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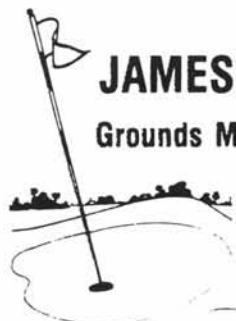
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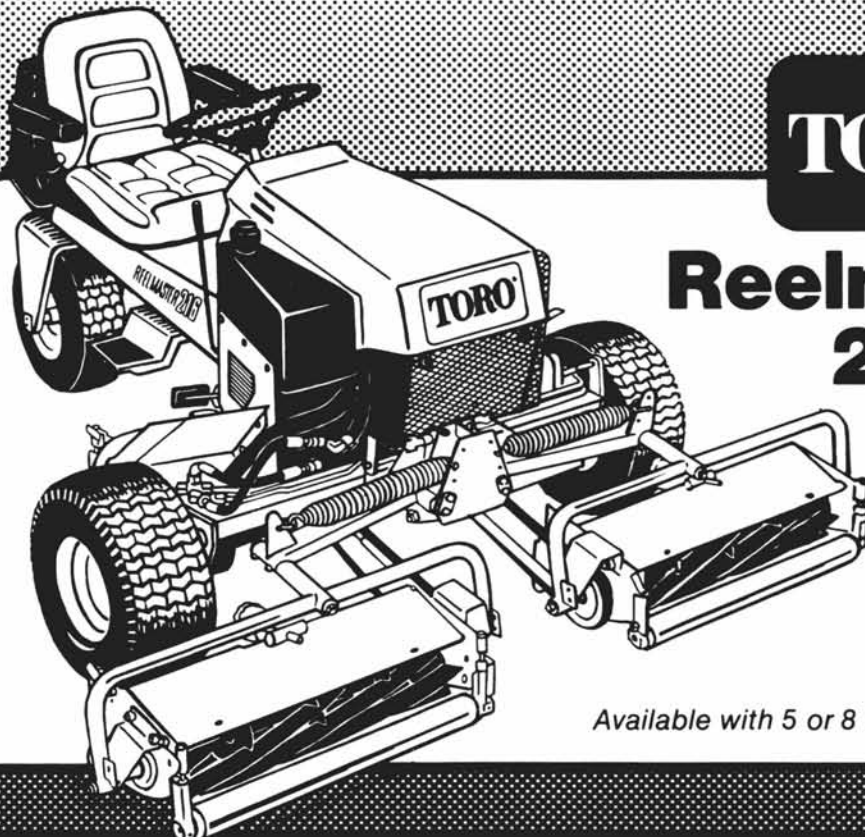
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## Midwest Breezes



### Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

**November 7** — MAGCS Clinic at Medinah C.C.

**November 12-14** — Penn State Conference, University Park, PA

**November 27-29** — Turfgrass & Ornamental Chemical Seminar at Purdue

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

**January 7-11** — Ohio State University Short Course

**January 17-19** — MID-AM Trade Show, Chicago

**January 21-23** — Michigan Turfgrass Conference

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Congratulations to Kerry and Lisa Anderson on the birth of their daughter Whitney on August 26, 1990. Kerry and Lisa gave a sigh of relief and thankfulness when they finally got Whitney home after she spent 1½ months in the hospital. She weighed only 3 pounds, 5 ounces at birth.

Drinks are on Frank Krueger at the next meetings! Frank was fortunate to win big in the Illinois Lottery — \$100,000.00 BIG! See Frank, that is better than winning a pair of socks at our monthly golf event.

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The association and members would like to thank Ken Goodman for hosting the September meeting and Renny Jacobson for hosting the October meeting.

Thank you to Butch Borgmann for donating four Founders Drivers, which were donated as door prizes at our Golf Championship outing. This years Midwest Champion not only got a prize for the day, but also was able to take home the new traveling trophy — a Captain's Chair, that had brass plates attached of the previous winners from over the years.

## Nominations for Officers & Board 1990-1991 Term

With the passing of the Bylaws change last year allowing Officers to run 2 years, the nomination committee submits the following slate for 1990-1991.

For President — Bruce Williams

For Vice President — Ray Schmitz

For Secretary-Treas. — Tim Kelly

For 2 yr. Director term — 3 to be elected

Mike Bavier — Kerry Blatteau — Don Cross — Russ Fink

Nominations for any or all positions will be accepted from the floor at time of the election.

