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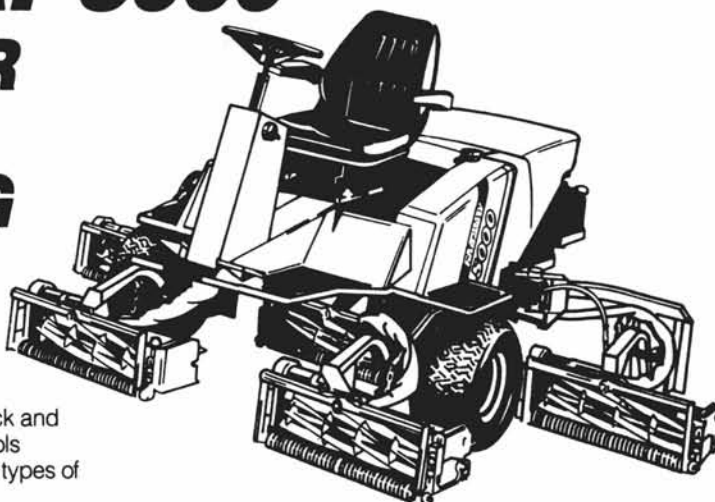
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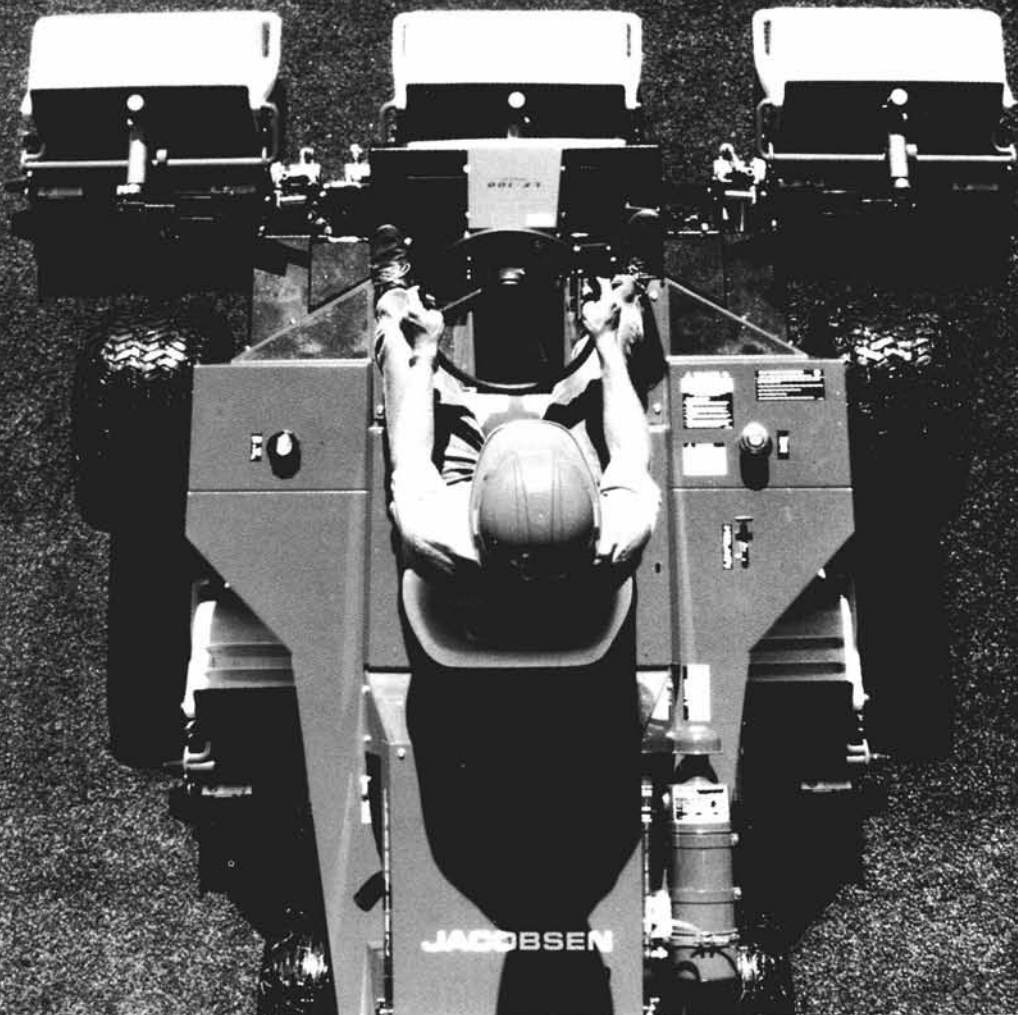
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## Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

