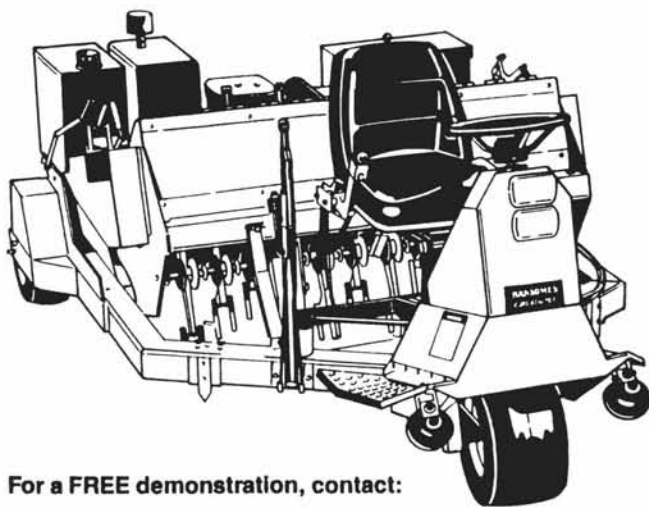


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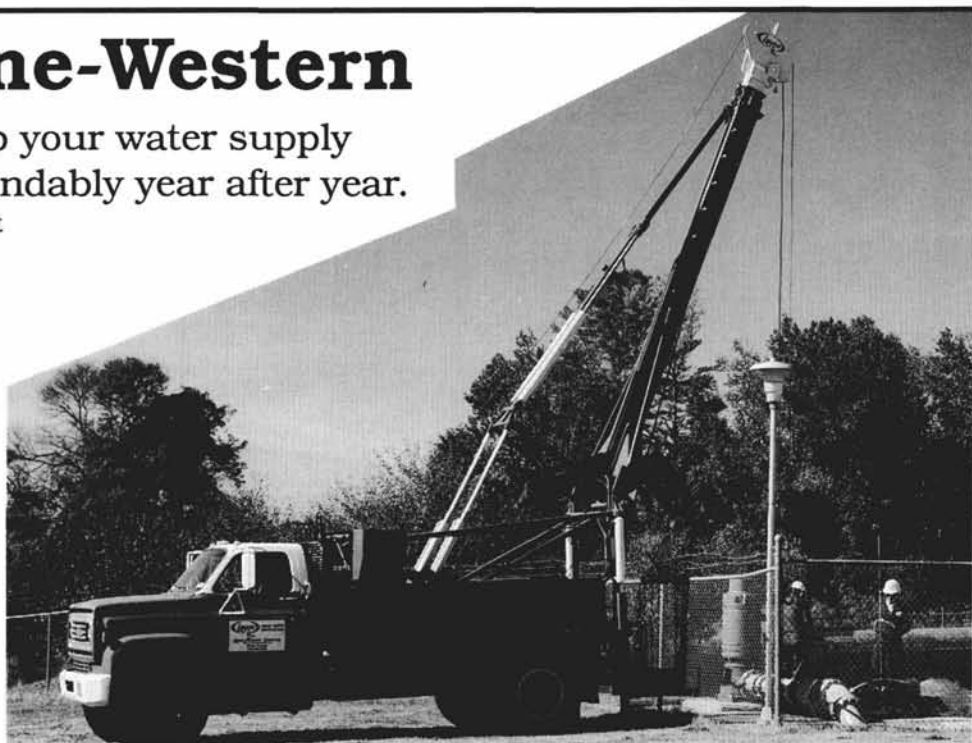
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June 14-17 — U.S. Open at Medinah C.C.

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.

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Can you believe that the bachelor of bachelors got married this past winter. Peter Voykin tied the knot in January and then he took brother Paul on the honeymoon to Hawaii!!!

MAGCS Needs Volunteers for Western Open

Ed Braunsky is looking for volunteers to help man the hospitality tent that is being co-sponsored along with the "Tee-To-Green Corporation". Call Ed at (708) 232-0627. Dates are June 7-10th.

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Kerry Anderson (815) 932-2662 has a field of evergreens for sale. He states the price is right.

Ooops Department ...

Last month we had the names reversed on our pictures. Sorry about that error, we don't want people getting confused over Don Ferreri and Jan Schmitz.

Congratulations to Lynn Wesson on his promotion and advancement to Superintendent at Phillips Park Golf Club in Aurora. Lynn was the assistant at Edgebrook in Sandwich, IL.

Congratulations are also in order to John E. Malloy, Superintendent of Wynstone Golf Club on becoming a Certified Golf Course Superintendent. Out of a 9,500 membership only a little more than 1,100 active GCSAA members currently hold the "CGCS" status.

The CDGA Green Seminar which was held at Medinah C.C. this year once again shattered attendance records. There were 302 in attendance, 80 clubs represented and 20 commercial representatives. Call Dr. Kane if you would like to hear the tape from this year's seminar.

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GIN TOURNAMENT

The winner of the 1990 Charity Gin Tournament on March 19th at Hackney's Restaurant in Wheeling was smiling Phil "The Thrill" Taylor. Phil "The Thrill" beat out 81 year old card shark and magician Bruno Clemer, whose hobby is doing card tricks. (He retired right after he got beat). Frankly, the championship game was really just an anticlimax to the preceding semifinal contest between "Johnny the Bear" and old Bruno. It had to be the slowest game in the history of gin. Would you believe that it took three long slow-motion hours before senior citizen Bruno beat "The Bear"? Most frustrating of all, the coniving "Bear" kept accidentally moving the lights away from poor thickly bespectacled Bruno so that he couldn't see the cards. However, justice prevailed and the slick "Bear" got licked in the end as darkness began to fall. The good guys at Hackney's once again did themselves proud, and over a thousand dollars was raised to help the Ron Austin family with their gravely ill three year old little girl.