**The Election Committee**

## Illinois Turfgrass Presents Distinguished Service Award

Albie Staudt of Geneva Illinois will receive the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation's Distinguished Service Award for 1990.

Individuals are selected on the basis of: is an active member of the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation or the Illinois turfgrass academic community; has held office in a state or local turfgrass organization; is a dedicated promoter of the turfgrass industry; has been an innovator of new ideas and cultural practices in the turfgrass industry; has exhibited honesty and self discipline in personal and professional life; has a high degree of knowledge of turfgrass and the turfgrass industry.

Before retiring recently, Staudt was superintendent of Geneva Golf Club for 30 years. In addition to his work for the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation, Staudt has been a member of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents since 1946. He served on the MAGCS Board of Directors from 1968 to 1974, including a term as president.

The award will be presented to Staudt at the Foundation's annual meeting on December 4 in Springfield, Illinois.

Past recipients include Frank J. Stynchula, retired golf course superintendent at Chanute Air Force Base and Dr. Al Turgeon, currently head of the Department of Agronomy at Penn State University.

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### Necrology

It is with a deep sense of loss that we announce the death of Vaclav Zolman, 83, on October 14, 1990. Vaclav had a Masters Degree in Agronomy, held the position of regional Director of Agricultural Extension Program in Bohemia. He escaped from Czechoslovakia after the communist take over in 1948. He was Superintendent of South Shore C.C. and a soils expert for the Brookside Farms Laboratories.

## Leaves, Limbs, Needles & Boughs

by Fred D. Opperman

*Cladrastis lutea* (kla-dras'tis lu-te'a) — American Yellowwood.

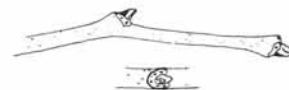
This tree gets its common name from the appearance of the freshly cut heartwood which is yellow. It is a very hardy tree and flowers far north. Yellowwood is an excellent tree for flowers and foliage, plus the medium size and spreading habit make it a choice shade tree for smaller areas.

Leaves: Alternate, odd-pinnately compound 7 to 9 (11) leaflets, entire leaf 8 to 12" long, elliptic to ovate, broad cuneate, glabrous, bright green, petiole enlarged at base. Leaf color is opening



bright yellowish green gradually changing to bright green in summer. Fall color is yellow to golden-yellow.

Bud: Terminal-absent, laterals-naked, superposed, the uppermost the largest and generally alone developing, flattened, closely packed together to form a pointed, bud-like, hairy "cone", nearly surrounded by the leaf scar.



Stem: Slender, more or less zigzag, smooth bright reddish brown, often bloomy, odor and taste resembling that of a raw dried pea or bean.

Bark: That of a beagle on the trail of a big old rabbit. No, no, wrong kind of bark. The bark is thin gray to light brown (beagles are that color too!), resembling the bark of beech, with slight protuberances of ridges and horizontal wrinkles.

Size: 30 to 50' in height with a spread of 40 to 50'.

Flowers: Perfect white, fragrant 1 to 1/4" long; borne in 8 to 14" long pendulous terminal panicles or racemes in late May to early June. Tends to produce the greatest amount of flowers in alternate years or every third year, when in full flower the tree appears to be dripping with white rain.

Fruit: Has a pod, which is brown about 2 1/2 to 4" long with 4 to 6 flat brown seeds.

Disease & Insects: Very few problems are associated with this tree.

Culture: Transplant in the fall or spring into well drained soil; tolerates high pH soils as well as acid conditions. Plant in full sun and prune only in the summer as the tree blends profusely if pruned in the winter or spring.

