

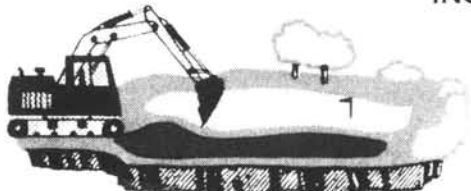
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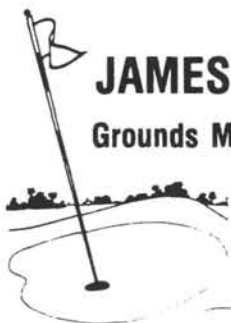
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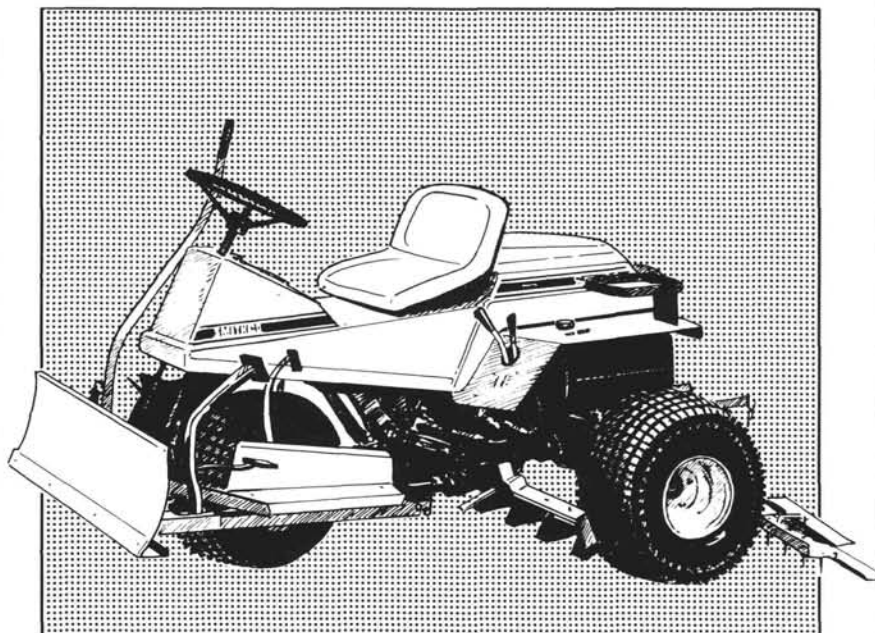
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Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

October 7 — ITF Northern Illinois Golf Day at Stonebridge C.C. and White Eagle C.C.

October 25 — Dinner Dance at River Forest C.C.

November 6 — Midwest Clinic at Medinah C.C.

November 11-13 — Penn State Turf Conference. Contact Dr. Joseph Duich, 814/865-9853.

December 2-6 — "Your Home Turf" Michigan State U. Contact Dr. Frank Rossi, 517/353-0860.

December 2-3-4 — NCTE at Pheasant Run Resort

January 1992 — Arrowhead Golf Club

January 16-18 — Mid-Am Trade Show/Hyatt Regency Chicago

January 20-22 — MRTF Conference & Show, Indianapolis Convention Center

January 20-22 — 62nd Annual Michigan Turfgrass Conference. Contact Mike Saffel, 517/353-9022.

February 10-17 — GCSAA Conference in New Orleans

April 1992 — Geneva Golf Club

June 22, 1992 — River Forest Golf Club

July 13, 1992 — Briar Ridge Golf Club

August 1992 — Mt. Prospect Golf Club

October 1992 — Settlers Hill Golf Club

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The host of our golf meeting at Biltmore C.C. this month was Chicago Turf and Irrigation. Be sure to thank Ron and Mary Jones for their excellent hospitality.

October is supposed to be the 10th issue of **The Bull Sheet** for 1991, but for me the Editor, it is the 12th! Our fine postal system has once again lost my paste up copy I sent to the printers. This issue is about 80% different than the original one I put in the mail on September 13th. Again I must apologize to all our members and the host, Bob Wilkins at Biltmore C.C. where we held our October meeting. The newsletter was scheduled to be out before the meeting. Any advertisers who sent ads specifically for the month of October please call me and I will give you credit for that month.

