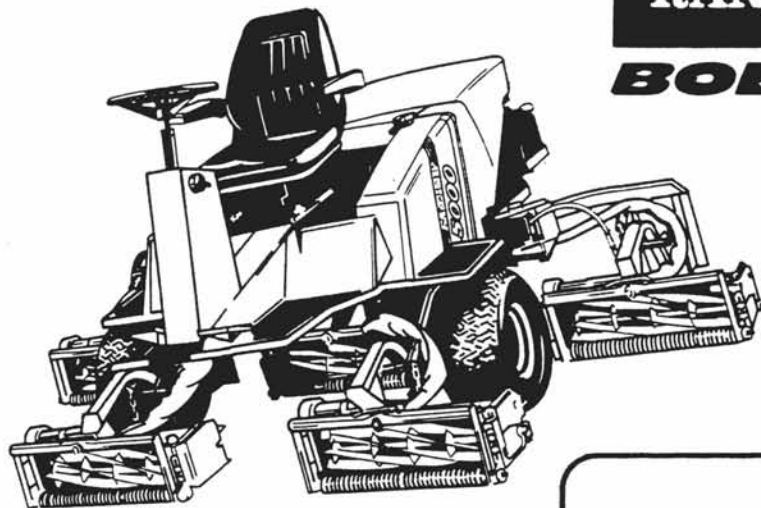


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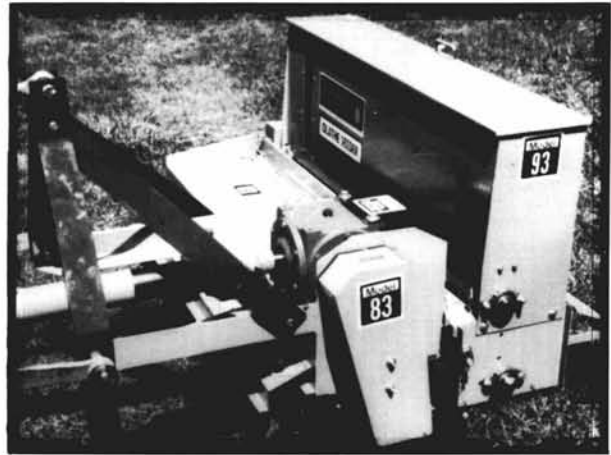
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Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

March 14 — MAGCS Monthly Meeting at Nordic Hills C.C.
March 15, 16, 17 — Home & Flower Show at Rosemont Expo
March 29 — CDGA Green Seminar at Medinah C.C.
April 23 — MAGCS Monthly Meeting at Lincolnshire C.C.
May 21 — Joint Association Meeting with Central Ill. in Peoria
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 7, 8, 9 — MAGCS Monthly Meeting at Bull Valley G.C.
September — MAGCS Monthly Meeting at Carillon G.C.
November — MAGCS Clinic
December 4-6 — NCTE in Springfield

Our president, Bruce Williams, had a busy travel schedule this winter. Bruce presented 5 seminars for the PGA in Orlando, Dallas, Portland & Chicago. He was assisted by Roger Stewart and Al Fierst. In addition, Bruce addressed the Illini Chapter of the Club Managers Association in Bloomington, Ill. and presented a seminar for the U. S. Air Force golf course managers in Washington, D.C.

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Dan Dinelli spent a couple of weeks in the jungles of Ecuador and on the Galapagos Islands looking for rare hawks and eagles which is his hobby. A little geography lesson here (I admit I looked it up myself), Ecuador in Spanish is the word for equator, which the country straddles on the west coast of South America and is between Columbia and Peru.

Pete Leuzinger reports that he has moved out of his house that was on the property of the old St. Charles C.C. This was the last phase of property transfer between Arthur Anderson Co. and the club.

The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents would like to thank the purveyors in our association for their donations which made the Midwest Hospitality Suite at the National Convention possible.

This year we tried a new concept, enabling all Midwest members to take part of the Hospitality Suite at all times.

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Once again, thanks to all. Comments or suggestions to the Board of Directors on the new format are always welcome. Hope you all had a wonderful time in Orlando.

