

# the Bull Sheet

## DATES TO REMEMBER

September 16 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Skokie C.C.

October 1 — ITF Golf Day at Schaumburg G.C. and Poplar Creek G.C.

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

November 7 — MAGCS Clinic and Annual Meeting at Butterfield C.C.

November 12-14 — Penn State Turf Conference at State College, PA.

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

December 2-4 — NCTE at Pheasant Run Resort & Golf.

Good old Chicago weather. This year, we had our spring in July! July posted only one day in the 90s, and all of the nights have been in the 60s or even the 50s. July was one of the coolest since 1873, when records were first tracked. July also proved to be wet. Just ask southern DuPage County late in the month when it received 8 to 16 inches of rain in 24 hours.

Lori Matthews is currently seeking a horticultural position with a semi-private or private golf course. Home phone after 6 p.m., 847-465-8123.

The heavy rains were especially hard on Prestbury G. C. where Dave Meyer states that the course may not be opened for the rest of the year. There were 8 to 12 feet of water covering most of the course. All of his equipment was under water, and all irrigation controls and pumps and motors were ruined. There was a foot and a half of water in the clubhouse first floor; and the basement was totally flooded which, of course, ruined everything there. Seven greens are totally dead, not to mention all of the roughs, tees and fairways.

With the extent of damage that many other clubs also experienced, I think the MAGCS could be of assistance by forming a support committee to help in times of need—times brought on by severe weather such as flooding, tornadoes, fire, etc. A call to someone on such a committee could set in motion, via a telephone tree, needed help to the distressed superintendent. I know that a few equipment suppliers came to the aid of Dave Meyer, but I also think that many superintendents would also be able to help with a piece of equipment or two, or maybe even supplying some manpower for a short period of time.

The Rolling Green C.C. won the John Deere golf tournament which was held at Bull Valley G.C. on July 22. The tournament was sponsored by John Deere and J. W. Turf, Inc. There were 43 teams competing to go on to the 10th Annual John Deere Team Championship

Golf Tournament to be held at the Pelican Hill G.C., Newport Coast, CA, November 14-17. The winning team consisted of Larry Chirico, superintendent; John Schickling, PGA professional; Eric Powell, club manager; and Ben Trapani, club president.

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September is here, and so is all of the reseeding that takes place at this time of the year. The Musser Foundation is collecting Blue Tags from the seed bags. Each tag of the following varieties and blends will be worth 50 cents when turned in to Mike Bavier, Dudley Smith, or Fred Opperman.

**TALL FESCUE:** Olympic, Apache, Bonanza, Monarch, Tomahawk, Silverado, Eldorado, Triathalawn Blend, Confederate Blend.

**PERENNIAL RYEGRASS:** Citation II, Sunrye (246), Birdie II, CBS II Blend, Navajo, Manhattan II, Charger, Alliance Blend.

**FINE FESCUE:** Shadow, Fortress, Shademaster, Bighorn Sheeps Fescue.

**KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS:** Columbia, Midnight, 4 Aces, Challenger, Blackburg, Voyager, Unique.

**CREeping BENTGRASS:** Penncross, Pennagle, Pennlinks, Pennway Blend, PennTrio Blend, all of the A varieties.

**HARD FESCUE:** Aurora and the Bloomers Wildflower Mix.

If in doubt, save the Blue Tag anyway and turn it in.

“Maximizing Turfgrass Disease Control,” taught by Dr. Houston Couch, will take place on September 13 at Eagle Ridge Inn and Resort. Call 800-472-7878 to register.

A public acknowledgment from Ken Lapp, superintendent, Cog Hill C.C.:

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bentgrass, and tall fescue. A new tall fescue trial is planned for fall 1996 establishment. The spring and summer of 1997 will see the establishment of both new zoysia grass and buffalo grass trials across adapted zones. Unfortunately, due to the lack of entries, a limited number of evaluation sites were supported. The University of Illinois will not have official tests for either species. It is likely, however, that we will plant an unsupported "consumer" trial with currently available varieties to support our extension efforts. The fall of 1997 will see the initiation of both fine fescue and new creeping bentgrass trials. This will provide us with an opportunity to look at new creeping bentgrass varieties under putting green management, possibly on modified root zone.

## Summary

While new and expanded efforts by NTEP will translate into improved quality and performance of turfgrass cultivars, superintendents rarely evaluate these materials first hand. Often times, information of turfgrass performance under pest and environmental influences is filtered by turfgrass research and extension personnel and provided in the form of recommended cultivar lists.

These cultivars can be viewed at our annual University of Illinois Turfgrass and Landscape Field Day. All of the NTEP trials along with a vast array of field studies are clearly marked and explained during the annual morning tour. The NTEP trials are available for viewing at any time during the year. A trip to Urbana might be very useful when planning for a major renovation or new establishment. ■

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*I would again like to thank Chicago Turf & Irrigation, Illinois Lawn Equipment, Lemont Paving, and Midwest Irrigation for their help these last six years up to and during the Western Open. Knowing you have these companies ready to assist you when needed is a great advantage to have during the tournaments.*

Thanks again,  
Ken Lapp.

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Ken Lapp has been really busy the past couple of years preparing the course for the Western Open. In the last two years, he has built two new holes, a par 4 and a par 5, which can be used as alternate holes on either No. 2 course or No. 4 course and built a new par 3 hole as an alternate for No. 2 course, which makes it a 19-hole golf course. Last month, he started enlarging greens on holes 4 and 6 on No. 4 course and will use the alternate holes as part of

No. 4. This fall he will be enlarging the 4th green on No. 1 course and will also build a second green and tee for the 4th hole on No. 2 course. Then to top it all off, a new irrigation system is planned for the No. 3 course.

*Editors note: All of you superintendents that have trouble telling your help to go the 4th tee and do something, think what it must be like at Cog Hill. "Was I suppose to go to the 4th tee on the 3rd course or was it the 3rd tee on the 4th course???"*

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