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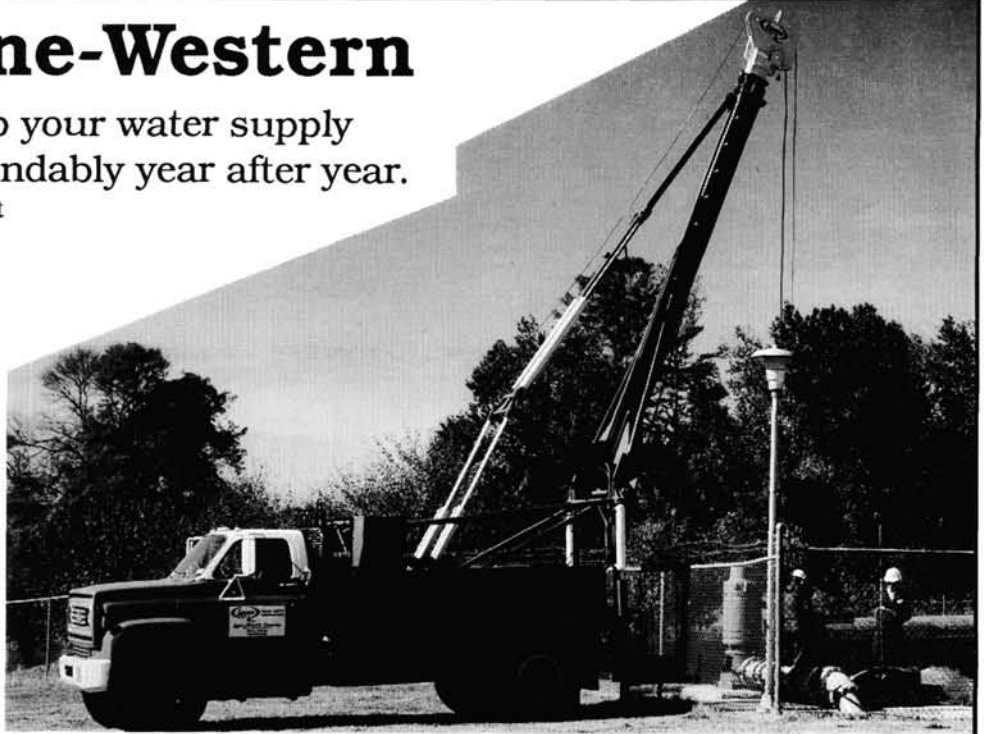
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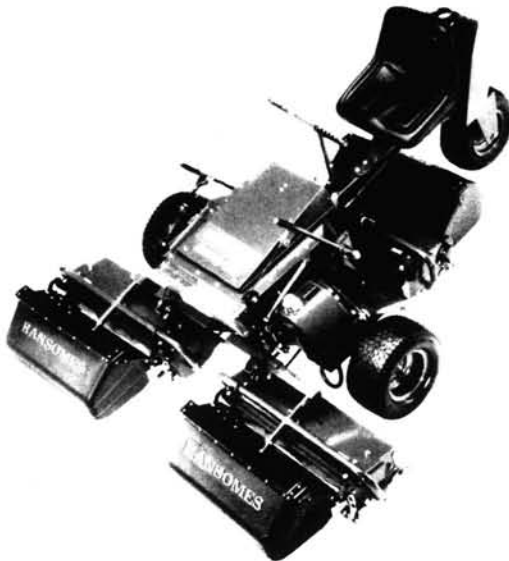
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What You Don't Have to Do

You do not have to remove your UST if it is in use. In fact, you never have to remove your UST, even if it is an antique. You do not have to put the whistles and bells (upgrades) on the UST until December, 1998. You do not have to do soil boring samples. Currently, you do not need the regulatory insurance, as once thought.

What You Shouldn't Do

Do not remove your UST just for the sake of going above ground. The above ground rules are coming out in 1992 or 1993. There are many good reasons to keep your tank underground e.g., UST removal expense, space consideration, size limits, pumping rate, safety, insurance, evaporation loss, and visual appearance/aesthetics.