M.A.G.C.S. MIDWEST TURF CLINIC

Medinah Country Club

November 6, 1991

9:00-10:00	Registration, Coffee & Rolls
10:00-12:00	Educational Sessions
12:00- 1:00	Lunch
1:00- 3:30	Educational Sessions
3:45- 5:00	Annual Meeting
5:30	Dinner

SPEAKERS & TOPICS

Roger Stewart Stonebridge CC	The Ameritec Senior Open
Tom Prichard Lakewood GC	Back from the Wild
Fernando Fernandez Green Acres CC	Reconstruction of Green Acres
Rory Bancroft Glenwoodie CC	Regulations: Dates to Know
Bruce Williams Bob O'Link GC	GCSAA Update
Joe Jemsek Cog Hill GC	The Western Open at Cog Hill
Lou Haines Innova Corporation	Isolite & Water Absorbing Polymers
Dean Bemis Vaughn Seed Co.	New Annuals for 1992
Lou Cassara Cassara Associates	Personal Finance

William (Bill) Huber, owner/operator of Huber Ranch Sod Nursery, Schneider, IN, was elected a trustee of the American Sod Producers Association (ASPA) at the group's recent summer convention in Portland, OR. He will serve the 900-plus member, 21-country non-profit association of professional turfgrass sod producers for three years.

Huber, an ASPA member since 1970, completed a one-year trustee appointment prior to being elected to the 3-year position. During the past year, he served as chairman of the group's production technique's committee and vice chairman of its manufacturers' advisory council.



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(Drainage Systems cont'd.)

per inch. Surface is constantly saturated and soft in the winter soccer/football playing periods.

Solution: The problem was determined to be a dense and impenetrable 2-inch layer of thatch that had built up over some 20 years. Field was verticut with a commercial thatcher until the surface sealing thatch was removed. Field drains well without use of drain tile, reconstruction or sanding. Cost per acre equals \$750*.

*These cost estimates are general in nature and will vary greatly depending upon availability and most of permeable materials. Seek professional assistance before budgeting for a drainage project.

Summary

Every turfed area that is subject to heavy winter play, be it a playfield, golf course, park or school yard, must be able to cope with the destructive nature of heavy traffic and excess moisture. Either nature provided the site with natural drainage or we must be expected to do so in some artificial manner. The degree of corrective drainage required is a function of the soils of each individual park, playfield or fairway. Before you spend dollars for treatments that may harm the drainage as much as help it (or not really help it at all), take the time to find out what types of soils you have, how they perc or how they infiltrate and then decide on a course of action. It is a well known fact that there are more dry drain tiles than functioning drain tiles in heavy soiled athletic areas. So often maintenance personnel are under pressure to "Do something about the drainage!" And so, "Something" is done whether it is drainage-effective or cost-effective or not. Take the time to learn about what you have in the way of soils on each of your parks, on each of your playfields and each of your fairways. Then and only then will you be able to address the proper remedies to your drainage problems.

¹Presented at the 38th Northwest Turfgrass Conference, Sheraton Hotel, Spokane, WA, September 18-20, 1984

²Professional Engineer, C. H. Kuhn and Associates, Mercer Island, WA

Book Review

by Dave Blomquist, Naperville Country Club

Interested Superintendents should pick up a copy of the book "Trashing the Planet." Author Dixy Lee Ray provides fascinating and timely insight about everything from pesticides to acid rain. This book provides information for superintendent's operating in "environmentally sensitive" areas.

These are some outtakes from the book:

- "Pesticides have reduced America's food costs 33% by controlling weeds, insects, mold and rot in vegetables and fruits. They have helped to keep our food and our homes clean by controlling ants, rats, mice and cockroaches. Through the use of wood preservatives in pressure treated lumber, we have saved a forest of trees two times the size of New England."
- "The most important fallout from the decision to ban DDT was that it gave credibilty to **pseudoscience**. It created an atmosphere in which scientific evidence can be pushed aside by emotion, hysteria and political pressure."

I found it interesting to read a different point of view. This book debunks every "environmental crisis" and forces the reader to use common sense, or review legitimate scientific data vs. emotional knee jerk pressure.

Leaves, Limbs, Needles and Boughs

by Fred D. Opperman

Along with highlighting a tree this month, I thought I would update you on the nursery business. If ever there was a classic example of the laws of "Supply and Demand" in action, that situation exists today in the nursery industry. Over the past several years, hundreds of thousands of shrubs, shade trees, ornamental trees and evergreen trees have been planted in the Chicago-area and midwestern nurseries. An extremely strong construction environment more than justified the expansion programs undertaken by many commercial growers.