Joel V. Purpur, CGCS
MAGCS Arrangements Committee

The MAGCS will again be hosting a booth at the **Chicagoland Home & Flower Show**. Association members are needed to staff the booth. In order to provide positive P/R to public attendees, MAGCS members should wear appropriate attire. This show will run March 15-18, 1990 (Thurs.-Sun). Admission for participating association members is free. The show hours are as follows: 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. on Thursday thru Saturday, and 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. Any association members interested in participating can contact Timothy Kelly, at Village Links — 469-2077 for additional information.

Cantigny (pronounced can-teen-ee) was picked as Golf Digest Best New Golf Course for 1989! It also got a good write up in the "Chicago Tribune". Too bad neither article mentioned the man responsible for the wonderful condition it is in for a new course. Mike Nass and his crew warrant recognition.

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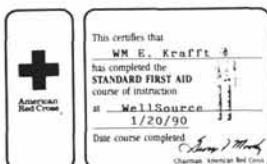
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A Note from Settlers Hill Golf Course

by Dan Murray, CGCS

On January 11, 1990 we started construction on the next nine. After the initial staking to locate the center of the greens, tees, and turing points on the fairways the clearing limits were established. The next step was to come in with a Hydro-Axe and start to remove all the small (up to about 6'') trees in the total clear area. This made a big difference in the look of the golf holes. There were so many scrub trees in the way you could not see from some landing areas to the green. The Hydro-Axe was a spectacular machine to watch (from a safe distance). On the larger trees it was raised up until the top of the tree was cut off then the cutting unit was lowered down until there was nothing left of the tree but chips. On the smaller trees it worked like an out-front rotary cutting down the trees then chipping them up. All trees in the selective clear area to be saved are marked with ribbon. The large (above 6'') trees which are not to be saved will be cut down with chain saws. They will be pulled to a central area where the smaller limbs will be chipped up and the large trunks hauled away. The areas where the Hydro-Axe cannot get will be done by hand. In total there will be about 10 acres to clear. Before the dirt work is started in the spring (after the frost is out of the soil) all sensitive trees will be fenced off to prevent any encroachment over the root system. With all this going on, it is making for a busy and exciting winter for me. More at a later date.

The following is a letter from Bill Kraft which I received. It is something that all of us should do and no doubt always mean to do, but never get around to it. Thanks for the letter, Bill, and congratulations to you.



February 6, 1990

Mr. Fred D. Opperman, CGCS
Editor, Bull Sheet
1022 Shady Lane
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Dear Fred:

The American Red Cross, Lake County Chapter had a training course in Standard First Aid and Adult CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) at the WellSource Health Center on January 20th, 1990. I decided that I should take the two courses because you never know when an occasion will arrive when you are needed. In our profession, he who ceases to learn doesn't deserve to teach.

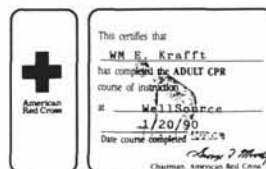
On January 20th, 1990 I passed my American Red Cross Standard First Aid test as well as my Adult CPR test. Passing these two tests certifies me for performance to aid some one in need.

The instructions and tests took eight (8) hours. Class started at 8:30AM, before we broke for lunch we had a twenty-five (25) question test on Standard First Aid. To be eligible for the afternoon portion of Adult CPR, you first had to pass the Standard First Aid test. The day ended at 5:30PM with the completion of another twenty-five (25) question test on Adult CPR.

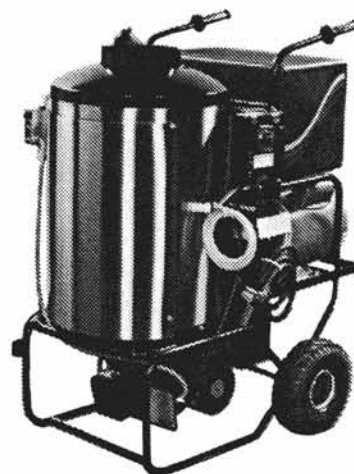
These tests were given at WellSource Health Clinic in the Southlake Mall - Merrillville, Indiana. We had four (4) instructors from the American Red Cross and the charge was twenty-two dollars (\$22.00). The Standard First Aid certificate is valid for three (3) years and the Adult CPR certificate is valid for one (1) year.

