

# Airplanes and the Audubon

by Tony Rzadzki, Supt.  
Cantigny Golf

I guess that I never realized how much birds are a part of my life. I also never realized how much birds influence all of our lives. It became apparent as recently as last year when I joined the National Audubon Society. But lately, aside from the involvement with the Audubon, I really began wondering why do I, personally, get so much satisfaction from all of the "extra" work needed to become a certified sanctuary?

I began looking back, way back, and I remembered spending hours with my dad at the Rookery at Lincoln Park Zoo, just watching and feeding the ducks there. Or sometimes we would go fishing off of the Horseshoe Pier at Montrose Harbor in Chicago. We never caught many fish, but we always enjoyed watching the gulls glide and dive around us.

I can remember the trips that we would take to the airports and the hours that we would spend watching man fly and land around us. I still marvel to this day at the miracle of flight. Maybe this is why, that now I so enjoy doing whatever I can to promote the wildlife around my golf course.

We all take great pride in our golf courses, especially on those days when everything looks just right ... almost perfect and the golfers are really enjoying themselves. It's always a pleasure to look at your handiwork, experience these peaceful moments, and feel proud.

Why not go one step further? Why not make our places more livable for our wildlife? Surprisingly most of the tools that are needed to manage for wildlife are already in place at your course. You only need to manage these tools, and your land differently, with a new outlook and attitude.

I can think of no better way to promote yourself, your public image, and enhance the environment all at the same time, than by joining the National Audubon Society. If you get involved you may also find that you may begin to "self-check" your actions and give more thought of what the land you are on has to offer you. You will feel better. Better about your actions, your golf course, and yourself.

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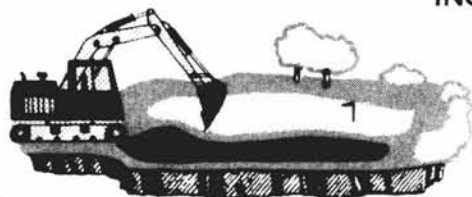
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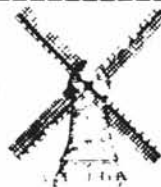
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## Why a First Aid Kit?

by Marty Baumann

I'm sure most of you have the white and green metal or plastic box mounted on your shop wall somewhere. Mine is located in our locker room next to the sink. Like most people, I never look in the thing until I need to. But when should I need to? And when do I send my employees to an Emergency Room instead?

**"First aid is the first attention that an injury or medical emergency will receive."**

The first question is best answered by answering the question: What is first aid? Simply put, first aid is the first attention that an injury or medical emergency will receive. It is not always the only medical attention that the situation will demand, but is it your "first reaction". The second question is a little more complicated: When is a band-aid enough and when do I need medical attention given by a professional? The simplest answer is: If you have a doubt in your mind about care, send the injury out for assistance. If you find yourself thinking "Boy, there's lot of blood, maybe a band-aid isn't enough...", that should tell you to send the injured party along to the hospital or

emergency center. Any head injury should go for assistance and if a person loses consciousness, for any reason at all, they should be looked at by a medical professional.

So, all this brings me to the original question: Why a first aid kit? Primarily, the first aid kit is a convenience for your employees. But it is also there to help you through more serious situations before emergency personnel arrive or before you take your employee to an emergency room.

What should be in a first aid kit? The best advice on this issue is to include the same items you keep in your medicine cabinet at home (you do have a kit at home, don't you). Aspirin, antacid, eye wash, band-aids, gauze & tape, scissors, tweezers and some bee sting swabs. I would also have a cold pack or two and some rubber gloves. Your eye wash station might be next to your first aid kit, but this is meant to be a separate safety item and I would not combine them. You need to remember, your first aid kit is a convenience item, it is not meant to replace medical attention.

There are many companies that specialize in setting up a safety or first aid cabinet for you and they will keep it up-to-date for you on a contract basis. This is a good idea if you don't have much experience in this area or you are always too busy to run out for more aspirin.

In closing, I would hope that your medical/first aid kit is one of the first items you talk with your employees about while you go over your safety program. It can be an excellent benefit for your employees, it can buy some piece of mind, and it will give all your employees that "first" place to go in case of an on-the-job injury.



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February 24, 1993

To: Newsletter Editors  
Great Lakes Region of  
USGA Green Section

From: Jim Latham, Director  
Great Lakes Region

Dear Mr. Editor:

Your readers may be interested to learn that the St. Charles Country Club, St. Charles, Illinois, is the first golf course in the continental U.S. to fulfill all the criteria for full certification under the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program. Superintendent Peter Leuzinger is justifiably proud of this accomplishment as are the club members who supported this effort.

