

the Bull Sheet

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State University as a psychology major. Way to go, James!

Our own Dan Dinelli, North Shore C.C., will discuss "What We Have Learned by Comparing Products on Our Golf Course" on September 14 at Southern Illinois University's Turf Field Day. Other seminars will emphasize the many challenges unique to sports turf. For further information, call the SIU Division of Continuing Education at 618-536-7751.

A superintendent position is

immediately available at Alpine Hills in Rockford, IL. Alpine Hills is a new, upscale, nine-hole par 3 course, practice facility and winter sports complex set on 53 acres of hilly terrain in the heart of Rockford. The successful applicant will be a strong golf course foreman or assistant superintendent and will report to owner Rick Kroeger, CGCS. Seeding commenced in August. A-4 greens; Penncross tees; Penneagle fairways; and a blend of Midnight, Unique and Blacksborg bluegrasses in the rough. Green speeds will be maintained at 9'. Competitive salary, truck, benefits. Mail AND fax resume to

Rick's attention at Alpine Hills, 4402 Larson Ave., Rockford, IL 61108; fax 815-398-1903.

Wanted: gang of reels and/or tractor for cutting about 20 acres of land. Please fax or call Rich Viglione at 847-242-0250.

Although September now, as I am writing this it is July 28, and remembrances of the summer of '95 are eerily in mind. I only hope that this month finds all of us with rejuvenated *Poa*, replenished chemical rooms and sweatshirts and long pants in our laundry baskets.

The Last Gypsy

This moving epitaph comes from Dudley Smith.

George Haddad, proprietor of Bojo Turf, died July 4 at Hines VA Hospital of complications from diabetes and kidney failure. George was a MAGCS member for 30 years. He is survived by his wife, Emily, and three daughters: Mary, Leah and Amy.

George hailed from apple knocker country—Geneva, NY (in the Finger Lake region). His dad was a country club manager in Rochester.

After attending Alfred College for two years, George received his B.S. degree from the University of Georgia. He then returned from U.S. Army service in Korea to Ohio State and earned his M.S. degree in agronomy. He was a collegiate wrestler, and earned a varsity "O" playing defense on Woody Hayes' football team.

George was employed by Swift & Company promoting Vigoro

fertilizer for 13 years. His first sale came from "Old Bill Lyons" at the Firestone C.C. in Akron. George was frustrated with corporate sales, being a "little spoke in a big



George in 1988.

wheel," and started Bojo Turf in Park Forest, IL in 1970.

A peddler or a gypsy, George offered hand soap, mops and brooms, kitty litter, tools, fertilizer spreaders, etc. If he couldn't supply it for you today, he'd return with it tomorrow. We Irish call that person a tinker (a "jack of all trades"). His association with

Harry Paarlberg of South Holland gave him access to fertilizer and chemical products to sell.

Big George was an immense man at 350 pounds and then some. Woody would not have dared grabbing HIS facemask! He traveled in a rickety silver and scarlet van with a sliding door to the driver's seat. His arrival to the golf course was announced by a horn playing the Ohio State fight song.

George knew his products. He was most helpful in diagnosing frit fly, apple scab, black turfgrass ataeinus and white grub damage on our courses.

Mention a party and George was ready. He was the genial host at summertime pig roasts, Christmas parties at his plantation in Peotone (thank you, Chef Emily!), fishing charters on Lake Michigan with Craig Marfia, bus trips to college football games and Friday night happy hour sessions at the German tavern in Frankfort.

The Gypsy is dead. His van is empty. The Buckeye blare is silenced. The tinker with the big heart has left us. God bless you, George Haddad.