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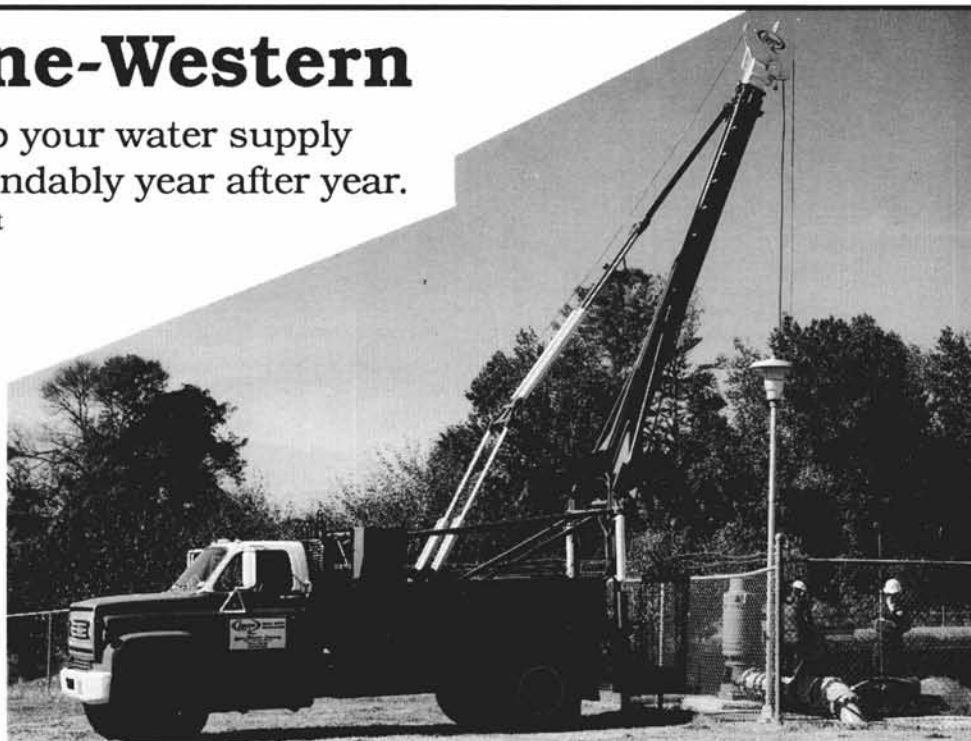
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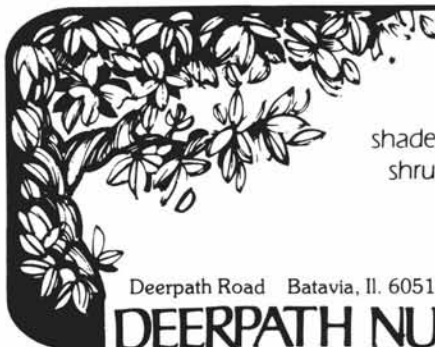


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## A Note from Settlers Hill G.C.

by Dan Murray, CGCS

Well, all of the dozers and scrapers have finally finished, and all of the important people that have been involved have gotten together for their final walkthrough. When the owners were happy and the contractors were sure they didn't do too many extras for free, the job was signed off.

It was quite a different feeling to have all of that equipment moving dirt one day, and the next day the woods were quiet. I then realized that in a couple of months time, the people I had hired must have this 95-acre tract ready to seed.

The few people already hired were preparing for the installation of the irrigation system: mounting control clocks in the cabinets, putting sprinklers and quick couplers on the swing joints, and locating the pipe and wire where we would make our initial connections.

The pipe was located, and we chose to dig by hand instead of using the backhoe. Wrong decision. Since the ground was hard, the crew decided to use a pickaxe and stuck it right in the middle of a 6" pipe. I hoped this was not how the whole summer would continue.

All in all, it wasn't that bad of a mistake. According to the as-built there was supposed to be a 4" pipe there; instead it was a 6" pipe. So this was where we made the connection to our existing irrigation system.

Once we established a routine, things moved along at a good clip. Since this was a new course with questionable material underneath, we decided to trench the entire project. That way

the pipe and wire would not be damaged, and we could remove all rocks or unwanted matter.

The materials for the job had arrived regularly and made quite a pile in the barn. The list of materials was astounding for 9 holes and included 42 miles of wire, 2 miles of pipe (2" to 8"), 1,000 wire splice kits, 195 sprinklers, 50 quick coupling valves, 28 isolation valves, 14 control clocks, 2,000 pipe fittings, 100 spools of teflon tape, 6 gallons of PVC cement and 7 1/4 tons of cement.

As we progressed farther and farther everyday, we used up our stockpile of materials. It was a full-time job for me to keep the crew supplied with the right fittings and to stake out the next hole while maintaining the existing 9 holes.

My young son became my most valuable assistant when it came to laying out the sprinklers — he could speak English! At times, I wondered if it would ever work, seeing up to 20 rolls of wires going in one trench and hoping the right wire went to the right sprinkler head.

