



Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

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

October 12 — MAGCS meeting at Sportsman G.C.

October 14—MAGCS Fall Dinner Dance at Aurora C.C.

October 16 — Northern Illinois Golf Day at Midlothian & Beverly C.C.

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

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

February 5-11, 1996 — GCSAA 67th Conference & Show, Orlando, FL

Mike Vukmir at Maple Meadows will be starting 9 new holes this coming month. Maple Meadows, a DuPage Forest Preserve golf course are remodeling their courses. They plan to redo most of the course over the next few years.

Art Benson has decided to hang it up. Art will be retiring on September 28, 1995. He has worked at Butterfield C.C. for 31 years. Art will be retained as the consultant for the 1996 season. Mike Vercautren, the assistant to Art for the past few years will take over as the Superintendent. Congratulations Mike on your new position.

Don Altman at Forest Hills in Rockford reports that he will be rebuilding the 15th & 16th tees this fall. Don also plans to seed some rough areas into wild flowers.

Ed Fischer of Old Elm will be building 8 forward tees this fall. The average tee size will be about 1500 square feet.

Tony Rzadzki sends his new phone number for all of his friends to call: 414/367-9953.

For Sale: Toro GM3, "used but not abused". Call Mel or Mike at Inverness G.C., 708/358-7030.

For Sale: A chemical spray business has been sold and miscellaneous sprayer, hoses, electrical reels, poly tanks, pumps, meters, fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, Steiner 4 wheel drive 20 hp tractor with Dedoes aerifier attached; 2 Jacobsen slitseeders; portable secondary containment units. All must go! Best offer buys. Call 708/744-6710.

Dave Behrman of Riverside G.C. on August 9th had reconstructive surgery done to correct a sleep apnea condition. Dave has a story to tell about this problem, give him a call.

Dave Behrman will be rebuilding his multi-level practice tee this fall into one level and converting it to all bent.

Kane County Cougars Outing: Despite several no-shows, 100 people turned out for the annual outing on Saturday, August 5th. Good food, plenty of beer and a Cougar shutout were enjoyed by all. All of the kids in the crowd were treated to games (now people other than his wife Sue have seen Ed Braunsky wrapped in toilet paper), prizes and more candy than their pockets could hold. Accurate Tank Testing and Chicago Turf Irrigation sponsored the event.

Congratulations to Mike Vilendrer on being named Superintendent of White Mountain Golf club in Tinley Park. (which follows with another of those lovely mid-season job openings)

Fred Behnke at the Mt. Prospect Golf Club is looking for an Assistant Superintendent. This position is full-time salaried, with an outstanding benefit package. Call Fred at (708) 632-9331 or mail your resume to Mt. Prospect Park District, 411 S. Maple St., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056.

Mark Felton has joined Huber Ranch Sod Nursery, Inc. as a sales representative for the Chicago and northwest Indiana region. Mark has had 20 years experience in golf course construction, maintenance and operations. He has been involved in golf courses from Texas to Pennsylvania, Florida and Indiana. He has held positions with the PGA Tour in Florida and most recently at Sand Creek Country Club in Chesterton, Indiana.

Thank You Sponsors

Have you hugged a monthly meeting sponsor lately? Sponsorship at our meetings is up over 50% this year, making the golf more affordable for everyone. For about \$50, a golfer at a MAGCS meeting is treated to two meals, a great round of golf, a short educational program and has a pretty fair chance of walking away with a prize. That's a good deal any way you look at it. As it stands now, these are the good people who deserve a thank you.

April Mt. Prospect G.C.

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July 9 Steeple Chase G.C.

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Kane County Cougars Outing

Accurate Tank Testing
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August Hughes Creek G.C.

Arthur Clesen, Inc.
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September Prairie Landing G.C.

BOJO Turf Supply
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Hendricksen, The Care of Trees
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Turf Products

October Sportsman's C.C.

Anton's Greenhouse
Arthur Clesen, Inc.
Illinois Lawn Equipment
J.W. Turf
Nadler Golf Car Sales/Club Car

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Ultimately, of course, Dan prefers a permanent solution; regrass greens with more viable creeping bent. Subsequent to the July 13 crisis, notes Dan, "the Poa annua lost its roots, but the bent still had roots to the bottom of the cups." Science corroborates Dan's anecdotal evidence. "At higher soil temperatures (75 to 85 degrees Fahrenheit) creeping bentgrass has a distinct competitive advantage over annual bluegrass" is the consensus among plant pathologists.

