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DATES TO REMEMBER

January 16 — GCSAA Seminar, "Employee Safety Training," Oak Brook Hills Resort, 800-472-7878.

January 17 — GCSAA Seminar, "Enhancing Your Value as a Professional Golf Course Superintendent," Oak Brook Hills Resort, 800-472-7878.

January 20 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Arrowhead Golf Club.

January 20-23 — 67th Annual Michigan Turfgrass Conference, Lansing, MI. Call 517-321-1660.

January 21-23 — 1997 Midwest Turf Expo, Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN. Call 317-494-8039.

February 6-12 — GCSAA Conference in Las Vegas, NV.

February 9 & 10 — MAGCS Hospitality Suite at Bally's in Las Vegas.

February 21-23 — Golf Illinois '97, Arlington Race Track.

February 25 — GCSAA and MAGCS will host a seminar on "Preventive Maintenance of Turf Equipment" in Woodridge. Call 800-472-7878.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS: If your dues are not paid by January 31, 1997, you will be dropped as a member and must then submit another application to join.

This means your name may not be in the 1997 membership book, and you will not receive the magazine *On Course*. Check with your club to see that your membership has been paid. Due date was December 31, 1996.

The MAGCS is going to host a booth at the upcoming "Golf Illinois '97" and is looking for volunteers to staff the booth.

This will be held at the Arlington Park Race Track on February 21-23, 1997. Call Don Ferreri for information, 630-852-1746.

Congratulations to Henry Michna, Sr., superintendent at Winnetka Golf Club, on becoming a Certified Superintendent recently.

Mike Mumper is looking for an assistant at Ravisloe C.C. Call him at 708-957-6652 or fax resume to 708-957-6606.

Gary Schweber at Four Winds G.C. has been busy this winter having 14,000 feet of new cart paths installed and 14 new tees. This past spring, he installed a new irrigation system. Gary is presently looking for used walking greens mowers. Give him a call if you have any for sale at 847-566-8592.

Congratulations to Tim Anderson, the new superintendent at Prestwick C.C. Tim was the assistant at Naperville C.C.

The Rolling Green C.C. team competed in the tenth annual John Deere Team Championship Golf Tournament held November 15-17, 1996, on the Ocean & Links courses at the Pelican Hill Golf Club near Newport Beach, CA. The team members were: Larry Chirico, golf course superintendent; John Schickling, PGA professional; Eric Powell, club manager; Ben Trapani, club president; and John Buck, distributor representative. They competed against 32 teams from across the U. S. and Canada. Although they did not make the top ten, the team made a good showing in this spirited competition.

For Sale: Toro 223 with eight bladed reel and turf compensation kit, very good shape, 2,500 hours, \$5,000. Call Bill Kennedy, Cress Creek C.C., 630-355-5736.

Wanted: Runners who are attending the GCSAA conference in Las Vegas. There are a few of us who are running the half marathon on Sunday morning, February 9. The more, the merrier. Call Bryan Bossert at Bryn Mawr at 847-677-4112 if you are interested.

Congratulations to Marcy and Jeff Leuzinger on the birth of William Van born on November 17, 1996. William weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. This is their second son. Derek, their first son, is 18 months old.

Ed Fischer at Old Elm replaced all of his fairways collars, a width of 84", in 9 days by using big roll sod. They were able to pick up with the big roll machine and lay down new sod within the hour. Quite a project that went very well.

Harper College in Palatine, IL, will offer bilingual classes (Spanish - English) to help Spanish-speaking people pass

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the Commercial Not-For-Hire Applicator and Operators License, Category: General Standards for the State of Illinois. The class will start on January 25 and run for ten Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The class will be taught by Fernando Fernandez. For more details please call 847-291-2232.

NECROLOGY



Russ Reed was born May 17, 1918, in Putnam, Illinois. His family moved to Bensenville, Illinois, when he was a child. His dad farmed a piece of property on what is now O'Hare Airport. The Reed family got involved in the golf business when Russ's father rented teams of horses to golf courses seasonally for pulling mowers. Russ fondly recalled driving teams of horses to Medinah and called the maintenance facility there the "horse barns." His two older brothers, Harold and Chuck, worked on area courses and eventually became superintendents: Harold at Ridgemoor C.C. and Chuck at Hillcrest C.C., Chevy Chase C.C., and Highland Park C.C.

Russ started his longtime relationship with Toro after returning home from World War II and after a short stint with the Great Lakes Pipeline Company. He went to work for George A. Davis Co. in 1947 as a field serviceman. In 1954, upon the

death of Fred Halloran, Russ was promoted to Fred's sales position. Over a twenty-year period, he won many sales awards and made numerous lifelong friendships. He believed in servicing his customers beyond their expectations. He cared about his customers both professionally and personally and was respected by everyone in the business. He moved to Chicago Toro Turf & Irrigation when the Toro Company set up a factory-owned distributorship in 1971.

Russ retired from sales in 1974, and he stayed with the company as warehouse manager until 1979. In 1980 and 1981, he worked summers as a public relations salesman for the entire Chicago Toro sales territory. He finished his career in golf at the

Rolling Green C.C. working for Bob Kronn as a gardener.

Russ and Ruth, his wife of 54 years, spent the last 15 years wintering in Haines City, Florida, and enjoying retirement in the summer in Prospect Heights with their two children and seven grandchildren nearby. He knew his "Maker;" he loved his family, job, and country; and lived the life he dreamed of with no regrets. He died on Friday, November 15, 1996, five days after suffering a massive stroke.

Jim Reed

Editor's Note: While talking with Jim, he told me that his children slipped a copy of On Course into the casket before burial along with other mementos of his life.

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