

Super 'N' Site Profile

by Kerry Blatteau, CGCS
MAGCS Public Relations Committee

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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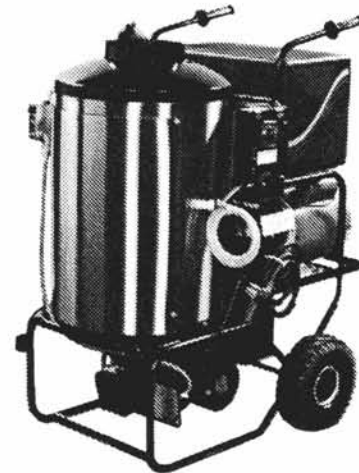
by Dave Wehner

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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Over the past few years, I have become interested in being in a leadership position where there is responsibility for making decisions, developing new programs, and charting new directions. The position at Cal Poly will allow me to do these things and continue to teach turfgrass management students.

Cal Poly has about 15,000 undergraduates with 275 students in the horticulture. This contrasts with the U. of I. with 26,000 undergraduates and 100 students in horticulture. The campus is located in San Luis Obispo which is halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles and about 12 miles from the Pacific Ocean. Cool season turfgrasses remain green year round as long as there is irrigation over the summer.

My current plans are to start at Cal Poly on November 1, 1994. I will be coming back to the NCTE in late November and hope to see many of you then. Also, Cal Poly will have a booth at the CCSAA show in San Francisco. Please stop in and visit.

Dr. Tony Endress, Head of the Department of Horticulture has indicated that the Department will seek to refill my position. I know that you will assist and support whomever is hired.

I want to thank all of you for making my stay so rewarding. I will always have warm memories of the turfgrass industry in Illinois.

Penn State Vintage Equipment List

Wanted: Vintage Turf Equipment — Back in July this was in the "Midwest Breezes" and I asked for a list of what has been donated. The following is what George Hamilton sent me:

Turfarator — Green piece of equipment, donated by Pine Valley, made in New Jersey.

Lawn Aerifier — Silver with red arrow. Tom Mascaro's.

Darmell Tee Seeder?

Ryan's OK Seeder

Gandys Spreader

The aerifier was invented by Tom Mascaro and donated to the Turf Museum by Pine Valley Golf Club. Mascaro said could purchase springs from Hahn Co.

Wheelbarrow Seeder — Donated by Allegheny Country Club. The red wheelbarrow seeder is older than the green one. Buch Manufacturing was a wheelbarrow company that made wooden rollers.

Divot cutter — for tees. No comment.

Hand Push Mowers — No comment.

Del Monte Rake — Made by Toro and designed by someone at Stanford University in 1950.

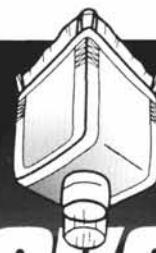
Toro Silver Flash — No comment.

Foot Press Plugger — No comment.

West Point Battery Powered Mower — Invented by Tom Mascaro, two speed. Designed to have quieter mowers to operate in the early hours on the golf courses so as not to disturb the sleeping guests. Mascaro said he branched out and designed it for the homeowners. Took them to New York to sell and sold 8,000 the first day. After a while none of them worked because of the batteries. The battery company used \$80,000 of his money and developed the battery that was used in the mower but it was a terrible battery. Mr. Mascaro closed the company.

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