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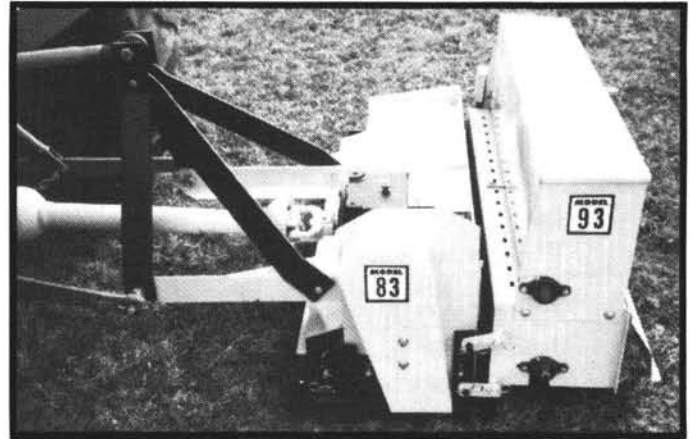
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Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

- May 23** — MAGCS monthly meeting at Silver Lake C.C.
Joint Association meeting
- May 24** — Mechanics meeting
- June 6** — MAGCS monthly meeting at Lake Shore C.C.
- July 18** — MAGCS monthly meeting at Springbrook C.C.
- July 21** — Field Day at University of Illinois
- August 3** — ILCA Field Day at Morton Arboretum
- August 15** — MAGCS monthly meeting at Balmoral Woods C.C.
- September 13** — MAGCS monthly meeting at Crystal Lake C.C.
- September 26** — ITF Golf Day at Knollwood G.C.
- October 10** — MAGCS monthly meeting at Lake Barrington Shores
- November 2** — Annual Meeting & MAGCS Turf Clinic
- December 6-7-8** — NCTE, Pheasant Run

The "Bull Sheet" is once again honored by the National Golf Foundation for "Special Merit" in their 1987 Harry C. Eckhoff Newsletter Award competition. The National Golf Foundation received more than 130 entries for this prestigious award, which recognizes outstanding journalistic efforts among local and regional golf publications. This makes the 5th year that the "Bull Sheet" has been honored and received awards in this competition.

Start planning ahead for the MAGCS & GCSAA Seminars that will be held in January at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles. The two seminars will be: Golf Course Safety, Security, and Risk Management, and Biology of Turfgrass Soils.

Remember to sign up for a fun event and a worthwhile golf event at Silver Lake C.C. on May 23, 1988. This will be a 9:30 a.m. shotgun, cocktails at 4:00 p.m., Dinner at 5:00 p.m. Silver Lake will donate \$25.00 per person to the ITF. So show up and help support the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation. This is the joint meeting and golf with the other local associations. The fee for this event will be \$50.00

The June 6th meeting at Lakeshore C.C. is a "Member Only" meeting for golf.

The scuttlebutt going around the area is that Roger Stewart is or has surpassed Carl Hopphan in weight and in his length of speeches ...

Congratulations to two assistants that have just moved up in rank: Dave Blomquist, Mike Bavier's assistant, has taken the Naperville C.C. job and Dennis Wilson's assistant, Jerry Cooper, has taken the Lincolnshire C.C. position.

The Chicagoland Golf Course Mechanics Association will hold a monthly meeting on May 24th at 1 p.m. at the Deerfield Park District Golf Club on Sanders and Deerfield Road.

Ray Schei is the new Equipment Specialist for LESCO in the Midwest area which covers 3-4 states. Good luck, Ray, in the change of jobs.

For Sale — 20 Harley Davidson golf carts 1969/70, asking \$350. Also a 9 gang 1985, 11 blade Toro unit and a Giant Vac. Call Joel Purpur, River Forest C.C. at (312) 941-1657.

Joe Jesmek, Mr. Golf of Chicagoland, will be honored at a black-tie dinner on June 20, 1988 at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City. "Golf Magazine" is putting on the affair to honor "100 Heros of Golf". This honor is selected by the magazines readers. Congratulations to Mr. JOE JESMEK.

Congratulations are in order for one of our newest Board of Directors: Joel & Debbie Purpur have announced that they will have a new little Purpur around December.