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CGCMA Notes

by Eric Burkman
Northmoor C.C.

This is the start of a new year and a new beginning for the Chicagoland Golf Course Mechanic's Association (C.G.C.M.A.).

The year has started off great with the school and tour of the Toro plant in Tomah, Wisconsin. This outing has brought the members of the association to 75% completion for the educational programs.

The school and tour has been the best in service so far. When we arrived in Tomah, the C.G.C.M.A. was greeted by the Toro plant managers and then we were treated to dinner. At dinner, members of the C.G.C.M.A. joined some employees from the Toro plant. Among them were Fred Boos, Toro Plant Manager, and Mike McDaniels, Dave Betthausen and Jim Kubina, Toro Engineers.

The members of the C.G.C.M.A. and the people from Toro were excited about the meeting since this was the first of its kind. The discussions ranged from solutions to problems we see in the field, to types of products the members of the C.G.C.M.A. would like to see in the future.

The following day, during the class agenda, we were shown a slide presentation of how Toro evolved into the turf industry. Then more specifically, different types of equipment. Such as the 223 D Fairway machine, GR 3000 Aerators and the Groundmaster.

I personally feel by continuing these programs, the mechanic's knowledge of the different types of machinery will be greatly enhanced and thus be able to work more efficiently. This will be appreciated by all Golf Course Superintendents.

In closing I would like to extend a special thanks to Jim Reed, Chicago Turf, Fred Boos, Dave Betthausen and Julie Felts, with Toro, for making this a success.

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

- 1/15 Toro, Tomah, WI
- 2/13 EZ-GO, Lake Zurich, IL
- 3/13 Bryn Mahr C.C.
- 4/10 Stone Bridge C.C.
- 5/8 Wystone C.C.
- 6/12 Butler C.C.
- 7/?? TBA
- 8/14 Old Elm C.C.
- 9/11 River Forest G.C.
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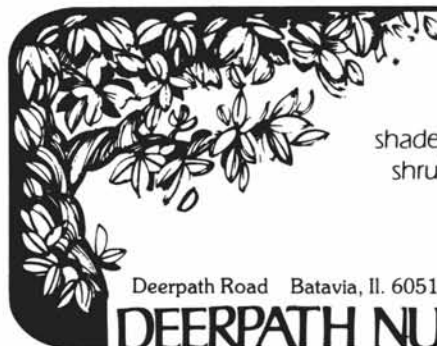


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Tree/Shrub Problems May Be Weather Related

by James A. Fizzell, Sr. Ext. Adviser
U. of I. Horticulture

The weather during the 80's has been unusual to say the least. Extreme cold early in the decade ... followed by floods, record heat and drought ... has returned with record lows this past winter to finish out the decade.

These extremes in weather have not been kind to our plantings. Many of the problems we have seen the last couple of summers are the result of the stresses the plants have been forced to endure.

Branches, injured by cold or by heat, become susceptible to fungus diseases that cause cankers and dieback. Since these diseases are slow to develop, this damage might not show up for a year or two. Euonymus, willow, mountain ash and tall hedge are often injured this way.

Plants suffering from drought stress, invite invasion by boring insects that infest trunks and limbs. Ash, crabapple, maple, and some pines seem to be attractive to these insects. Sawdust falling from holes in the bark and general decline of the plants are evidence of borer invasion.

Drought damage also leads to the canker disease that is so damaging to spruce trees. The cytospora fungus invades the bark of wilted branches by killing them one at a time. Trees eventually become so unsightly that they are detrimental instead of assets in the landscape.

Excess soil moisture is harmful too. Japanese Yews, maples, oaks and many flowering shrubs can't tolerate soggy soils. If planted in poorly drained areas, roots of these plants suffocate and the plants die. Once the problems begin, many of these weather damaged plants will continue to decline. The weather damage, followed by insects or diseases, results in additional stress, invasion by more secondary pests, and ultimately loss of the plants.

Prevention is the best way to avoid these troubles. Select plants that can stand our weather and soil conditions. Provide good drainage so roots don't drown. During droughty weather, provide a good soaking every two or three weeks. Wrap thin-barked trees to protect from winter damage. Control insects or diseases that damage leaves weakening the plants.

