

the Bull Sheet

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 29 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Klein Creek G.C.

May 6 — ITF combined golf day at Panther Creek C.C. and Illini C.C. in Springfield, IL.

June 11 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Odyssey G.C.

July 16 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Heritage Bluffs.

July 22 — 1996 John Deere Team Championship at Bull Valley G.C.

July 30 — Midwest Regional Turf Field Day at West Lafayette.

August 12 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Fox Run Golf Links.

August 21 — University of Illinois Field Day, Urbana.

August 23 — Family picnic and Kane County Cougars baseball.

September — MAGCS monthly meeting at Skokie C.C.

October 8 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Bryn Mawr C.C.

November 19-21 — Three-day Turfgrass and Ornamental Seminar at Purdue.

Jim McNair of Orchard Valley had a nice little project in late March. An outside landscape crew was hired to dig around his 1,800 trees on the course and place a

6- to 8-foot ring of shredded bark mulch around the trees. It took this crew about 7 working days to complete the task. The crew also planted 65 new trees.

Kathy and Mike Sauls are the proud parents of a baby boy. Thomas Michael was born February 27, 1996, and weighed in at 7 lbs. 10 oz.

Assistant needed at Kankakee C.C. Call Greg Coyne at 815-933-2548.

Congratulations to Dan Nielsen who is the new superintendent at the Golf Club of Illinois. Dan was the assistant to Brad Anderson at Midlane G.C.

Assistant needed now at Midlane, C.C., Wadsworth, IL. Send resume to Brad Anderson, Midlane C.C., 14565 Yorkhouse Rd., Wadsworth, IL 60083.

Laura and Gary Schweber, along with Josh, age 4, welcomed baby sister, Nicole Caitlin, into their family on March 19, 1996. Nicole weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 21 in. long.

Illinois Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Environmental Programs, has been calling on some courses to see if they have rinsesate pads and where and how their chemicals are stored. Plus licenses are asked to be seen.

For Sale: 1992 Brower 3-gang. Asking \$3,000 with some spare parts available. Call Bob Rigney at 708-739-8050.

Congratulations to Mike Mumper, the new superintendent at Ravisloe C.C. Mike was the assistant to Don Cross at Skokie C.C.

The newest certified superintendent is Kevin Knudson of Settlers Hill G.C. Kevin has been the superintendent at Settlers Hill since 1991. Congratulations!

A very nice PR piece was in the Chicago Tribune on Monday, April 1, 1996, on the local golf courses that have been certified with the Audubon Society. The article written by LeAnn Spencer went on to mention Aurora C.C., Cantigny G.C., Countryside G.C., Ivanhoe Club, Olympia Fields C.C., and Village Links of Glen Ellyn. The article had a color picture of Eric Foerster of Ivanhoe Club doing a control burn and one of Rich Niemi building birdhouses. The article was somewhat misquoted in stating that the Ivanhoe Club cut their pesticide use by 90%. It should have read that they cut their insecticide use by 90%. Good article.

For Sale: Sixteen #808 Impact sprinklers @ \$40 ea.; five Buckner part circle sprinklers @ \$120 ea.; eighty-four Weather Matic K70F; twenty Lesco green ball washers @ \$20 ea.; two 50 HP Jacuzzi Pumps, \$1,500 ea., rebuilt 2 years ago; two 6" Ames valves @ \$800 ea., used two seasons; four Lesco Triplex with Kohler 18 HP Magum and numerous Lesco and Jacobson eight-blade reels and rollers. For prices for the last items, call Bob or Merl at 708-672-4390 or fax at 708-672-6660.

I've noticed some vanity plates on the cars and trucks in our industry. Please send me yours, and in a later issue, I'll list them. At the present, I have seen:

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"CGCS," "TURF," "TREES," "PUTT 3," and "SUPT 1." Let me know who you are that have these plates or any others that say what we do.

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Tod Hopphan is the new assistant at Eagle Brook C.C. Congratulations, Tod.

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Mechanic is needed at Woodmar C.C. Call Terry Dillner at 219-844-0330.

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Wanted: 36" walk-behind rotary mower. Call Mike Mumper, 708-957-6652.

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Mechanic and spray technician needed at Calumet C.C. Call Jack McCormick at 708-246-0278.

Pythium Root Diseases and Summer Decline Phenomena

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not found consistent activity of *Pythium* or *Rhizoctonia*. More often, we find ectotrophic patch disease fungi such as *Magnaporthe*, *Gaeumannomyces*, and *Phialophora* spp. which could be a major predisposing factor for *Poa annua* summer decline. Also, several fungicide trials involving *Poa annua* summer survival have been conducted, and Aliette/Fore and other *Pythium* related treatments did not save the *Poa*. Experiences of several superintendents in the Midwest during 1995 support these research findings.

Interestingly enough, there are a couple of fungicides which appear to stop *Poa* decline, even in 1995. Heritage (azoxystrobin, ICIA5504) is a derivative of a naturally-occurring fungicide that is very active against patch diseases, *Rhizoctonia* and other basidiomycetes, plus *Pythium* blight. Lynx (tebuconazole, HWG 1608) is an experimental DMI that has good activity on root diseases and appears to reduce *Poa* decline in field tests. It looks like Aliette/Fore is not the answer for *Poa* decline, but there may yet be an answer; STAY TUNED... ■



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