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DATES TO REMEMBER

March 6 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Nordic Hills Resort Annual Charity Gin tournament to follow the meeting.

March 19 — CDGA Green Seminar at Butterfield C.C.

April 27 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Schaumburg G.C.

May 4 — ITF Combined Meeting at "The General," Eagle Ridge Resort.

June 15 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Fox Valley G.C.



It is sad to report that an old friend and loyal member, Adolph Bertucci, superintendent of Lake Shore C.C. for 54 years, passed away on February 4. At the time of Adolph's death, most of his superintendent friends were in Anaheim, California, attending the GCSAA Convention. On the evening of the 5th, President Czerkies gathered together those of us who were in the Midwest hospitality room to share the sad news. Paul Voykin asked to speak to the group and gave a very sincere and heart-rendering eulogy for Adolph.

Adolph touched many of our lives in different ways, and it has been suggested that each of us take a little time to write a paragraph on how Adolph touched you. Please take that time now and honor Adolph by jotting down your thoughts and feelings. Fax them (please double space) to 847-428-5009 or 847-836-9344. They will be published in the next available issue.

The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents extends the sincerest condolences to the Bertucci family.

Mary Ann and Tom Vieweg have just returned from a two-week visit in France where they visited their daughter Sarah who is studying at Sorbonne University. After visiting their daughter, they went on to visit the D-Day beaches of Normandy.

Wanted: Used 9- or 11-blade reel for 1993 GKIV. Also looking for brushes that fit in front of the baskets. Call Tim Scott 708-857-2436 or fax 708-424-1168.

If anyone needs to replace their worn-out membership directory binders, give George Minnis a call at 603-406-5456.

For sale: 1996 Case 1845-C Skidsteer with only 600 hours. Comes with low-profile bucket, tooth bar and hydraulic quick connects. Call Mike or Jeff at Hollebeak Construction, Inc., 630-556-3891.

Huber Sod will have an open house to demonstrate sod

washing and big roll installation of blue and bentgrass sod starting at 9 a.m. on April 15.

Engine needed for LESCO 500, 5-unit mowers, type T-260 G, 24 hp Onan engine. Call Pete at Chicago Heights C.C., 708-755-7614.

Assistant superintendent needed. Glendale Lakes G.C. is looking for an assistant with 2 years in turfgrass study. Spray operator's license and experience is important. Contact Curt Leming, 630-260-9229.

Danville Area Community College is in the process of forming a horticulture/turfgrass alumni association. All DACC horticulture graduates are encouraged to join. A \$25 a year annual fee is required, which will generate scholarship money for second year students and will aid in horticulture/turfgrass research. As a member of the association, you will receive a membership directory and a biannual newsletter informing you of ongoing and upcoming events in our association, as well as at the college.

Anyone interested in joining the DACC alumni association, please call Brian McCoy at Danville C.C., 217-443-8955, or Charles Schroeder at DACC, 217-443-8793.

Horticulturist needed by April 1. Excellent benefits. Call Rick Hahn, Marriott's Lincolnshire Resort, 847-634-0100.

Mechanic needed at Seven Bridges G.C. Call Don Ferreri, 630-852-1746.

First assistant's position required. Please call Craig Wilson, Briarwood C.C., at

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847-945-3350. Qualifications: B.S. in business, A.S. in ornamental/golf course management, applicator's license. Presently, second assistant at B.C.C.

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Gordon Held is looking for an assistant's position. Graduate of NC State University in turf, 7 years turf and horticulture experience. Please call 630-910-3426. (Editor has resume on file; if interested, please call and leave your fax number.)
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For sale. 1975 4-wheel Cushman truckster, 3-speed, two seater with manual dump box and PTO. \$500. Call Mark at Barrington Hills C.C., 847-381-0140.
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The April golf event will be a four-man scramble. Olds scramble format. Prizes for net and gross scores. The net score will be figured by points assigned for handicap ranges. Only two players per team may have negative

handicaps. Maximum handicap for a team is 12+ and the minimum is 0. Each player's drive must be used at least two times during the round.
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Scott Speiden, superintendent of Itasca C.C., sent the following pictures of how he and his friends relax during the off-season. They have gone on a few upland game hunting trips and have been very successful, as the pictures can attest.
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Scott Speiden and Jordan.



Sean Creed, Oak Brook G.C., with his retriever.



Gunther and Charlie Bruglar.

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from Greensmix. This helps us in storing the sand, but is very expensive. We have plans on purchasing the sand in bulk this season to save money. Remember, the following products are what have worked for us. I am sure there are other ways and products to use, but this is what has done well here at SGC.

First, we pretreat the seed using Germinex: 4 oz. by weight to 25 lbs. of seed. We do this in our cement mixer with a plastic bag tied over the opening (it is a little bit dusty). Mix this for at least 45 minutes. Dump out the treated seed, and set it aside for later. Then mix in the empty mixer: two 10 qt. buckets of green sand, 64 oz. of pretreated seed, 96

oz. of Sustane 5-2-4 fine fertilizer, and 128 oz. of Greenschoice soil Amendment. Mix this for 15 minutes, dump the mixture out, and start the process over.

Now for the program. We have the everpopular seed/soil bottles on every tee box. We have the buckets on all par 3s (thanks, Jim Burdett). Every morning, we have two employees on each nine holes set up the course. Part of their job is to repair and replace the divots. They take with them 2- to 5-gallon buckets of the seed mix. They refill the bottles and then fill in the previous day's divots. We also have two bottles on each golf cart and tell the players to fill in their divots in the fairways. This has worked very well for us. In fact, we used almost 21 tons of the green sand last year.

The next level is to keep informing the golfers to replace their divots or to use the seed/sand mix. Education seems to be the key to really get this off the ground. In fact, last summer a golfer stopped me while he was on a tee and asked me why our ash trays were so hard to use. I asked him to explain this to me; and he said the bottles with sand in them have a curved top, and it was hard to get his cigar butt in them. Duh. It is time we explain what we want them to do.

I know that we all need to keep on our divot problems, but I thought I would share what we have done here and see if it can help you in your fight. Now I can tell Kevin that I am done, and he can stop bugging me. ■