Once damage begins, spraying with insecticides or fungicides is largely ineffective in controlling stress related problems, Fizzell concludes.

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For you shopping enthusiasts, we will have plenty of time to browse through the many fine shopping areas and woolen mills.

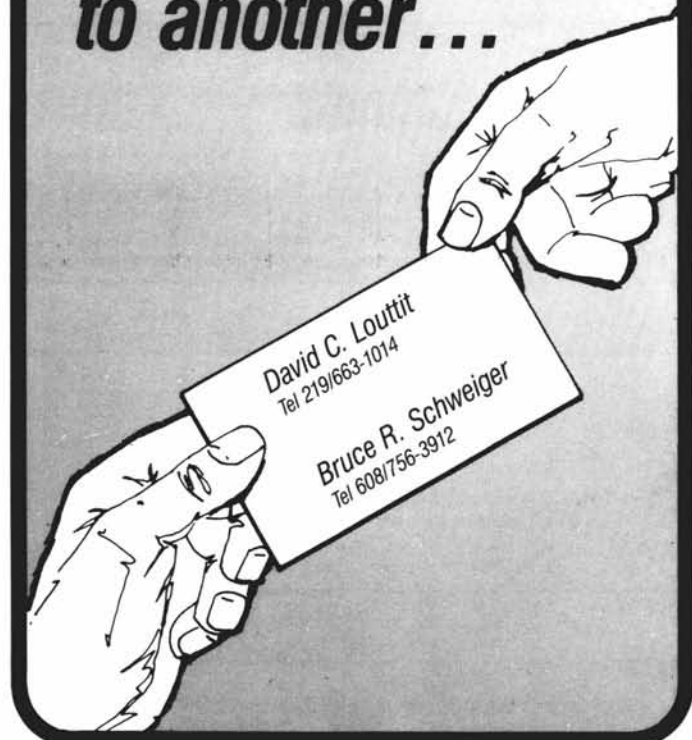
This trip will hopefully be a "Dream Come True" to many of you who would love to have the opportunity to play golf in England and Scotland.

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Because space is limited, please call me as soon as possible to get a complete itinerary and a registration form. I will also be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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Dennis Wilson (on left) Superintendent of Sunset Ridge C.C. being presented with a "Founders Plaque" by President of the Chicagoland and Golf Course Mechanics Association, John Maguire.



High altitude skiers at Jackson Hole, WY. Left to right: Don Cross, Al Fierst, Dave Blomquist, Bruce Williams, Les Rutan and Joel Purpur. What a way to get away from the golf courses!

Illinois Turfgrass Foundation Combined Golf Day Country Club of Peoria and Mt. Hawley Country Club Peoria, Illinois — May 21, 1990

The combined golf day to benefit the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation is being hosted this year at Peoria Country Club and Mt. Hawley Country Club in Peoria, Illinois. These two centrally located golf courses offer rolling hills bentgrass and narrow fairways. Both clubs have in the past hosted the Illinois State Am and will demand the best from you.

There will be a buffet lunch before the shotgun start, beverages on the course and a cash bar reception. The evening reception will be held at Mt. Hawley Country Club.

Peoria has a variety of entertainment for you. You may wish to come for the weekend. There are five public golf courses in Peoria and two in nearby Pekin, Illinois which offers Lick Creek, one of Golf Digest's Top 100 Public Golf Courses. There is Wildlife Prairie Park, the River Station, the Winners Circle with off-track betting, and a River Boat with a variety of cruises.

More information will follow in the next few weeks, so pencil in May 21, 1990 and come see HOW IT PLAYS IN PEORIA.

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PRODUCT	TURFGRASS USE	ORGANIC CONTENT	SQ. FEET COVERAGE
Country Club 18-4-10	Greens Tees Fairways	90%	9,000
Country Club 18-3-12	Greens Tees Fairways	70%	9,000
Country Club 18-0-18	Greens Tees Fairways	80%	9,000
Country Club 8-4-24* 100% Sulfate of Potash	Greens Fall Fairway Year Round	30%	12,000*

The particle sizing is a small homogeneous granulation for less mower pickup.

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TOTAL TURF CARE

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