

If you thought that you may have recognized someone shoveling snow up in the stands at the Penn State vs Michigan football game, you did. it was John Berarducci shoveling out 19" of snow at Beaver Stadium at "Happy Valley".

Medinah Country Club will be the host for the 1999 PGA Tournament. It will be the Second week of August. Lets hope the summer of 1999 won't be like the summer of 1995,

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For Sale: 2 Jacobson 7 gang units, good condition both come with spare reels - \$2,000 each or best offer. Call Dan or Lynn with City of Aurora at 708/898-7228

Remember some telephone area codes are changing to 847 from 708 on January 20. This newsletter is one of them.

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American Golf purchased Ruffled Feathers G.C. on october 24, 1995. Dan Albaugh is the superintendent.

For Sale: 1994 Toro Reelmaster 4500-D, 5 gang hydraulic mower, 4 wheel drive, 5 bladed reels and wiehle rollers. Comes with 2 extra cutting -units included. Excellent condition, only 928 hours. Asking \$32,500. Call Marc Davison at 414/339-4640

Wanted: Jacobsen F-10 Diesel Tractor and Jacobsen Fairway units, any condition. Call Ron at 815/468-3438 Mark Callahan at the Golf Club of Illinois built a new 6M square foot practice putting green and sodded it with washed Penncross sod. Also they started to build concrete cart paths from tee to green on all holes. Like many others the wet weather put an early stop to that construction.

Necrology It is with a deep sense of loss that we announce the death on November 13th of the father of Henry Michna.



President Don Cross (on the right) presenting John Lebedevs with a plaque for service on the Board of Directors as the Commercial Representative at the Annual meeting, November 9, 1995.

Dudley Smith arrives for golf at Midlothian C.C. in his 1928 model A Ford for the ITF Golf Day.



Jim Johns at Northmoor C.C. has been kept busy this past, fall by building 3 new target greens, 2 bunkers, fairway and all new irrigation system for his practice driving range. On top of all that, all 27 green banks were resodded with bluegrass.

..... Dale Morrison of GreenVisions Golf reports the completion of all grassing on Broken Arrow G.C. in Lockport. The first nine ("C" Course) opened August '95. The second nine ("B" Course) is planned to open in the Spring of '96. The "A" Course is the first of its type in the Chicagoland area with double concept greens. The average green size per hole is 12,500 square feet, with deep bunkering on this course. Lohmann Golf Design was the architect. Plus the 3 hole remodeling at Sunset Valley in Highland Park, also designed by Lohmann Golf Design.

Paul Voykin reports on the visit of Lt. Colonel Paracha, Budget Director for the Pakistan Army visited his course in late October. Colonel Paracha is in charge of maintenance of a 18 hole Pakistan army golf course. There are only about 20 courses in Pakistan, 15 are military and only 5 are private. The greens are mowed by push mowers - done by the army privates and the course is hand weeded by the soldiers. When the monsoons come the water can get to be 10 feet deep and all the critters from snakes to cows float by.



Colonel Paracha on the left and Paul Voykin at Briarwood C.C.

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## **GCSAA Joins Pesticide** Partnership Program

he Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) has announced it will participate in the federal government's new Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program. Under the program, GCSAA will work in partnership with the United States Environmental Protection? Agency (EPA), the Department of Agriculture and the U.S. food and Drug Administration to develop a strategy that further reduces risks from the use of pesticides on golf courses.

"We are absolutely committed to using responsible management practices that pose little, if any, environmental risk," said GCSAA President Gary Grigg, CGCS. "Through this partnership, we'll be able to work with the leading federal authorities to find new and innovative ways to use pesticides effectively and safely and to minimize any potential harm to people, wildlife and the environment."

The stewardship program is the first under a commitment made by the three agencies before the U.S. House of Representatives in September 1993. The program commits the agencies to work jointly with pesticide user groups.

In a news release announcing the pesticide initiative, Carol M. Browner, EPA Administrator, said, "I congratulate the companies and grower groups that are joining with us for their forwardthinking approach to environmentally sound pesticide use practices and look forward to seeing others follow their lead." The EPA's Anne Leslie, who will coordinate GCSAA's strategy development, said, "We are very pleased that GCSAA has joined our Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program, and I look forward to working with this professional organization in developing their strategy."

The framework for the strategy emphasizes education, training, research and continued development, and careful use of pest control products that pose risks. According to Leslie, superintendents are already doing many things very well, "GCSAA has already demonstrated a commitment to educate their members in less risky pest control methods by initiating an IPM curriculum as a part of their certification program. GCSAA has also established its own Environmental Stewardship Awards program, which highlights the efforts of individual superintendents to reduce the risk of pesticides to the environment. A large number of superintendents have enthusiastically adopted the New York Audubon Society's Cooperative Sanctuary Program, which is an important part of this," she said.

Plans call for the strategy to be developed in 1995 and announced during the Environmental General Session of the GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show next February in Orlando, FL.

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Michael Hubbard of Hidden Meadows G.C., Park Forest and his crew were busy with a project designed by Mike Schulz Golf Designs this past summer. They rebuilt all 9 greens, practice green, and all 18 tees on their old "South Course." All of the disturbed areas were resodded to get the course back into play as soon as possible in '96. The mass grading work on the project was done by Jack Uthe, of Premiere Soils.

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Verlyn Strellner of Glencoe G.C. has had a Toro LTC irrigation system installed this past summer. It has put in by Halloran & Yauch, Inc. Also installed was one of the first commercial pump stations with variable drive.

Second assistant/Foreman-Needed at Hillcrest Country Club Long Grove, IL. Must have or acquire IL. pesticide license by April 30, 1996. Position opens March 15, with housing available. Contact George Ott at (708)540-5146.

Pete Mirkes of Pheasant Run is looking for a spray technician foreman. Please call 708-584-6300 ext.7631.



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