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DATES TO REMEMBER

August 6-8 — Illinois Open at Orchard Valley G.C.

August 10 — John Deere Team Championship at Schaumburg G.C.

August 19 — Turfgrass Field Day at University of Illinois

August 27 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Palatine Hills G.C.

August 30 — MAGCS picnic and Cougar baseball game

September 12-17 — U. S. Senior Amateur at Skokie C.C.

September 14 - MAGCS monthly meeting at Settler's Hill G.C.

October 13 - MAGCS monthly meeting at Seven Bridges G.C.

The educational speaker for the August 27 meeting at Palatine Hills G.C. will be Jim Webb who will speak on "The Magic of Sulfur."

Please welcome some recent new members to our group. They are: Paul Burger (A), Ben Kelnhofer (C), Eric Nadler (E), Larry Tomaszewski (E), Jim Dudczyk (D), Scott Kuebel (E), Tim Taddy (E), Jeffrey Jones (C), Jeff Leonard of Chalet G.C. (A), and Mark Thibault (C).

A beautiful golf day at Fox Valley G.C. on June 15 was

enjoyed by 105 golfers. Ted Fist and Kerry Blatteau came in the low net winners in the two-man blind draw event. Kerry also picked up the closest-to-the-pin prize and posted the low round of the day with a 74. Keith Johnson became the individual low net winner, and Mark Neuroth knocked out the longest drive. Additionally, \$465 was raised for the Make-A-Wish Foundation through our raffle. Thanks to Dan Pady and Snake Eyes Golf for donating the raffle prize. The prize driver, won by Joel Purpur (who donated it back), was auctioned off for over \$100. Last, but not least, thanks to Dan Anderson and the staff at Fox Valley for hosting our meeting. The golf course was in great shape!

Congratulations to Tim Scott on winning the 36-hole Public Links Golf Tournament held on June 15 at White Pines G.C. in Bensenville. Tim shot an 8 under par and went to San Diego in July to compete for the U. S. Public Links Championship. Unfortunately, Tim did not advance past the first two days of match play.

Al Pondel, CGCS, Deerfield G.C., will be one of the six members of the GCSAA chosen to represent one half of the Americas Team when they are host to the second Hayter Challenge, October 13-15, in Atlanta, Georgia. The competition is designed to promote international relations and communications between international golf course

organizations. Conducted biennially, the event found the Americas Team winning their first match in England two years ago, 10 - 8. Opposition was provided by golf course superintendents from Europe and Australia.

The GCSAA representatives for 1998 (besides Al Pondel) are:

Paul McGinnis, CGCS, GCSAA Immediate Past President, Arizona

Dave Fearis, CGCS, GCSAA Vice President, Missouri

Tommy Witt, CGCS, GCSAA Director, Alabama

Ken Mangum CGCS, GCSAA Director, Georgia

Jim Dusch, CGCS, GCSAA Champion 1996, Georgia

The rest of the Americas Team is made up of four superintendents from Canada and two from Argentina, while the European team gathers members from Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Sweden, Australia, England, Finland, Germany, Spain, Switzerland, Norway and France.

The University of Illinois is accepting contributions to the vision of a world-class golf course on campus at the school. Dean David Chicoine and Professor Bruce Branham met on May 18 with the Sasaki Consulting Group who are preparing the master redevelopment plan at the University of Illinois that currently shows 270 acres for a 27-hole course and learning center. The master plan will be presented to the Board of Trustees in October and, hopefully, approved in November.

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September is the annual championship for the MAGCS. Prizes will be awarded low net and gross within flights. Flights consist of Championship, First, Second, Commercial A and B. The low-gross championship flight player will be declared MAGCS Champion and will receive an invitation to next year's Illinois Open.

For Sale by Sealed Bid: 1984 Toro Reelmaster transport frame with 7-7 blade reels, rubber wheels, hydraulic hook-up. 1986 Toro Reelmaster transport frame with 7-5 blade reels, steel wheels, electric hook-up. Both units in good order. Call Sandy Bemis to view equipment at the Round Lake Area Park District Renwood Golf Course.

Call 847-223-1882. Sealed bids will be accepted until 11 a.m. Friday, August 21, 1998. Call for address.

Congratulations to Luke Strojny on being recertified. Luke was first certified in 1988, and today there are more than 1,600 certified superintendents.

Looking for used equipment for the grow-in of our new course: Triplex mowers, bank mowers, 72" rotary, and miscellaneous other equipment. Please call Larry Flament, Stonewall Orchard G.C., 847-740-4890.

If you would like to sponsor a MAGCS meeting in 1999, please call Luke Strojny. Remember, this is one sure way to have your club's picture of the front cover of *On Course*. For clubs that sponsor a meeting in March, April, May and June, you need to take pictures of your course this summer, unless you have good pictures already. We need

vertical pictures to make the best photos for our cover.

Texas A&M is looking for Fairy Ring samples to create a survey identification database.


Dr. Phil Colbaugh of Texas A&M University is collecting and cataloguing the fungi associated with Fairy Ring. This will be used to develop an identification database for future research efforts.

Dr. Colbaugh is requesting samples of Fairy Ring fungi from superintendents across the U.S. Please send samples to: Dr. Phil Colbaugh, Texas A&M University at Dallas, Research & Education Center, 17360 Coit Rd., Dallas, TX 75252, Phone: 972-231-5362, Fax: 972-952-9669.

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that easy getting up and talking in front of a large group of people. If it was, I would have volunteer speakers lined up until the year 2015. Show others we are the professionals we say we are.

In closing, I would just like to say again that it is an honor to be serving as a director for MAGCS. I am very proud to be a part of such a fine organization, and what makes it such a fine organization is the involvement of our membership. Keep up the good work. 

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