Please send your donation to the Austin address below. I know many of you who are Ron's friends and couldn't attend the tournament would like to donate to this very worthy cause. For any further information, please call John Berarducci or Peter Voykin, the two hard-working co-chairmen who once again did such a wonderful job setting up this annual gin charity tournament.

Paul "P.V." Voykin

P.S. New rule in effect starting new year ... you can't make phone calls during the course of gin play; and if you go to the bathroom, you must come back.

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by Kerry Anderson

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Russ Fink explains computer bulletin boards with Dr. Randy Kane standing by.



Richard Hahn explaining computer spread sheets.

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A sincere thanks goes out to Russ Fink, Rick Hahn, Ray Schmitz (our computer wizzes), and Bob Emrick, Jim Reed and Ron Jones (Toro). Thank you all for making it happen!

An enjoyable and educational time was had by all and further workshops will be considered for the future.

**Donald A. Cross, CGCS
MAGCS Education Committee**

NECROLOGY

The deepest sympathy of the members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents is extended to John Gurke and his family on the passing of his father on April 24, 1990.

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"Update on CGCMA Education Program"

by Eric Burkman, CGCMA
Head Mechanic, Northmoor C.C.

The final part of the CGCMA's winter educational program was completed on February 13, 1990 at the Lake Zurich Echo plant.

The topic was, "Understanding the Quirks of Two Cycle Engines and Trouble Shooting in the Correct Sequence". The speaker was Echo's National Senior Service Manager, Andy Kuczman. Andy has 17 years experience working with two cycle engines. Three types of aspiration on two cycles were discussed.

The types are reed valve, piston ported, and ventilated piston. The subject of the compression of primary and secondary crank case and cylinder operation was addressed. Carburation, exhaust, and ignition were also important issues that were covered.

The last item on the agenda was how to correctly make carburation adjustments. Many useful pieces of information and ideas were conveyed during the meeting. Because of the hands on nature of the seminar, much knowledge was gained by all that attended.

Hopefully, in the future we may have the opportunity to hear Andy speak again about problems and advancements on two cycle engines.

A special thanks to Echo Corporation, Andy Kuczman, and Bill Peel.

Chicago Golf Course Mechanics Association, Director Patrick Kelly reports that their next meeting will be held on May 8, 1990. The meeting will be held at Wynstone C.C. shop building, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The guest sponsor will be Chicago Turf & Irrigation Inc., featuring Toro equipment — REELMASTER 223-D & GREENSMaster 1000. Toro factory design engineer Dan Stiller & reel equipment marketing manager Bill Koenig will also be present to discuss the equipment and answer questions. Lunch will be provided. RSVP required, call Chicago Turf & Irrigation at 773-5555, ask for Terry.

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

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- 6/12 Butler C.C.
- 7/?? TBA
- 8/14 Old Elm C.C.
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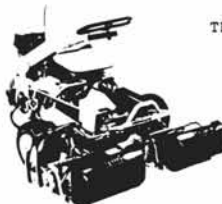
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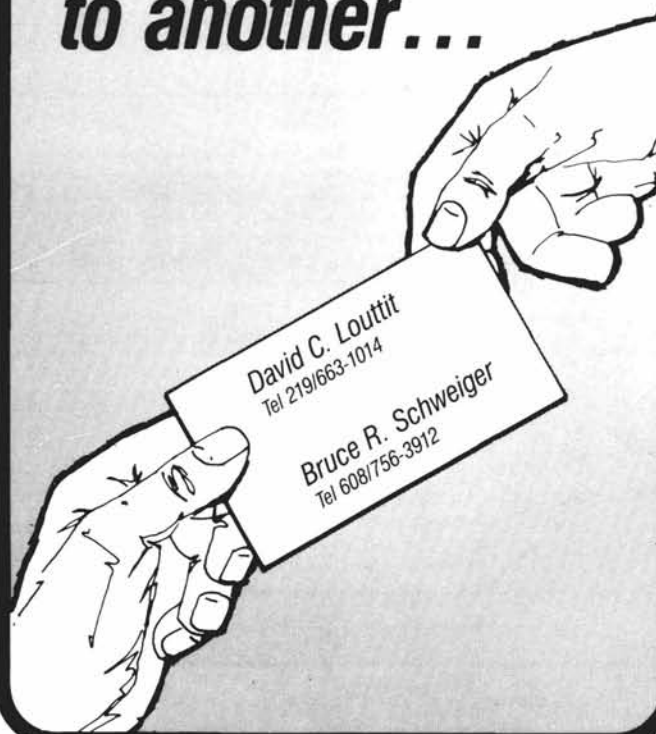
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by Kevin Czerkies, Supt.
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Once again the topic of geese came up at the March MAGCS meeting. Like many courses, I had my fair share of them. My biggest problem with the geese was the droppings they left behind.

I had heard that Dave Beno at Bonnie Brook and Paul Bastron at Glen Flora were successfully scaring their geese away with the help of shellcrackers. I decided to give it a try.

Shellcrackers are a class "C" explosive that sounds like a gunshot when they explode. They are considered somewhat like fireworks, therefore I needed written permission from the village of Northbrook and the police department before I could legally purchase them.

I ordered 600 shellcrackers and purchased a 12 gauge flare gun. The flare gun needed to be reamed out slightly to hold the shellcrackers.

Before I could begin firing shellcrackers, the Northbrook police asked that I notify all neighbors that bordered Sportsman's. I drafted a letter explaining our intentions, and had two of my employees distribute copies to each house.

Finally, it was time to begin. We began firing shellcrackers last October. At that time we had over 500 geese.

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