Help Wanted: Yamaha Golf Car Salesman. Contact Larry Joseph of Boylan Sales, Inc., Batavia, IL. All inquiries to be held strictly confidential. Call (312) 879-5670.

Dennis Wilson at Sunset Ridge C.C. is looking for an assistant as is Richard Hahn, of Marriott Lincolnshire Resort C.C. in Lincolnshire, IL., and the Lake County Parks & Recreation Department is looking also for an assistant for their Turkey Run G.C. Contact Larry Klein at (219) 755-3685, or write 2293 N. Main Street, Crown Point, IN 46307.

Dudley "Nevada" Smith, probably the longest shot in the history of any Gin Tournament, using skill and silent technology (never uttering one word, profane or otherwise, throughout the afternoon), lost a close gin game in the finals to super competitor Craig (the "Noise") Marfia, our new gin champ. Thanks for coming out fellows and, also, a big thanks to co-chairmen Johnny Berarducci and Peter Voykin who did all the hard work. It was for a good cause. A very generous amount was contributed to our good friend Dave Louttit, who courageously is battling his illness. Please send a card to Dave, and while you're at it fellows, take another minute and send one to Bruce ("Cousin Brucie") Burchfield. "Cousin Brucie" has been sick for over 8 months, and I am sure he would like to hear from his friends.

by Paul Voykin

Michigan State University Turf Alumni Association

We are currently organizing an alumni association for all MSU graduates in the turf industry. In order to update our mailing lists we will provide information sheets at the upcoming MAGCS meetings. Plans are underway to meet each year at the Michigan Turfgrass Conference and the GCSAA Conference. For additional information contact Bruce Williams.

Impact with Detail

by Joel Purpur, Supt.
River Forest Golf Club

We as Golf Course Superintendents strive to produce the best possible playing conditions on our courses. We try to consistently produce the smooth greens, dense healthy fairways and tees golfers will remember. But we must always remember that the actual playing conditions are only part of the complete picture that gives the favorable impact.

Paying or not paying attention to details is evident in most every aspect of golf course maintenance. Those who do the little extra are the ones most likely to be noticed. Granted, the elite clubs with higher budgets have more resources to work with. But many of the little things that make the difference are not costly, but an act of consciousness on the part of every worker to make the honest effort to complete all parts of each job without overlooking the details. It is our duty as Managers to make sure our employees are properly trained and performance continually critiqued.

For example, changing tee markers may seem like a menial task, but if the employee whizzes through the job with his or her mind somewhere else, each golfer may notice the sloppiness and get a bad impression. Are the tops of the ball washers clean and water level checked? Are the tee markers wiped off, pushed in straight and aligned with the fairway? Are the previous days divots and broken tees picked up? Are divots soil and seeded? Is the bench wiped off and the bottom of the garbage can clean? The list goes on.

Golfer conveniences are quickly noticed. Accessibility to tee equipment is one example. If ballwashers are permanently set, is there some type of surface material present, or is there a ring of dirt or mud with grass in the middle growing up the post? Are there clumps of grass around the spike brushes? Do the spike brushes have acceptable bristles? Overlooking these details will detract from beautiful playing conditions.

Although monitoring cart traffic can be an inconvenience to golfers, proper sign placement can help in some instances. If golfers driving carts find themselves caught in a dead end, many times they'll prefer to lock in the hubs and 4 wheel it around ropes rather than turning around and backtracking. A forewarning sign should work.

Ropes and signs are tools to help us monitor golfers, but if signs and ropes or chains are not properly maintained, a picture of neglect will immediately be painted. Ropes, chains and signs should be straightened at least daily.

Cart paths should be smoother than the surrounding turf. Pot holes force us off the paths defeating their purpose. It doesn't take much to run a backblade down the path or throw a couple shovels full of gravel in the holes. Running a blower down paved paths and parking lots (providing cars and golfers are not present) periodically cleans them up nicely and doesn't take much time either.

Most golfers appreciate landscaping with flowers and planters. We've all seen some real eye catchers which can really be an art form. But if planters or flower beds are let go, they can be eye catchers for the wrong reasons. Keeping up with landscape maintenance around the clubhouse is of utmost importance to assure a positive first impression, especially if other areas on the course are not as good as we would like to see them.