What Makes Sense

Once your UST is tested and it is found tight, consider retrofitting the UST with corrosion or "cathodic" protection. Cathodic protection can be installed on existing steel USTs and their lines to preserve the steel from corrosion. Any other upgrade done at this time may be counterproductive and/or premature. "Wait and see" is appropriate at this juncture, especially when economics are a real consideration.

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A "suction" line (where the pump is located at the dispenser and pulls the fuel from the tank) is the safer of the two types of fuel delivery systems. If a "pressure" delivery line leaks, it may go unnoticed, as there is no way to be sure a leak in the line exists until it is tested. In a suction delivery line, an operator would notice a delay (loss of prime) in the fuel delivery, or water and/or dirt in the fuel.

Who Can Repair a Leaking Tank?

Owners and operators can repair their own leaking underground storage tanks (LUSTS). Of course, common sense, safety and industry recommended practices prevail here. Lines can be replaced or repaired and steel or fiberglass tanks can be patched. A permanent record must be maintained in your file. Once repaired, the UST or line should be tested per EPA regulations.

In summary, it is not difficult to comply with the UST regulations. Know the rules. Keep up with any regulatory changes and proceed cautiously.

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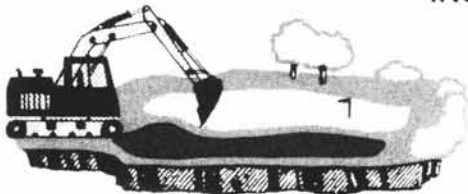
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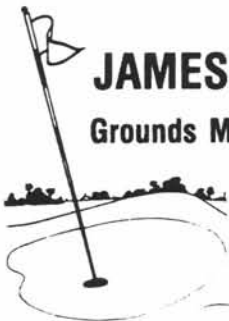
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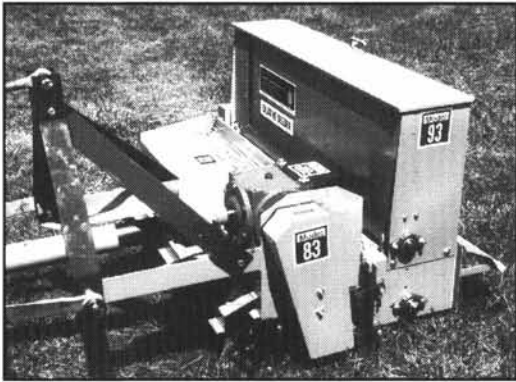


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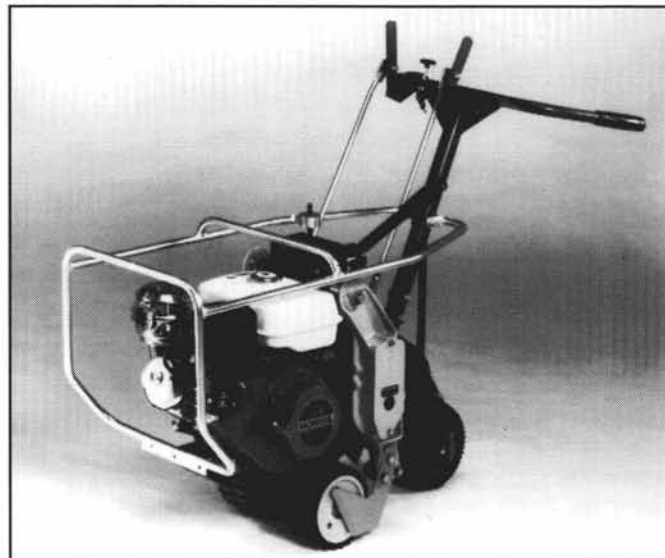
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March 16 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Nordic Hills C.C.

