



Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

May 8 — Joint Association meeting at Eagle Ridge Resort

June 19 — MAGCS meeting at River Forest G.C.

July 11 — Steeplechase G.C.

July 24 — John Deere Golf Tournament at Orchard Valley G.C.

August 5 — MAGCS Family Picnic and ball game, Kane County Cougars.

August 21 — MAGCS meeting at Hughes Creek G.C.

September 25 — MAGCS meeting at Prairie Landing G.C.

October 12 — MAGCS meeting at Sportsman G.C.

November 9 — MAGCS Clinic & Annual meeting at Medinah C.C.

November 27-29 — NCTE at Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, IL

Assistants are needed at: Broken Arrow G.C. Call Dale Morrison at 708/927-4788. Also Dan Tully at the Illinois Center Golf, in downtown Chicago, is looking for an assistant. Call 312/616-1234.

Congratulations to Mark Stepen, the new Superintendent at Rob Roy Golf Club. Mark was the assistant at Poplar Creek G.C.

There are only three (3), count them, only 3 months left to enter an article for the "Ray Gerber Editorial Award". July 10th is the deadline for the last issue (August) to be counted for this year's award.

For Sale: Naiad Infector Pump. Never used, make an offer. Contact John Otis at 708/674-1510.

For Sale: Lely 2500 fertilizer spreader, Cushman Topdresser spreader, 25-808 Rainbird quick couple sprinkler heads, several Kohler 532 engines & parts and a set of 5-10 blade reels for a Jacobsen HF5. Call Dick Trevarthan at 815/469-5903.

The CDGA Green Seminar in March was once again excellent. The topic on "spikeless golf shoes" drew a lot of questions from the floor. That is always a good sign that the audience was interested and a very appropriate topic to discuss.

The March MAGCS Educational meeting was outstanding. Rich Rollins talk on "Aquascape Maintenance" is something that everyone needed who has any water on their course. His slides of the various weeds and algae that plague our ponds and lakes were very educational. Andrew Montoney, of the U.S. Department of Agriculture gave a very lively and informative talk on nuisance wildlife, mostly geese, that have taken up residence on most golf courses. He also had a very thorough handout package that covered his talk and forms to fill out to apply for a nuisance geese permit.

Dr. Jim Murphy, from Rutgers University, talk on aerification practices was also excellent when you consider the "mix" of the audience. Dr. Murphy stressed that the water injection machine was just another tool and was not the whole answer as some golfers may want to believe.

Congratulations to Scott Witte who is the new Superintendent at Cantigny Golf Club. Scott has been the assistant to Mark Bobb at Barrington Hills C.C.

Ted Fist is the new assistant to Tommy Witt at Wynstone Golf Club. Ted comes from Lexington, Kentucky.

Lucille J. Adank, mother of the late Jerry Adank passed away on March 17th in Valparaiso, Indiana at the age of 95.

Jerry, the very popular, long time Illinois Lawn Equipment representative, was well known for stopping to visit his customers on weekends and evenings. He often took his mother along these visits and many of his customers got to know and like her.

Position Announcement

Golf Course Superintendent — Midlothian Country Club. Available January 1, 1996, possibly earlier. Private, 18 hole facility. Requirements: Prefer Bachelor's Degree in agronomy or horticulture with at least five years experience as Golf Course Superintendent or Assistant of a midwestern golf club. Holding designation of CGCS is a positive. Responsible to General Manager. Send resume ASAP to: John E. Barry, Midlothian Country Club, Midlothian, IL 60445.

NOTICE: At the last Board of Directors meeting they have passed a motion to send all future copies of our newsletter, **The Bull Sheet** by Third Class mail. This will save our newsletter costs upwards of \$425 per month. All future MAGCS meeting announcements will be sent out separately by First Class mail.

WANTED: Jacobsen G-10 Tractors; Jacobsen Fairway Mowers & Frames. Call Ron at 815/468-3438.

(Midwest Breezes continued)

Job Description Staff Newsletter Writer

Prerequisites:

1. Some journalistic background.
2. Photographic skills and equipment.
3. Self-motivated, eager; positive attitude.

Responsibilities:

1. Directly responsible to Newsletter Editor.
2. Must provide a minimum of six (6) interviews/articles per year.
3. Provide photographs/graphics to accompany articles when appropriate.
4. Provide monthly items for the "Midwest Breezes" page.
5. Must provide and/or assist in photography of MAGCS events, speakers, and functions; and any other material pertinent to same as deemed necessary by Editor.
6. Will assist in editing, layout, solicitation of advertisers, and facilitation of efficient, timely publications of the newsletter.