It is not surprising therefore, that as construction activity has slowed, nursery inventories are building, and price competition is becoming evident. The winner in this situation is anyone who has set aside funds for plant material purchases. The value that is obtainable in today's marketplace is unprecedented, and, for the next year at least, it promises to get even better. There are, of course, many items that are not in abundant supply, and this will be discovered in the shopping process. But for someone who has even a moderate degree of flexibility in his plant buying program, there is an excellent opportunity to dramatically stretch the buying power of his budget.

This month we will get back into the needles and boughs. I haven't highlighted this family of trees yet in my monthly articles. This tree is truly majestic and grows so well in our area that more people need to add it to their landscape plans.

Abies concolor — (a'bez kon'kul-er) — White (concolor) Fir.

Leaves: Curving outwards and upwards or almost vertically arranged on the stems, 2 to 3" long and 1/12 to 1/10" wide, flattened, glaucous on both surfaces, apex short-pointed or rounded, upper surface slightly convex, not grooved, with faint lines of stomata, lower surface with 2 faint bands of stomata separated by a green band.

Buds: Large, broadly conical, blunt, covered with a resin which conceals the scales, light brown.

Stem: First year, glabrous or minutely downy, yellowish green, second year, grayish or silvery.

Size: 30 to 50' in height by 15 to 30' in width, can grow to 100'.

Bark: Smooth on young stems except for resin blisters, 4" to 7" thick on old trunks, ashy gray and divided by deep irregular furrows into thick, horny flattened ridges.

Cones: Stalked, cylindrical, 3 to 6" long, and pale green before maturity often with a purplish bloom.

Culture: The best fir for the midwest and east; transplanted balled and burlapped; while withstanding heat, drought and cold equally well, it prefers and makes best growth on deep rich, moist, well drained gravelly or sandy-loam soils. Dislikes heavy clay soil. Can tolerate light shade.

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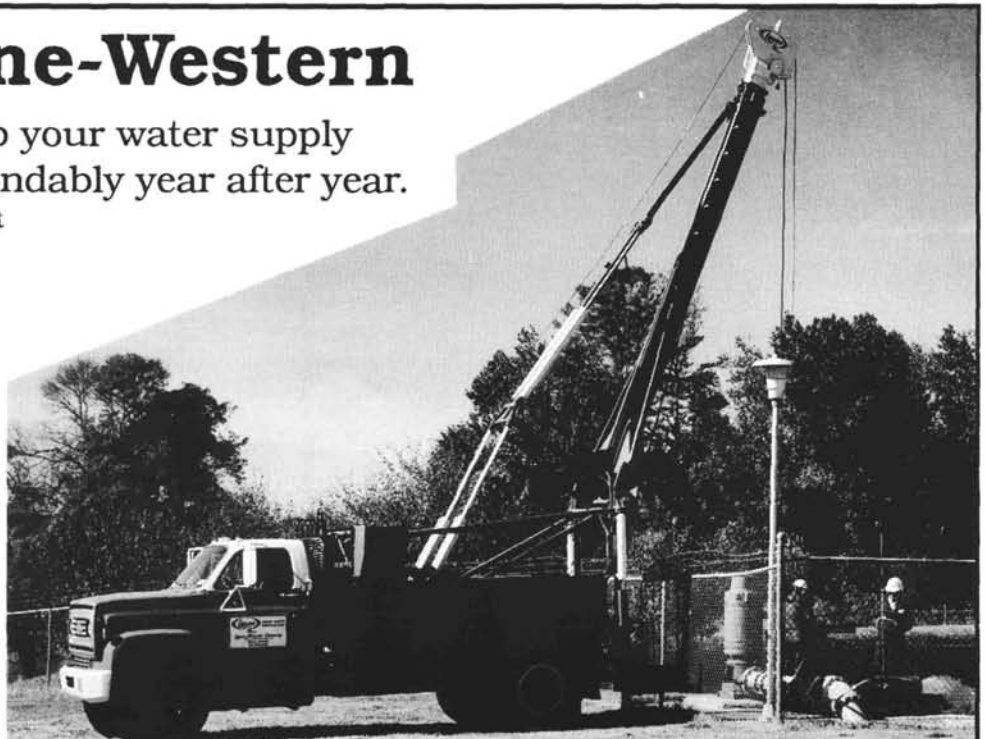
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2. Bob Kronn — 79