March 19 — CDGA Green Seminar at Drury Lane, Oakbrook, IL

March 26 & 27 — Understanding the Urban Tree Seminar at Pheasant Run Resort, Phone 1-800-369-3810

April 13 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Village Links, Glen Ellyn

April 16 — Great Lakes USGA Regional meeting at Medinah C.C.

May 4 — Combined Golf Day at Rock Island Arsenal G.C. and Short Hills C.C. in the Quad City area.

June 22 — MAGCS monthly meeting, Flossmoor C.C.

July 13 — MAGCS monthly meeting, Briar Ridge C.C.

August 10 — MAGCS monthly meeting, Mt. Prospect C.C.

September 21 — MAGCS monthly meeting, Big Foot C.C.

October 12 — MAGCS monthly meeting, Settlers Hill G.C.

November 30, December 1 & 2 — NCTE at Pheasant Run Resort

Necrology

It is with a deep sense of loss that we report the death of Andy Voykin, brother of Paul and Peter. Andy was killed in a car accident on February 4, 1992, in Tampa, Florida.

It is with the deep sense of loss that we announce the death of the mother of Bob Graunke. Mrs. Graunke passed away in mid-February.

The golf committee this year is going to require PRE-REGISTRATION for all future golf outings. Everyone must confirm their desire to play in the golf events by calling Kerry Blatteau, 708/323-7633 by the Friday before the golf event. If one shows up without registering the Friday before, they can play golf, but not in the golf event planned for that day.

Congratulations to the Cummins'. Steve and his wife had their first child, Abigail Marie, born January 26, 1992.

A note from Ed Braunsky: It seems that we have a hero amongst the MAGCS ranks. Recently on a return Delta flight from Florida, Dave, "gimme back my glasses" Nadler, was asked to help secure a "rowdie" passenger. With Dave's help the individual was kept restrained until the plane landed and some of Chicago's finest could take over. Could this be a start of a new pro wrestling career?

I know some of the guys have been on ski, golfing, and snowmobile trips in the last couple of weeks. Let's hear from you and how about some pictures to go along with it.

MAGCS Education Committee

The January Education session at Arrowhead Golf Club featured Mr. Robert Mills, the Green Chairman at Naperville Country Club. Mr. Mills discussed the importance of marketing ourselves to players and the general public. Among other suggestions, he provided some excellent examples of ways to get published; who to get along with at your club; and the importance of being the professional resource managers that golf course superintendents should be in today's ever changing turf management field.

The Education scheduled for March 16th at Nordic Hills will feature:

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Al Fierst & Mike Hart — GCSAA Government Relations Seminar Update

Rory Bankrott — the new "Riusafe Pad Law"

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CDGA Green Seminar has a very interesting program set for March 19, 1992 at the Drury Lane Theatre. Topics and speakers are: "Modernizing Older Golf Courses" by Bob Lohmann; "Rebuilding Putting Greens" by Jim Latham; "Nematode Effects on Putting Green Turf" by Richard Davis at U of I; "Public Perception of Pesticides" by Dr. Tom Long; and last but not least, "Natural Areas and Wildlife Habitat on the Golf Courses" by Pete Leuzinger.

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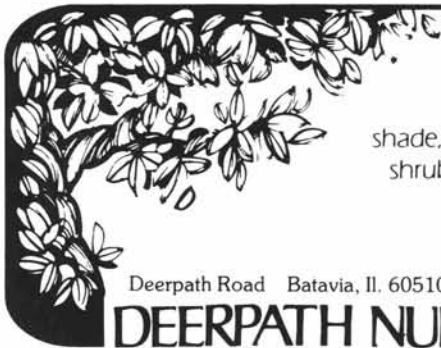
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To: Fred Opperman, Bull Sheet Editor
From: Bob Maibusch
Re: GCSAA Golf Championship and
Annual Election RESULTS

Fred, in the Golf Championship I have only listed those results that included MAGCS members.