While all this was going on, we also had other projects demanding my time and attention. Five thousand feet of cart paths were being installed. This required excavating to a 6" depth, adding 4" of stone, and then applying 2" of asphalt. In addition, there were about 85 jillion dump trucks driving everywhere they were not supposed to be while we were trying to finish off areas to seed.

Well, it did make life interesting this past year. More updates later.

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Championship	Gross	Winner — Bob Kronn
		Runner Up — Al Pondel
		3rd Place — Paul Bastron
	Net	Winner — Tim Davis
		Runner Up — Ron Dohman
		3rd Place — Tom Savage
"A" Flight	Gross	Winner — Rick Wilson
		Runner Up — Scott Nissley
		3rd Place — Curt Addams
	Net	Winner — Brad Johnson
		Runner Up — Steve VanAcker
		3rd Place — Kerry Blatteau
"B" Flight	Gross	Winner — Scott Bartosh
		Runner Up — Kevin DeRoo
		3rd Place — Jerry Cooper
	Net	Winner — Lynn Wesson
		Runner Up — Dennis Wilson
Super Seniors	Gross	Winner — Peter Voykin
		Runner Up — Bill Kraft
		3rd Place — Phil Taylor
	Net	Winner — Bill Miller
		Runner Up — Adolph Bertucci
Affiliates	Gross	Winner — Butch Borgmann
		Runner Up — Joe Williamson
		3rd Place — Phil Taylor
	Net	Winner — Wayne Trommeter
		Runner Up — Dave Louttit
		3rd Place — John Lebedevs

## Annual Alumni Scramble Results

by Dave Blomquist

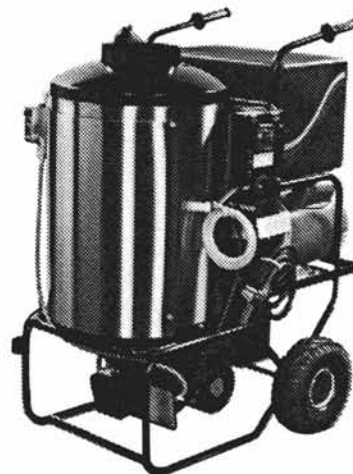
On October 3rd MAGCS members braved gale force winds and driving horizontal rain bursts to play for their alma mater. Carillon Golf Club was in top condition for the final event of the season. Many of us were anxious to see "the 95 Day Miracle" and all agreed that Superintendent Renny Jacobsen is to be commended for a job well done.

As the scorecards came in, one team stood out as being several shots ahead of the field — University of Illinois. However, with that institution's recent history, an investigation was in order and with good reason as a recruiting violation was revealed. Their ridiculously low score of 61 was therefore relegated to best of the "Independents". The "real" winners of this year's Alumni Tournament is Danville Area Community College. That's right — Danville Area Community College. Captain Kerry Blatteau and teammates Brian Bossert, Bob Rigney, and Mike Raymond shot a 64 to walk away with the honors. Second place went to Iowa State who won an 11 hole scorecard playoff with Penn State (Penn State was as usual, the pre-tournament favorites).

Other teams that finished the grueling round, were defending champion Wisconsin, Purdue, Michigan State, Northern Illinois and Illinois.

Next year should prove to be just as exciting — it's not too early to begin getting ready. As for the U of I team, the golf committee is convening to discuss other recruiting violations. Their future in MAGCS events could be in jeopardy. A decision will be forthcoming.

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by Robert Williams

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I am sure that tonite brings a great feeling of pride for those who have been so supportive of my professional career — most specifically:

•The staff and members of Bob O'Link Golf Club & Beverly C.C.

•The many student superintendents who interned with me,

•And most importantly my family.

You have already met our son, Bruce and his wife (Roxane). Also here, our son Robert, and my good wife and golfing partner these past 49 years, "Bobbie". I can never thank them all enough.

Surely our good friends Herb Graffis and Charlie Bartlett, both among last year's inductees, are smiling in paradise tonite as I recall how instrumental they both were in the early formation, development, and cooperation of the PGA and the Greenkeeper's associations. Hopefully, the contributions to golf by superintendents will continue to be appreciated by the great society of golfers everywhere.

