

Greg Thalmann -N- Fox Run Golf Links


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Our host for the August 12 MAGCS meeting will be Greg Thalmann, whose Fox Run Golf Links will challenge our golfing prowess and abilities. Greg graduated from Western Illinois University in 1973 with a B.A. in Fine Arts. From there, he went to work with his father's landscape company until 1979 when he became Ken Goodman's assistant at Mt. Prospect C.C. Greg followed Kenny to Green Acres and remained until 1983 when he was hired by the Elk Grove Park District to assist in the construction of Fox Run. When then Superintendent Ed Braunsky, Sr., passed away in the fall of '83, Greg was offered the job and has been there ever since.




The course is public and averages 45,000 to 47,000 rounds annually. With greens averaging 6,200 square feet and ample teeing space, he finds himself in a fine position to handle the amount of play. Greg's main problem is location—the course is on a flood plain which forces closure for a day or two after each rain of over three-quarters to one inch.

On the personal front, Greg has been married to Trudi for 23 years, and they have three children: Sarah, 18, and a recent high school graduate; Nathan, 16; and Abby, 14. We all owe Greg Thalmann a pat on the back for hosting this meeting in the toughest month of the season. I hope to see a big turnout! ■

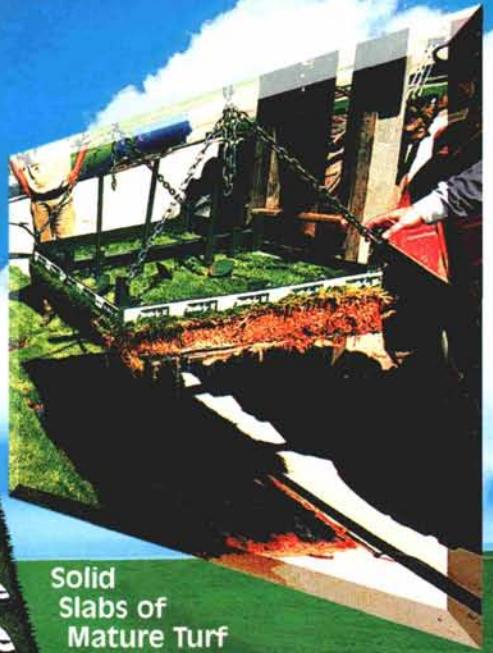
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