

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 10 — Annual Meeting & Midwest Turf Clinic, Medinah C.C. November 11-13 - 1998 Turfgrass & Ornamental Seminar, Lafavette, IN, 765-494-8039. November 21 — Fall Dinner Dance at River Forest C.C. December 1-3 — NCTE, Pheasant Run Resort January 14 - GCSAA Seminars, Human Resource Management and Personal Stress Management, Oak Brook, IL. January 18-21 - 69th Annual Michigan Turfgrass Conference, Lansing, MI. Call Kay for details (517-321-1660) or visit their web site: michiganturf.org. January 27-29 - Midwest Turf Expo, Convention Center Indianapolis. Contact Beverly Bratton for details at 765-494-8039.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

It's great to see that many of our members and friends are getting their names and clubs into various newspapers and magazines. Brian Thomson of Biltmore C.C. and his wife Karen were featured in the September 20, 1998, *Chicago Tribune*, "Tempo Northwest" section. In addition, Brian was pictured on the front page. Within this same article were statements by Don Ferreri, Tom Voigt and Kevin DeRoo concerning the "natural look" and the Audubon Society. The 13 local golf clubs that are certified were also listed.

In the September 1998 issue of Landscape Management under the article "The Top Green Industry Leaders," Bob Graunke at The General at Eagle Ridge, Galena, Illinois, and Peter Leuzinger of the Ivanhoe Club were mentioned. Also listed was fellow award-winning Editor Monroe Miller of *The Grass Roots* from Blackhawk C.C., Madison, Wisconsin.

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For sale: One VT central controller with four timers; 18 two-timer, 12-station VT-IV controllers with housing; and 8 NEMA boxes. All in good operating condition. Contact Ernie Corsi, The Royal Fox G.C., 630-377-9491.

Congratulations to Jodie and Charlie Bruglar (BTSI) on the birth of their daughter Skye Doresa Iris Bruglar, born on September 29. Skye weighed in at 4 lbs. 9 oz. and was 17 in. long.

Only in America do we use the word "politics" to describe the process so well: "Poli" in Latin meaning "many" and "tics" meaning "blood-sucking creatures."

For sale: 1985 Toro Parkmaster, 7-gang/7-blade; 1985 Toro Roughmaster Unit, 5-gang; 1965 Toro Reelmaster 7gang/7-blade; 1991 Toro 216; 1982 Toro 84; 1989 John Deere Trap Rake; Smithco trap rake; and a 1076 Jacobsen G-10 tractor. Call Pat McDonagh, RedTail G.C., 815-459-1589.

For sale: Cushman GA60 aerator. Used for one season. Call 414-392-3444 and ask for Jeff Porter.

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Assistant needed: Call Mike Larson, Highland Park C.C., 847-432-3800.

For sale: Evergreen green covers used for one year during the grow-in, excellent condition. Call Skip Willms, Onwentsia Club, 847-234-4430.

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An Associated Press article described the revolutionary new soil cleaning process by using poplar trees. Laboratorydesigned hybrids of the poplar trees have been found to be able to remove contaminants from soil. It is a process known as "phytoremediation." The tree either stores or metabolizes the contaminants into apparently less harmless compounds. David E. Salt, an environmental chemist at Northern Arizona University, and Joel G. Burken of the University of Missouri at Rolla were the scientists in this study. If only we had known about this earlier, everyone could have planted the poplars around their gas and oil storage areas and saved thousands of dollars when they had to meet state requirements and move their storage tanks above ground.

Bob Baker would like to express his "thank you" to the membership for sending a beautiful plant to him back in August during his brief stint in the hospital. Bob

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turns 74 on November 19. Happy Birthday, Bob! 1st and 2nd Assistant is needed:

Call Bill Aiston at Lake Shore C.C., 847-835-4303.

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Some superintendents have been taking it easy during this past September. Take Mark Bobb at Barrington Hills C.C., for example. During September, he enlarged six greens from 1,000 to 5,000 square feet, built a new tee, added on to four others, trenched 1,400 feet of power line for the two new rest room buildings, supervised the drilling of two new wells for these buildings, plus oversaw the construction of a new practice tee. I think there was also the aerification of all of the greens, tees, and fairways. But then, there were the guvs who took some R & R and went fishing in Alaska, elk hunting in Idaho, whitewater rafting in West Virginia or played golf at some great courses in New York.

Scott Witte will be on an exciting trip to South America from October 23 to November 21 with Rotary International on a cultural exchange program. This sounds like a future talk at one of our Midwest meetings.

Dennis Wilson from Sunset Ridge C.C. sent me two invoices that he pulled from some old files. We can't copy them due to their condition, but I will list the prices:

Studebaker Sales Co. of Chicago, dated June 26, 1948:Studebaker truck, new, Model 2R-16-71,
chassis & cab, Swift Red750/20 8-ply front tires825/20 dual rear tires\$163.222-speed axle\$161.98Booster brakes\$49.46Front shock absorbersEngine governor\$11.67Surplus Army bodyPainting body\$35.00A. Occ, Exp.State Due on Delivery\$2,279.91