Environmental Horticultural Science Department, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, California.

As you progress through life, you sometimes recognize that there are different challenges that interest and excite you. The chance to develop a new golf course, make major improvements in an older course, or to become an owner/operator are examples of challenges that might excite an experienced superintendent.

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