**June 7-10** — Western Open at Butler National G.C.

**June 14-17** — U.S. Open at Medinah C.C.

**June 18** — MAGCS Monthly Meeting at Mt. Prospect C.C.

**July 19** — MAGCS Monthly Meeting at Woodbine G.C.

**August 13** — MAGCS Monthly Meeting at Tamarack G.C.

**August 20** — ITF Golf Day at St. Charles C.C. & Geneva C.C.

**Sept. 24** — MAGCS Monthly Meeting at Bull Valley G.C.

**October 3** — MAGCS Monthly Meeting at Carillon G.C.

**November** — MAGCS Clinic

**December 4-6** — NCTE in Springfield

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Dave Blomquist, superintendent at Naperville C.C. had a full page article and picture of himself in "The Naperville Sun", on Friday, March 30, 1990. His best quote in the article and one that drew a bit of static was, "You have to deal with people who have no idea how to take care of their own front yard but think they know what's right for your course because they play on it three times a week." What a great statement, David.

Congratulations to Pat Mertz, formerly the superintendent at Winnetka Golf Club. Pat has moved on to the Meadowbrook G.C. in Racine, WI.

What Superintendent has a bed facing his desk in his office? This man then has the nerve to ask a female applicant to come to his office for an interview and if she wanted to sit, the only place would be the bed! There is a chair in the office but it is piled high with his book, "How to Grow Grass the Easy Way" "Perfect Lawn the Easy Way."

Congratulations to Henry Michna on succeeding Pat Mertz as Superintendent at Winnetka G.C. Henry was Roger Stewart's assistant at Stonebridge.

## NECROLOGY

The deepest sympathy of the members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents is extended to Dudley Smith and his family on the passing of Dudley's mother on May 6th, 1990. Mrs. Smith was 88 years old.

GCSAA will be hosting a hospitality event during the U.S. Open in Chicago. The reception will be Friday, June 15, from 7-10 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Woodfield in Schaumburg. The association will be honoring Medinah superintendent Danny Quast, CGCS, and his staff for their hard work in preparing for the Open.

Attendees will include local Chicago/Illinois chapter members, representatives from the USGA, PGA and other golf associations, industry and media. **All GCSAA members are invited to attend.** If you are going to be in Chicago for the Open, please drop in and say hello. If you plan on attending the reception, RSVP to the Public Relations department at GCSAA headquarters by June 8.

Remember that the U.S. Open is a USGA-sponsored event. All members with a Gold membership card (Class A, B, Retired and AA-Life) receive complimentary grounds and clubhouse admittance for themselves and their spouses. Just present your Gold card each day at the "Will Call" window.

## April Meeting Pictures by Ray Schmitz



*150 years of golf course experience and still going strong! Left to right: Albie Staudt, Bill Kraft and Joe Canale*



*Mr. Don Bates, Illinois Department of Energy and Natural Resources Office of Solid Wastes and Renewable Resources (Wow, how would you like to write that title after your name every time?) discusses the implications of the July 1st ban on lawn waste disposal in landfills.*

## C.G.C.M.A. Meeting Dates for 1990

6/12	Butler C.C.
7/??	TBA
8/14	Old Elm C.C.
9/11	River Forest G.C.
10/9	Olympia Fields C.C.
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- d) is a by-product

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##### **Advantages**

- a) inexpensive to obtain/cheap
- b) available at the present time

##### **Disadvantages**

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- b) DER, Penn State Univ., Cornell Univ., Rutgers Univ., Texas A & M Univ., and Agri-Systems of Texas do not recommend sewage sludge for a green house soil amendment or as a soil amendment for high traffic areas
- c) is a by-product

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##### **Advantages**

- a) normally available
- b) inexpensive to obtain/cheap

##### **Disadvantages**

- a) varies according to wood type (i.e. oak sawdust removes available nitrogen from the soil)
- b) poor cation exchange capacity (CEC)
- c) poor buffering material
- d) poor soil amendment for plants
- e) not recommended by universities or laboratories

**Credit — "The Greener Side", Vol. 13 #2**

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**The bidding process for new golf course projects has just been made easier.** The American Society of Golf Course Architects has recently created a Request for Proposal form for new golf course projects. The RFP is a 12-page document detailing project specifics for the golf course architect. The ASGCA says that the brevity of the proposal simplifies the bidding procedure and encourages more course designers to respond to proposals. Copies of the RFP can be obtained by writing to: The American Society of Golf Course Architects, 221 N. La Salle St., Chicago, IL 60601.