While regrassing is expensive in the short term, in the long term Dan believes bentgrass greens are more cost-effective. "Keeping Poa annua alive in summers like this isn't much fun and it is costly", says Dan. "We feel confident that good golfers will like putting on the new upright bents and we will enjoy managing the bent."

Sounds like a win-win situation, which is more than can be said about how Poa annua stacked up to creeping bent during the steamy summer of '95.

Team Wins Local Golf Tournament Qualifies for International Funds

The La Grange Country Club team, La Grange, IL, recently won the John Deere local golf tournament held July 24, 1995 at the Orchard Valley Golf Club, Aurora, IL. The tournament was sponsored by John Deere Golf and Turf Products distributor J.W. Turf, Inc. with locations in Hampshire, IL and Pewaukee, WI.

The La Grange Country Club team, one of 43 teams competing, qualifies for a spot in the ninth annual John Deere Team Championship Golf Tournament, to be held at the Wild Wing Plantation, in Myrtle Beach, SC, October 26-28, 1995.

Members of the La Grange Country Club team are Victor Whipp, PGA Professional; Robert Kronn, Club Superintendent; Robert Nelson, Club Manager; and Richard Crain, Club President.

Teams from across the United States and Canada, winners of their respective John Deere local golf tournaments, advance to the tournament finals. The winning team will be joined for the tournament finals by a representative from J.W. Turf, Inc., the John Deere Golf and Turf Products distributor who sponsored the local tournament.

John Deere contributes \$20 to the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) Foundation (formerly GCSAA Scholarship & Research) for each of the teams competing at the local tournament. John Deere has contributed nearly \$100,000 since the tournament's inception in 1987.

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(Midwest Breezes continued)

For Sale: John Deere 162 PTO Vacuum, 2 yrs. old, \$5000 or Best Offer. Call Wayne DeYoung, 815/435-2314.

The August MAGCS meeting at Hughes Creek G.C., hosted by Dave Meyer & family was a huge success, with over a 100 for golf and dinner. The weather was finally comfortable after weeks and weeks of heat & humidity. Randy Kane and supporting cast from the U of I (Hank & Tom) gave a very serious update on the amount of turf loss in the area. "Poa, what Poa? For it hardly exists any more." One of the more serious questions put before Randy was if there was any correlation between nematodes, Aids and the poor turf quality ...

The August meeting was also the golf tournament for our Seniors. The Senior Champion for 1995 is Ken Goodman of Bull Valley G.C.

The final entries for the name change of **The Bull Sheet** was whittled down by the Editorial Committee, from over a 100 name suggestions to the five listed here: "Windy City Turf," "Midwest Breezes," "On The Green," "Modern Links," "On Course." The MAGCS Board of Directors will vote to choose the final title.

This was a very successful year at the DuPage County Fair for the Dave Meyer family. Kara Meyer had Grand Champion Market Lamb, Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb, Grand Champion Pen of Market Lambs, Grand Champion Pen of Market Barrows, and Reserve Grand Champion Market Gilt. Kara was also Senior Sheep Showman. Her brother, Austin, at the DuPage Fair received Grand Champion Market Gilt, Grand Champion Pen of Market Gilts, and Reserve Grand Champion Barrow. At the Illinois Fair, Austin received Grand Champion Hampshire Barrow in the Jr. Show and the Open Show. Plus Reserve Grand Champion Barrow Land of Lincoln Breeders Award. This was the second year Austin was able to sell his hogs at the Sale of Champions at the Illinois Fair. The money earned is going toward his first year at college this fall.

NECROLOGY

It is with a deep sense of loss that we announce the deaths of: John Hansen who passed away on August 16th. John was Tom Savage's father-in-law. On August 15th, Ron Doruff's mother passed away.

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GCSAA to Sponsor Environmental Program for Children

Schoolchildren will soon be able to learn about nature from such things as bird feeding stations, nature trails and wildlife gardens, thanks to the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's (GCSAA) sponsorship of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Schools.

The Audubon Society of New York State will administer the program with help from GCSAA. The GCSAA Board of Directors recently authorized sponsorship of the program, designed to teach elementary and secondary schoolchildren about the environment. GCSAA will provide financial support as well as professional services such as developing videos and training materials.

The purpose of the program is to teach students about nature, wildlife, water and waste. The children learn by participating in hands-on habitat enhancement and conservation projects in the classroom and on the school grounds.

GCSAA President Gary Grigg, CGCS, said he is pleased with GCSAA's involvement with the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Schools: "GCSAA is very proud to sponsor a program that brings schools and golf courses together to teach the benefits of good environmental practices. We believe this program will help students understand the importance of greenspaces such as golf courses in their communities," Grigg said.