Chapter Team Competition

Net Winner: Midwest AGCS #2
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Bob Maibusch
Roger Stewart, Jr.
Bruce Williams

Senior II (57-64 years) Flight

Net Winner: Dudley Smith

Fourth Flight (HDCP 25+)

Net Winner: Roger Stewart, Jr.
Gross Winner: Alan Fierst

Third Flight (HDCP 19-24)

3rd Place Net: G. Peter Lieponis

Championship Flight (HDCP 0-6)

4th Place Gross: Robert Kronn
9th Place Gross: Tom Robinson
17th Place Gross: Al Pondel

ELECTION RESULTS:

Position	Name
For President:	Bill Roberts, CGCS
For Vice President:	Randy Nichols, CGCS Joseph Baidy, CGCS
For Director:	Joseph Hahn, CGCS Paul McGinnis, CGCS C. Wayne Perkins, CGCS Bruce Williams, CGCS Randall Zidik, CGCS

(nominated from the floor) Joseph Baidy, CGCS
Joe Baidy was appointed Secretary-Treasurer

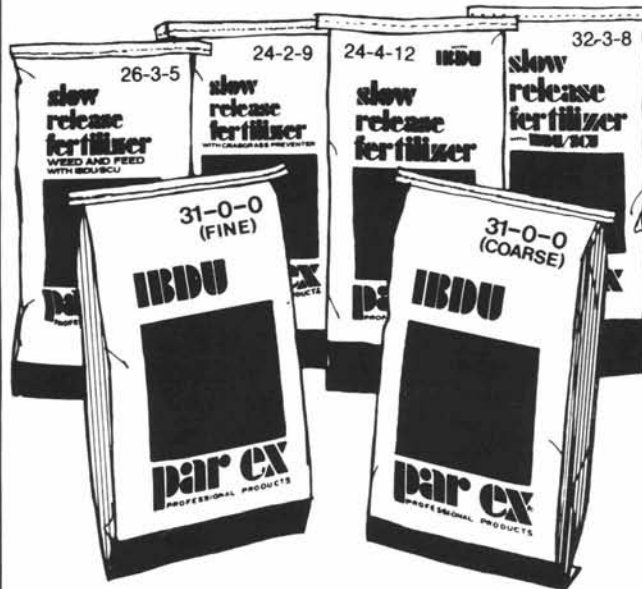
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Trust

by Phil Taylor, Class E member MAGCS
Appointee CMAC

I suspect it would be difficult for any Class E member of the MAGCS to put his inner thoughts down on paper for all the membership to read. It's scary to be vulnerable. It's probably risky but nothing would ever be gained if one didn't take an occasional risk. My peer and competitor Jim Reed, whom I respect and admire, took a chance when he spoke his mind in an article he wrote for the December, 1990 issue of the **Bull Sheet**. Jim wrote that column at the end of our first year of serving on the Commercial Member Advisory Committee. He took a chance and something was gained. A greater awareness of the talents and value of vendor members and how they can benefit the MAGCS. Along with that awareness came an appointment to the Executive Board. Thank you, Executive Board, for demonstrating your trust in us.

Trust is the subject on which I wanted to share my thoughts with you in this column. Webster's is always a good place to start when dealing with a one word theme. He says that "trust" is a firm reliance on the integrity, ability or character of a person or thing. Trusting in people is a rare commodity these days, but that is understandable. James Patterson, author of "*The Day America Told the Truth*", writes in his book that 90% of the people he surveyed admitted to lying on a regular basis. To put this into proper perspective, he also states that 13% of the people surveyed said they would kill another human being for ten million dollars if they could be assured of not getting caught. Assuming the survey to be a random sample, the statistics paint a bleak picture of the value of human life in our society today. Mistrust is understandable, but it leads to counter-productivity and hard feelings when it overshadows business dealings and relationships formed between counselor and client, doctor and patient, customer and salesmen.

Is there no hope of improving the situation? Since I am primarily concerned about the latter, changing mistrust into trust when it comes to business dealings and relationships between customers and salesmen, my comments will be relative to this subject.