Personally, I have really enjoyed my career in golf; however, I have suffered the occupational hazard of becoming addicted to the game.

Equally gratifying is the added bonus of all the wonderful friends I have made along the way. Many of them are here tonite, for which I am most grateful,

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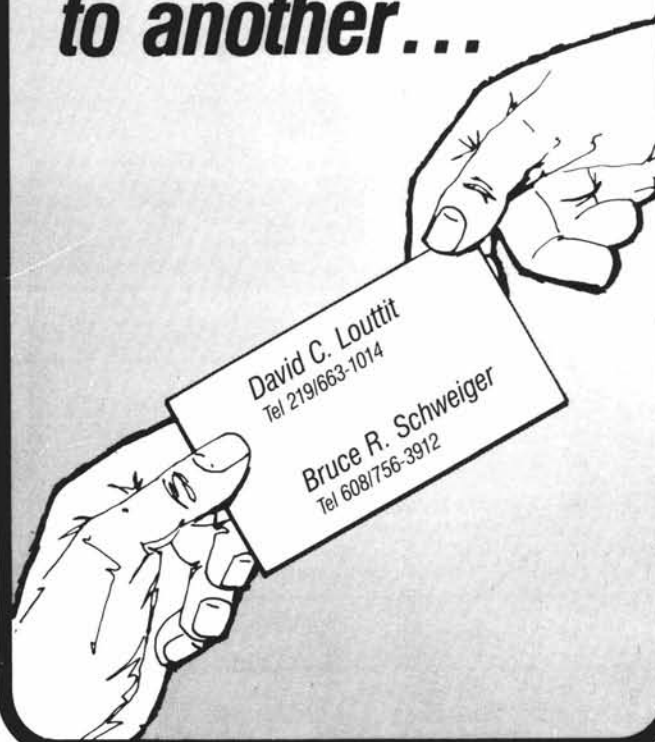
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In the beginning  
 There was Earth, beautiful and wild;  
 And then man came to dwell.  
 At first, he lived like other animals  
 Feeding himself on creatures and plants around him.  
 And this was called, "In balance with Nature."  
 Soon man multiplied.  
 He grew tired of ceaseless hunting for food;  
 He built homes and villages.  
 Wild plants and animals were domesticated.  
 Some men became Farmers for that others might become  
 Industrialists, Artists or Doctors.  
 And this was called Society.  
 Man and Society progressed.  
 With his God-given ingenuity, man learned to feed, clothe,  
 protect, and transport himself more efficiently so he might  
 enjoy Life.  
 He built cars, houses on top of each other and nylon.  
 And life became more enjoyable.  
 The men called Farmers became efficient.  
 A single farmer grew food for 28 Industrialists, Artists and  
 Doctors.  
 And Writers, Engineers, and Teachers as well.  
 To protect his crops and animals, the Farmer produced sub-  
 stances to repel or destroy Insects, Diseases and Weeds.  
 These were called Pesticides.  
 Similar substances were made by Doctors to protect humans.  
 These were called Medicine.  
 The Age of Science had arrived and with it came better diet and  
 longer, happier lives for more members of Society.  
 Soon it came to pass  
 That certain well-fed members of Society  
 Disapproved of the Farmer using Science.  
 They spoke harshly of his techniques for feeding, protecting,  
 and preserving plants and animals.  
 They deplored his upsetting the Balance of Nature;  
 They longed for the Good Old Days.  
 And this had emotional appeal to the rest of Society.  
 By this time Farmers had become so efficient,  
 Society had given them a new title:  
 Unimportant Minority.  
 Because Society could not ever imagine a shortage of food.  
 Laws were passed abolishing Pesticides, Fertilizers, and Food  
 Preservatives.  
 Insects, Diseases, and Weeds flourished.  
 Crops and animals died.  
 Food became scarce.  
 To survive, Industrials, Artists and Doctors were forced to grow  
 their own food.  
 They were not very efficient.  
 People and governments fought wars to gain more agricultural  
 land.  
 Millions of people were exterminated.  
 The remaining few lived like animals,  
 Feeding themselves on creatures and plants around them.  
 And this was called, "In Balance with Nature."

**Dr. John Carew**

This poem by Dr. John Carew, the late chairman of the horticulture department at Michigan State University, was first published as a column in *American Vegetable Grower* in 1970. It is reprinted here with blanket permission from the original publisher.

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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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