During M.A.G.C.S. Golf Days I'm sure we've all noticed

new or newly painted cups in the greens, which make us feel well treated. Hopefully our golfers receive the same treatment on their special outings.

Are clippings well scattered? Are yardage markers trimmed? Are sand trap rakes neatly spaced? The list goes on and on.

We seem to pay most attention to details at tournament time, rushing to make sure everything is at its best. We realize that to "peak" at tournament time, preparations start weeks in advance and course projects may take a backseat. But the fact remains that many of the odds and ends should be completed routinely and it is up to us as Managers to see that our personnel is properly trained and maintain the attitude of the importance of completing every part of every job without compromise.

Together with good playing conditions, paying attention to details will leave the golfer with a favorable impression and appreciation of our efforts ... providing they played well that day.

Tent Caterpillar Appearing Now

by James A. Fizzell

Sr. Ext. Adviser, Horticulture, U. of I.

Silk tents appearing in twig crotches and leaves disappearing from your favorite shade tree signal arrival of Eastern tent caterpillar.

These are some of the first insects to hatch in spring, closely following bud break on the host trees.

Tent caterpillars are often confused with gypsy moths which do not make tents, or with bagworms which carry small cocoon-like bags around as they feed. The young Eastern Tent caterpillars gather at a branch fork or crotch and spin a white silk tent about one inch in diameter. The caterpillars stay inside of this tent at night and during rainy weather.

During the day, the caterpillars crawl out onto the branches, spinning out a single strand of silk as they move away from the tent.

Before nightfall, after feeding on the leaves during the day, they retrace their steps along the silk strand back to their nest.

As the caterpillars grow they enlarge their silken tent. Each develops a white stripe down the back with a row of blue spots bordered with longitudinal yellow lines on either side of the stripe.

About the end of May, these caterpillars separate and each one spins a white silken cocoon on the tree trunk or some other object in which he pupates. The adult moths emerge in June.

After mating, the females lay their eggs on twigs that are usually about the diameter of a pencil. The egg mass is dark brown and usually extends completely around the twig. Each egg mass is about three-fourths of an inch across and contains 150-350 eggs. These eggs do not hatch until the following spring.

The easiest control of these insects, particularly on small trees, such as crabapple, is to clip out the silken tents at night when the caterpillars are inside. Put the tents in a plastic bag in garbage can or, the trees can be sprayed with **Bacillus thuringiensis** (Dipel, Thuricide), malathion, carbaryl (Sevin), or acephate (Orthene) to kill the larvae as they feed on the leaves.

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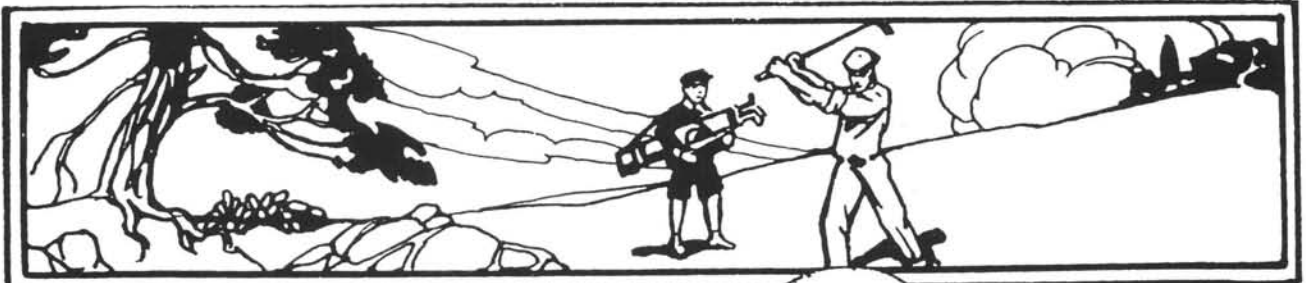
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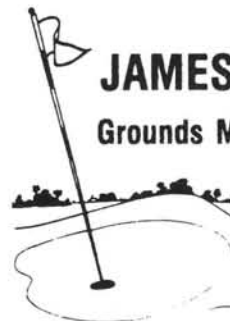
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Thanks to John Turner and NOR-AM for the scholarship and congratulations to both Gary Banta and Rich Dragstrem.