Trust is something that has to be earned. How can a salesman earn the trust of his customers? Does he (she) keep appointments, return phone messages, basically do whatever he says he will do? And does he do it steadfastly, that is without fail over a long period of time? If he does, then he deserves your trust. Not that this list is a totally comprehensive list of qualifications of a trustworthy salesman, but if your salesman meets your expectations on a regular basis, he has probably already earned your trust.

Is it fair to conclude that this order of logic and reason could be applied to the relationships between Superintendent members and vendor members of the MAGCS? I think so. The Commercial Member Advisory Committee is currently serving in its third year of existence. Past President, Bruce Williams took a chance when he appointed this committee and if you ask him, I think he will tell you that it has been a good thing for the association. Current President, Ray Schmitz took a chance when

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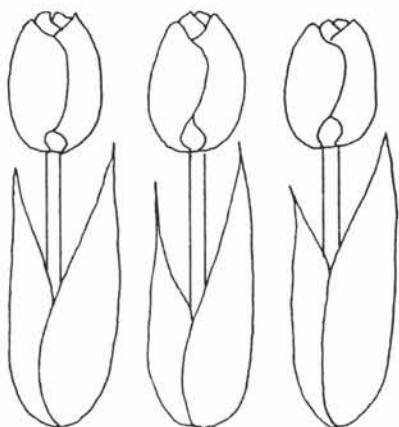
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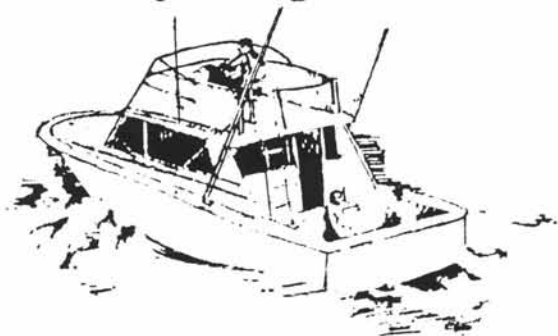


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he initiated an appointment on the Executive Board for a Class E member. I'm confident that this will also prove to be a good thing for the association. It is a goal of the CMAC to eventually have an elected seat on the Executive Board. I know that in order for this to come about, trust will be a major factor of consideration.

The committee will be asking you to trust us when we say that our motives are pure and in line with what is good for all the members of the MAGCS. We feel that what benefits the Superintendent member, what elevates his professional standing, what improves his image and perception by the golfing public will also benefit us, the Class E members. It is our goal to help and serve all members of the MAGCS so that all members can receive their just rewards. Trust us!

The St. Charles Country Club Nature Walk

by Peter Leuzinger

At the end of 1990 a new Green Chairman came on board. He was an enthusiastic golfer, friend of the superintendent, and good family man. His activity at the club to this point had been limited to golfing and dining. With the exception of one idea, one special idea, he had been in the background of club politics. The beginnings of this special idea came to him in 1989 when he took his grandson on a walk, away from the clubhouse and into our neighboring woods.

They found themselves on a well worn deer trail that wound its way some 30 feet above Norton Creek, a minor tributary to the Fox River. This creek babbles year round and just happens to provide the beautiful foreground for our par three, ninth hole. Our Green Chairman had no previous idea about what to expect in the woods, which prompted him to think how much he was enjoying this "nature walk" and that it would be nice if other people could enjoy it.

He went back to this area several times on his own attempting to sketch a routing for a future club sponsored nature walk. His enthusiasm and interest in a new activity prompted him to make a presentation to the club president. Like so many other things the drawing and project idea was sent to committee and pigeon-holed. Fortunately for the club, our man was nominated to the board of directors one year later and appointed Green Chairman. The very first item on his agenda was future development of the "Nature Walk".

One can not help but develop an appreciation for this type of natural resource. Hiking through the woods with all our family has become a tradition. We have come to appreciate the four seasons and what they have to offer. Bird watching, wildflower identification, animal husbandry, or just plain star gazing will always be fond memories of our life along the Fox River for me and my family. So naturally, when our new green chairman presented his idea, I was most enthused about its possibilities.

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