Bull Sheet

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 7 — MAGCS Clinic and Annual Meeting at Butterfield C.C. November 12-14 - Penn State Turf Conference at State College, PA. November 16 - MAGCS Dinner Dance at Aurora C.C. November 19-21 - Threeday Turfgrass and Ornamental Seminar at Purdue. December 3-5 - NCTE at Pheasant Run Resort & Golf. February 6-12 - GCSAA Conference in Las Vegas, NV. February 25 - GCSAA Seminar "Prevention Maintenance of Equipment" at Seven Bridges G.C. April -MAGCS monthly meeting at Mt. Prospect G.C. June 2 - MAGCS monthly meeting at Rolling Green C.C. July 7 - MAGCS monthly meeting at Orchard Valley G.C. September 22 - MAGCS monthly meeting at Ruffled Feathers G.C.

The Board of Directors at their October board meeting, passed the resolution that at all future golf outings, only spikeless golf shoes are to be worn.

For Sale: Lesco 500 with 1,600 hours, \$900. Good condition, call Glen Peters at Sunset Ridge C.C., 847-446-5268.

Mike Vercautren at Butterfield C.C. is busy this fall with a new triple-row Toro LTC radio control irrigation system being installed on his 27 holes. A new pump station is also included. He has also built a 4,000 sq. ft. nursery and four new tees. No wonder he wasn't home when I called his home one evening at 6 p.m. to check on the cover photo of this month's magazine.

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Peter Leuzinger at the Ivanhoe Club reports that they are widening the 1st hole to about double of what it was on the Prairie course and moving the cart path to accommodate the width. On the Marsh 5th hole, three new fairway bunkers are being built and the green will be recontoured, plus they are bringing the lake closer into the green. Paving will be done to 2,000 ft. of cart paths. Pete also reports that his bird houses this year fledged 81 tree swallows and 36 bluebirds.

Craig Joscelyn of Deerpath G. C. is building three new tees and also is installing a "Nova" tee. Sales rep wanted; knowledge/experience with golf courses is needed. Call Arthur Clesen, Inc., 847-537-2177.

Congratulations to Parin Schmidt, the new golf course superintendent at Stonebridge G.C. who replaces Roger Stewart who left for New Jersey.

Marilyn and Jim Burdett are proud grandparents once again. But after six grandsons, a granddaughter finally appeared on August 1, 1996. Jessie Kathryn Burdett, born to Julie and Dan Burdett, weighed

7 lbs. 6 oz.

For Sale: One 1994 National Tri-Plex 84" with 16 HP V-Twin Vanguard engine. Only 333 hours; not used in '96, \$5,000. Dedoes fairway aerifier with electric lift kit; works great, best offer. Honda ES 6500 generator 120/240, like new, \$1,000. 100 yellow fiberglass bunker rakes at \$2 ea. 45 Buckner #1330 brass sprinkler heads, \$15 each. 18 Rico flag poles, 7 ft., white with red stripe; never used, best offer. Call Bob Lively at Mc Henry C. C., 815-385-0635.

Don Altman at Forest Hills C.C. is into a major project with the city of Love Park. The city is paying for the building of three retention ponds with a total area of close to 6 acres. All of the excavated material is being used on the property to build a 18,000 sq. ft. practice tee, three target greens, four new tees, and various mounding around the course. New and improved blacktop paths are also being built.

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Twins are busting out all over! Brenda and Tom Hildreth (assistant at Twin Orchard) were blessed on September 10 with Chad Thomas, 6 lbs. 5 oz., and with Katie Emma at 5 lbs. 5 oz. Four-year-old Nicholas will be sharing his toys in the near future. Diana and Mark Kowliczko also had twins on September 14. Their sons Zenon, age 4, and Zachery, age 2, welcomed twin brothers Christian, 7 lbs. 15 oz., and Chandler at 6 lbs. 15 oz. All are fine, but Mark said that the event just cleared his golf schedule for the remainder of the century.

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36-hole event for the championship class. While on this latter subject, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate our new MAGCS Champion, Tom Robinson. Tom persevered on a windy day from the blue markers on the very challenging Skokie Country Club. Participants told me it was a real test of skills. Congratulations, Tom, and best wishes at next year's Illinois Open!

If you support these improvements or have others in mind, I encourage you to get active. Join a committee, get involved, voice your opinion. This is your organization, and the Board of Directors is always willing to discuss new ideas and concepts. Your input is valuable.

Thanks again to the entire Board and to you, the members, for your support throughout this past year. I hope to see many of you at the Midwest Clinic at Butterfield Golf Club on November 7.

Donald A. Cross, CGCS President, MAGCS