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## Lincolnshire Meeting Pictures by Ray Schmitz



Superintendent Herb Gerlach viewing the Ransomes 180 Triplex Mower while Ron Christensen demonstrates.



George Thomas, regional Sales Manager of Bunton Company with John and Jim Huber, showing the Bunton Triplex Greensmowers.



Ron Christensen and his staff at Christensen Power & Equipment showing off the new Ransomes 5 Gang Fairway Mower.



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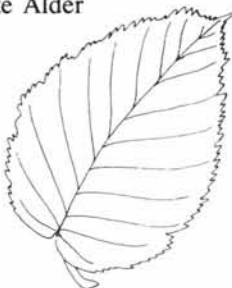
by Fred D. Opperman

In the succeeding months I hope to highlight a different species of tree to inform our readers that there are other trees to be planted besides the Maples, Ashes or Honeylocusts. I do not intend to down grade these species, (a sugar maple is one of my favorite trees) but to educate one to look at other species and consider them in future plantings.

This month's selection is by accident that it starts with an "a" and that it is the first of my selections.

**Alnus incana** (al'nus in-kan'a) — White Alder

This is a tree that is not widely cultivated in the States. But they make excellent plants in wet areas and along lakes and streams. It would be planted where you might want to plant a Weeping Willow and give you a lot less problems. In the spring the yellow-brown catkins provide interesting color as they sway in the breezes. During winter the catkins from the previous year look like little pine cones and are quite decorative. It has little pest problems and is a fairly fast grower.



**Leaves:** They are alternate, simple, 2 to 4" long, 1 1/4 to 2 1/4" wide, ovate, oval or obovate, apex acute and the base is rounded. Edges are double serrate and usually slightly lobulate, with a dull green above and grayish underneath.



**Buds:** They are distinctly stalked, 1/4 to 1/2" long, reddish, with more or less whitened with fine down and slightly sticky.



**Stems:** Are slender, finely downy or glabrous, grayish brown, hairy toward the tips, especially of fruiting twigs.

**Height:** It will become a large tree of 40 to 60' with a dull dark green foliage.

Credit: "Manual of Woody Landscape Plants", by Michael A. Dirr

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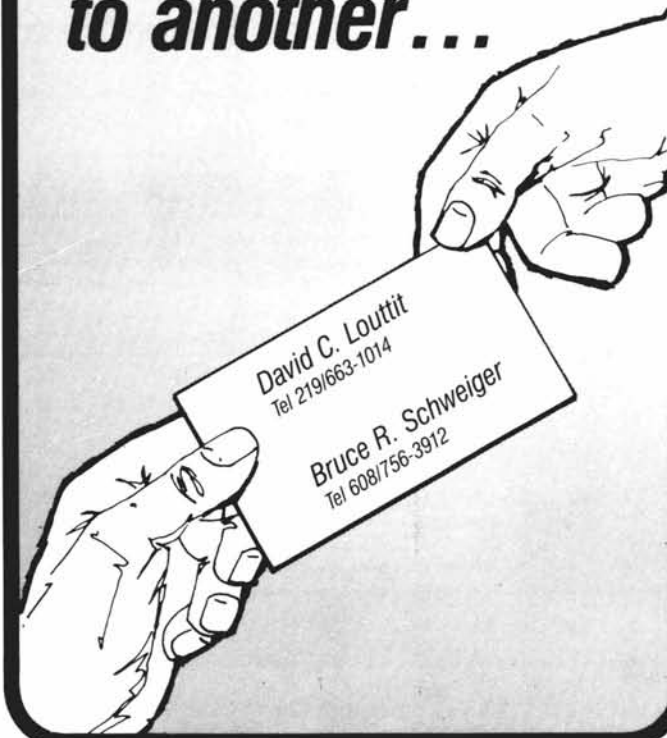
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by Tony Rzdazki, Asst. Supt.  
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The one problem that I foresee that may occur with the Hydroject is it's use on soil greens. The holes it leaves may be too clean and if the soil is too dense it may not be able to fill in the core. Many courses are converting soil greens to sand greens now by core aerifying and sand top dressing afterwards. Once the green has reached the appropriate sand consistency it's time to get in line and convert to a Hydroject.

I hope that I don't sound like a Toro commercial. I really hope that I don't end up eating crow either. But after being a mechanic for seven years I'm very happy to see that someone has their head screwed on right.

Bravo, Toro, bravo!

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