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DATES TO REMEMBER

January 11 - MAGCS meeting at Arrowhead G.C.

January 15 - GCSAA Seminar, "Human Resource Management," at Oak Brook Hills Resort, Oak Brook, IL.

January 16 - GCSAA Seminar, "Personal Stress Management," at Oak Brook Hills Resort, Oak Brook, IL.

January 14-16 - Mid-Am Trade Show, Navy Pier, Chicago.

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, IN. Contact Beverly Bratton for details at 765-494-8039.

February 8-14 — GCSAA Conference, Orlando, FL.

March — MAGCS monthly meeting at Poplar Creek G.C.

April — We need a monthly meeting place.

May — ITF meeting and golf.

June — MAGCS monthly meeting at Broken Arrow G.C.

At the NCTE in December, the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation gave a check for \$88,500 to the University of Illinois for turfgrass research and a check for \$21,200 to the turfgrass program at Southern Illinois University, for a total donation of \$109,700 for turfgrass research in Illinois. What an outstanding donation for the future of our industry.

It was brought to our attention at the ITF banquet there are seven clubs in the Chicagoland area that are using the "Sunset Ridge Donation Plan." This is a plan first started by the Sunset Ridge C.C. where each member is assessed a donation of \$5 to \$10 for turfgrass research. At the present time, these clubs are participating in the program: Sunset Ridge C.C., Ivanhoe Club, Knollwood Club, North Shore C.C., Bryn Mawr C.C., Glen Flora C.C. and Old Elm Club. A plan like this is a "no brainer," and every club should present it to their boards. The payback in research is money ahead for all clubs.

Out with the old and in with the new: Mucho Toro 650 and 670 sprinklers for sale along with VT-4 controllers. Priced to move (as no reasonable offer refused). Also, we have a big supply of Rainbird #55 quick coupler valves for sale. Call Brian Bossert at Bryn Mawr C.C., 847-677-4112.

Mike Bavier has been busy this fall with the rebuilding of 20 bunkers and a new 9th tee. This project wore Mike out so much (along with all of his book signings) that he and his new bride Mary took a two-week trip to South Africa in late November.

Russ Wescott is looking for an assistant's position with a two-year degree in Golf Course and Grounds Management, three years as an assistant, plus seven years on various courses on the grounds crew. Call 630-462-8816 or fax 630-986-1798.

Bob Lively at McHenry C.C. has rebuilt six tees, sodded the banks of six greens, rebuilt two bunkers and installed numerous stairs, walls and curbing this past fall. That may qualify Bob for a trip to South Africa.

It is sad to report that Charles "Mr. Golf" Eckstein died this past November at the age of 92.

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1999 MAGCS Committee Chairmen

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Chuck Eckstein, to everyone who knew him, was an expert on golf rules. He interpreted the rules as an official at 17 U.S. Opens, 29 Western Opens and many other tournaments in his lifetime. He was a member of Ravisloe C.C. and was the club champion 13 times. In 1936, he set the course record with a 67. Mr. Eckstein was responsible for bringing Roy Nelson from Minneapolis and also Dave Ward from Racine C.C. to serve as superintendents during his time there. He wrote the Western Golf Association caddie manual that is still in use today. Mr. Eckstein was a driving force in organizing the spring CDGA Green Seminar. He would also be found at our Midwest Clinics during the '60s and early '70s. Dudley Smith recalls the time he ran into Mr. Eckstein at the National Amateur at Merion Club, and his comment to Dudley was, "Silver Lake must be closed today Dudley. Does Mr. Coghill know you are playing hooky?" This man was a firm

supporter of the game of golf and for the superintendent. He will be missed.

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Congratulations to Jennifer Joy and Luke Cella who got married on November 14, 1998. Luke is at Pottawatomie G.C.

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Ed Fischer at Old Elm Club had his three-quarter-mile service road paved this past fall. What a treat that is for all who travel it.

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Assistant needed at Boulder Ridge C.C., Lake in the Hills, IL. Please call Paul Wagner at 847-854-3003.

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Mechanic needed at Ruffled Feathers G.C., Lemont, IL. Please call Daniel Albaugh at 630-257-0163.

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Jonathan Strauss is looking for an assistant's position. Was an assistant in Louisiana and held a certified chemical applicator license there. Moved to this area recently. Call 847-223-0454.



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The Illinois Turfgrass Foundation at its award banquet on December 2 bestowed its Distinguished Service Award to Oscar Miles of the Merit Club. This is an award that is given annually to someone who has gone beyond the normal bounds in serving the ITF and the industry. Oscar has done this his entire life. Congratulations to an outstanding individual and golf course superintendent.

Party Time at Camp Randall

*Dudley Smith
Silver Lake C.C.*

On Saturday, November 21, 15 Midwest members, some with spouses, some with their sons, motored by bus from Silver Lake to Madison, Wisconsin, for the skirmish between the Nittany Lions and the Badgers. Both football teams were ranked.

After a pep rally in the Blue and White circus tent, we walked the stadium streets munching on bratwurst and sauerkraut and guz-

zling Milwaukee's finest. Unlike Ann Arbor or South Bend, where the grumpy alumni with season tickets sit in the stands criticizing their coaches' abilities, Camp Randall belongs to the students. Thousands of cheering kids in red sweatshirts or bare chested stayed until the final play.

In the second half, trombones and tubas filtered through the stands tooting "On Wisconsin." They have a tradition called the "5th Quarter." The marching band returns to the field and serenades the student body with 30

minutes of rock 'n' roll medleys. The climax was a sensational fireworks display.

Who won the game?

The Badger team returned to jog a victory lap with long-stemmed red roses clenched in their teeth. They are headed to Pasadena and the Rose Bowl.

What a fun day! 