On May 31st, Herb Graffis will celebrate his 94th birthday. Herb Graffis is an Honorary Member of the MAGCS and has been for more years than most people can count. He is and always was a staunch supporter of the golf course superintendent. Herb has never been one to mince words. In 1985 he was quoted to state "They're getting some fun back into the game. It was getting too mercenary. Golf has become the biggest business in sports — but it's the amateurs that are putting money into it. The pros wouldn't even give you the measles or a social disease." Many more healthy and happy birthdays, Herb!



The deepest sympathy of the members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents is extended to Mrs. Ruth Roloff and family on the death of her husband George, on Easter Sunday, April 3, 1988. George was 86 years old and had retired in 1963. The Roloffs have lived in Hot Springs, Arkansas for 23 years. George had worked at Beverly C.C., Southshore C.C., Roselle C.C. (now Golden Acres) and Inverness C.C. Mrs. Ruth Roloff's address is 140 Murray Street, Hot Springs, AR 71913.

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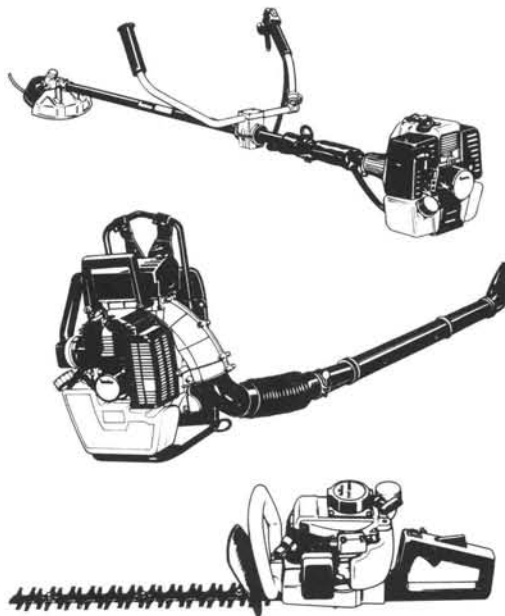
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by Gary Hearn, Oakbrook G.C.

Paradise, here I was in Central Florida as the temperatures were around 70 degrees with blue sky stretching from horizon to horizon. My vacation was just winding down and every place I had been was either cold or windy. I contacted my former employer, Bill Bonnett - originally from Kankakee Elks G.C., who now works for LESCO in the Orlando area. I haven't seen Bill or his family since the fall of 1983.

I received a hardy handshake, and he said, "welcome to paradise". After a delicious supper, we engage in a few 'war' stories, talked about a few people, and drank a few beers. The next couple of days I had weak plans on visiting Disney World and Sea World. I received an invitation from Bill to ride with him on his sales route. I accepted as we pulled out of the driveway at 4:30 in the morning — I was still shaking my head, why did I accept this offer. I can see now why Bill extended the invitation, here I was working unloading 4 pallets from one LESCO semi to Bill's semi-trailer. I just paid for room and board.

For the next 8 hours, I was riding shot-gun with a man who had the patience and desire to set me in the right direction. He took a chance and for that I will always respect and trust Bill Bonnett. The atmosphere of the day was exciting, these are the places that Bill and I visited; 1) Kansas City Royals spring training camp, 2) Grand Cypress G.C., 3) Orange Tree G.C., 4) Bay Hill G.C., and 5) Orlando C.C. I learned a great deal about southern turf grasses and each superintendent was very helpful. On the way back to Bill's house, I ponder the day events and thus, made plans for the following day. Disney World here I come — wrong, again Bill had something else planned.

We both attended the West Florida Association of Superintendents monthly meeting at the new Black Diamond G.C. located near Crystal River. As usual meetings are in the Midwest, this was different, a buffet lunch, a speaker from LESCO, then we played golf. The day was educational from the speaker's information to listening to other superintendents about their experiences in the southern territory. The whole day was great, I teamed up with 3 other guys for a scramble match and of course we lost by 10 strokes.

As I look back on these two days on visiting and talking with other superintendents, these days wouldn't have materialized unless a good friend was around. What I am trying to say, don't forget the people who got yourself in this profession or any other profession. I still send Bill and his family a Christmas card, just to say thanks.

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