The position of Staff Writer should be someone who is familiar with the golf course industry. We would like to have this person take an active part in our association. This will be a paid position, per article written. Applicants should send their resume to: Fred Opperman, Editor, **The Bull Sheet**, 810 Greenwood Avenue, Carpentersville, IL 60110.

Distributor of the Year — 1994

Sprinkler Irrigation Co. of East Peoria, IL was awarded Distributor of the Year for 1994 by Rain Bird Golf Sales of Glendora, CA during award ceremonies held in San Francisco on February 23, 1995. Rain Bird distributors nationally and internationally were gathered together to attend the Golf Course Superintendent's Association of America's 66th International Golf Course Conference and Show.

Also awarded to Sprinkler Irrigation, for the 8th year in a row was Rain Bird's TOP FLIGHT Award based on commitment to Golf Sales. These commitments included such items as inventory, number of sales and service personnel, and training seminars.

Sprinkler Irrigation is the Rain Bird Golf Distributor for the Central and Northern Illinois, Eastern Iowa and 3 counties in Indiana. Sprinkler Irrigation is also proudly celebrating its 40th anniversary in 1995.

Golf course mechanic position is open at Mission Hills C.C., Northbrook, IL. Call 708/498-3212. Needs to be experienced in all aspects of golf course equipment. We offer top pay and excellent benefits. For more information, contact Lorie Kjergaard, Supt.

Don Ferreri, Superintendent at Seven Bridges Golf Club got a nice write up as a feature article in the April 1995 issue of "Turf Central". Good "PR" for Don and all Superintendents.

Where is he now? Marty Baumann is now the owner of "The Enchanted Florist" on Northwest Highway, in Fox River Grove. He and his wife, Toni, opened the business in December of 1993. Marty wrote many articles on safety for our newsletter when he was a Superintendent. His phone number is 708/516-3600.

James A. Burge is looking for an assistants position. Call him at 708/232-2841 (home). Or call the Editor and he will Fax his resume to you. 708/428-5009.

The Johnson's Take First Place

by Dave Schlagetter

The Johnson's, our local Superintendent Ice Hockey Team, has completed another successful season by finishing with a 13-1-1 record and taking first place at the Seven Bridges Ice Arena. The Seven Bridges Arena is a new facility in Woodridge. Don Ferreri had the ice rolling at 10'6" every evening, but what about all those spike marks?

Superintendents and assistants involved this season include: Dave Blomquist (Naperville C.C.), Kevin Deroo (Bartlett Hills G.C.), John Gurke (Aurora C.C.), John Otis (Skokie Park District), Joel Purpur (River Forest G.C.), Dave Schlagetter (Indian Hill), Matt Springer (Sunset Ridge G.C.). Missing in Action award goes to Jim Evans who is still trying to get into shape.

Season long the Superintendents overwhelmed the opposition. Even going so far as to reschedule a game to attend a now famous bachelor party and then drubbing the cooperating team, after midnight on a Tuesday evening. Newly acquired free agent John Otis was lured out of retirement after ten years off the ice. Let us see if Michael Jordan can retire and then play in the same shoes ten years later, but John makes his high school equipment look good. Matt Springer led the league for the fourth straight season at overskating the puck. John Gurke finally learned how to clear his nostrils "with no hands", next time he'll try it without falling on his rear. Joel Purpur became familiar with the phrase "HELP"! as Dave Blomquist yelled it several times a game, trying to get back to his defensive partner. Kevin Deroo led the team in style points for falling down after goals. Dave Schlagetter was last seen going back to San Francisco, because "I was much faster before all that food and drink at the Show".

We would all like to thank Nels J. Johnson Tree Experts and Layne Western for their generosity in supporting our late night escapades, or was it ice capades. The next time someone tries to get your business, ask them if they support our associations and activities. Also, the next time Joel Johnson stops by, ask him about his son Eric. Eric walked onto the University of New Hampshire Hockey Team last year and is now one of the top four defensemen on the sixth best collegiate team in the nation. Joel is quite the proud father.