

# the Bull Sheet

## DATES TO REMEMBER

July 17-19 — Ameritech Senior Open at Kemper Lakes G.C.

July 20 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Hughes Creek G.C.

July 20-21 — Field's Classic at Merit Club

July 21-25 — U. S. Junior Amateur at Conway Farms G.C.

July 23-25 — Illinois Women's Open at Odyssey Club

July 28 — Midwest Regional Turf Field Day, Purdue University

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.

Remember to make your reservations by August 14 for the bus trip on August 19 to the University of Illinois Field Day. The first pickup point is at the Woodfield Mall shopping center at 6 a.m. in the parking lot between Marshall Field's and the theater. The next pickup point will be at the Holiday Inn in Matteson at 7 a.m. Call Carl Hoppman, 312-201-0101 at the ITF office.

Our speaker for the August 27 educational meeting will be Jim Webb—"The Magic of Sulfur."

Congratulations to Oscar Miles, The Merit Club, on renewal of his certification. Oscar first became certified in 1973. The program started in 1971, and to date over 1,600 superintendents have become certified. Renewal takes place every five years.

The deepest sympathy of the members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents is extended to the Mike Matchen family on the death of his mother on May 8, 1998.

The August 27 golf game at our meeting will be a two best ball foursome. The scorecards will be dotted. Prizes are for net only; make your own foursome. Use 80% of handicap.

The National Golf Foundation has announced some recent awards, the first being the family of Pete and Alice Dye, who, with sons Perry and P.B., are fashioning one of the great legacies in golf course architecture and have

been named the Golf Family of the Year for 1998. Tom Watson, whose character both on and off the course has made him not only a role model for children and young adults but also one of their great benefactors, has been named to receive the Graffis Award for 1998.

In early June, your Editor and his wife Judy were on vacation to Banff/Lake Louise/Jasper National Parks in Alberta, Canada, plus Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks. While in Bozeman, Montana, we visited with Hank Wilkenson and his wife Tess. Hank has been at Montana State University since the first of the year working on a "Gene Gun." He is trying to insert genes into turfgrass plants that in the future will resist certain diseases, etc. The picture is of Hank in front of the equipment which shoots genes into the plant. Hank has promised an article in the near future on his work.



Hank Wilkenson and his "Gene Gun."

You might think you have problems with geese on your course. How about a herd of elk with two bull elk fighting over their harem on your greens. That is the problem that faces Kevin Pattison at the Banff Springs Golf Club. He is not allowed to harass

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the animals to get them to move since the club is in the national park and the animals are protected. In the fall of the year during the rutting season, he may have over 400 elk on the course.




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