1. Kerry Blatteau — 78
2. Kevin Czerkies — 83

1. Jerry Cooper — 85
2. Brad Johnson — 87

1. Don Ferri — 98* (Won Scd. P/off)
2. Kevin Deroo — 98

1. John Stevenson — 89
2. Don Gricus — 92

1. Phil Taylor — 82
2. Dave Louttit — 86

- Closest to pin winners:
1. Jerry Cooper
 2. Jim Knulty
 3. Tim Miles
 4. Paul Bastron

- Longest drive winners:
1. Kevin Czerkies (regular)
 2. Albie Stoudt (Senior)

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Net winners

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2. Ed Fisher — 79

1. Ken Goodman — 73
2. John Malloy — 75

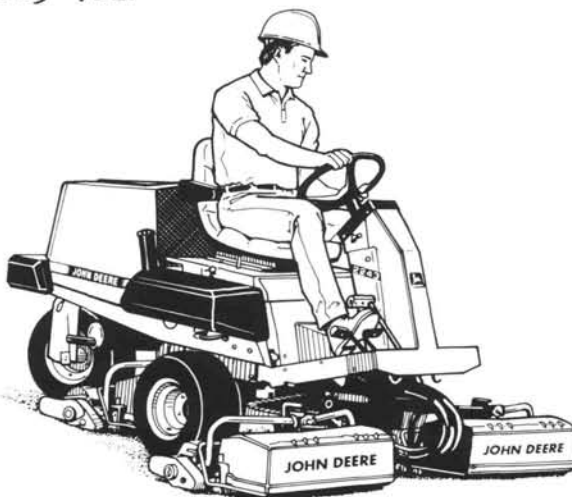
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- There are 9 major effects of nitrogen on turfgrasses:
 - 1 - shoot growth;
 - 2 - root growth;
 - 3 - shoot density;
 - 4 - color of foliage;
 - 5 - disease proneness;
 - 6 - heat, cold, and drought hardiness;
 - 7 - wear tolerance;
 - 8 - recuperative potential and rate;
 - 9 - composition of the turfgrass community.
- Nitrogen rate of application should be limited to no more than one pound of nitrogen per 1000 square feet of water soluble types.
- The first response of nitrogen is on color of foliage. There are many gradations of green. The darkest green turf is not necessarily the most healthy.
- Nitrogen has an effect on disease. The application rate, the nitrogen carrier and application timing can either increase or decrease disease incidence.
- Under low nitrogen turf management, grasses are more prone to dollar spot, red thread and rust, for example.
- Use of nitrogen carrier Oxamid has resulted in no brown patch on St. Augustine grass.
- Timing of nitrogen applications in the late fall have produced more snow mold.
- Look for nitrogen deficiency first by checking the tips of older leaves (the lower and outer leaves). When they are pale green, this is the first indication. The yellow of these leaves will progress toward the base as deficiency intensifies.
- Nitrogen deficiency is encouraged by removal of clippings. As much as 2 pounds of nitrogen per 1000 square feet may be lost in a year.
- Coarse textured soils that are low in organic matter are prone to production of nitrogen deficient turf.
- Where there is intensive rainfall, nitrogen leaches away and the turf becomes nitrogen deficient.
- Phosphorus is not readily leached from the soil. At soil pH levels from 6 to 7, it is most available. In addition, turfgrass requirements for phosphorus are low.
- Phosphorus has 4 major effects on turfgrasses:
 - 1 - aids in establishment;
 - 2 - promotes rooting;
 - 3 - causes maturation of plants;
 - 4 - enhances seed production.
- When phosphorus is deficient, the foliage becomes darker green - a dull bluegreen. Older leaves exhibit this coloration first. Only a little phosphorus is required to correct this.
- Potassium is a good turf restorer. It affects rooting, drought, heat and cold hardiness, wear tolerance and disease proneness.
- With adequate potassium, there may be 1/3 more roots.

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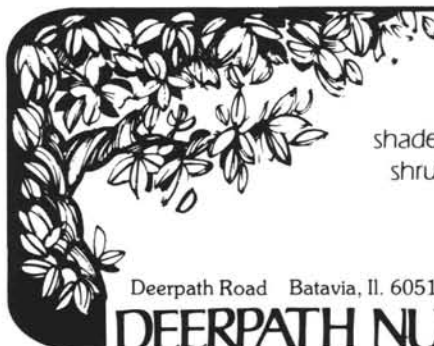
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