It should be noted that the first course to be certified, Kapalua Bay in Maui, Hawaii, was under extreme pressure by environmental groups on an anti-golf development binge. St. Charles was not. Nevertheless, Mr. Leuzinger and the St. Charles Resource Committee have generated a great deal of positive reaction through public involvement and education.

We are pleased that this USGA-sponsored program is making its mark in the Great Lakes Region under the guidance of superintendents such as Pete Leuzinger. Not far behind St. Charles is Treetops Resort in Gaylord, Michigan, where superintendent Bruce Wolfson has fulfilled six of the seven categories required for Certification.

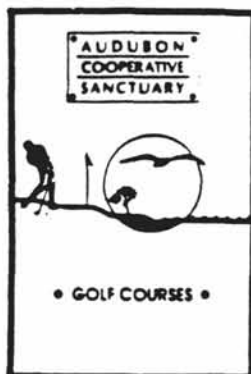
Information on Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Programs can be obtained from any Green Section Regional Office or Golf House.

## St. Charles Country Club Recognized for Environmental Excellence

ST. CHARLES, IL — The St. Charles Country Club has been dedicated as a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" by the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System, a program of the Audubon Society of New York State, and endorsed by the United States Golf Association. St. Charles joined the program in 1991, and is one of the first golf courses in the United States to achieve the "Certified" designation.

"The St. Charles Country Club has shown a strong commitment to and enthusiasm for its environmental program. They are to be commended for their efforts to provide a sanctuary for wildlife on the golf course property," said Jean Mackay, Staff Ecologist for the Audubon Society of New York.

"To reach certification, a course must demonstrate that they are maintaining a high degree of environmental quality in a number of areas," explained Mackay. These categories include: Environmental Planning, Public Involvement, Integrated Pest Management, Wildlife Food Enhancement, Wildlife Cover Enhancement, Water Conservation, and Water Enhancement.



The club has implemented a diversity of conservation and habitat enhancement projects to ensure that St. Charles Country Club is an asset to golfers, wildlife, and the local community. An extensive nest box program provides nest sites for bluebirds, purple martins, wood ducks and bats. They have also increased meadow habitat and created a nature trail to facilitate understanding and enjoyment of the natural areas on the property.

According to Superintendent Peter Leuzinger, "This project has generated a tremendous amount of pride among our members. It has helped us really believe that our golf course is a real asset to the community."

Along with habitat enhancement and sound maintenance practices, educating and involving the public have been strong suits for St. Charles. Scouts, school children and local golf course superintendents have been invited to walk the nature trail, and Leuzinger has given presentations about St. Charles's environmental programs to the local Sierra Club, the Chicagoland Golf Course Superintendents Association, the University of Illinois Horticultural Club and Golf Course Superintendents Association members.

"Our out-reach to the community has reinforced our goals to manage this property with wildlife in mind," said Leuzinger. "We will continue to learn more as we have the opportunity to monitor all kinds of rejuvenated wildlife activity."

For more information on the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System, contact The Audubon Society of New York State, 131 Rarick Rd., Selkirk, NY 12158, (518) 767-9051.



## The Certification Process

Several different Achievement Categories make up the Cooperative Sanctuary System. In order to become Certified, the course must complete and manage certain tasks. Present levels are described below. Application for Certification in any of these categories can be made at any time. Just write to New York Audubon for the "Achievement Category Change Request Form."

### CATEGORIES

**Environmental Planning** — A written plan of action must be prepared and on file with New York Audubon, that details plans for the coming years(s). This plan should summarize planned efforts to increase habitat types on the course, conserve water and increase efforts at integrated pest management.

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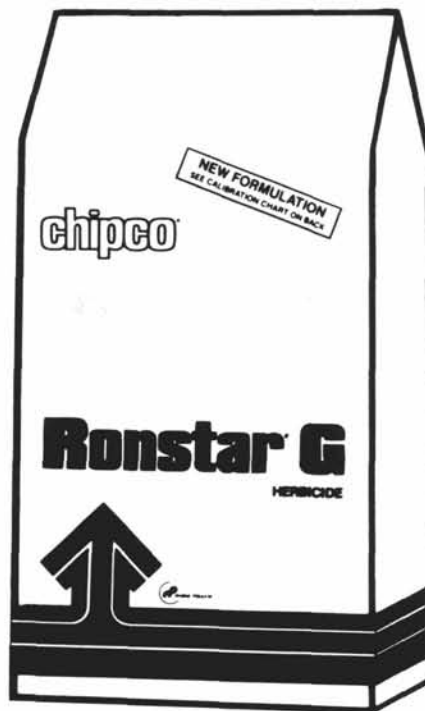
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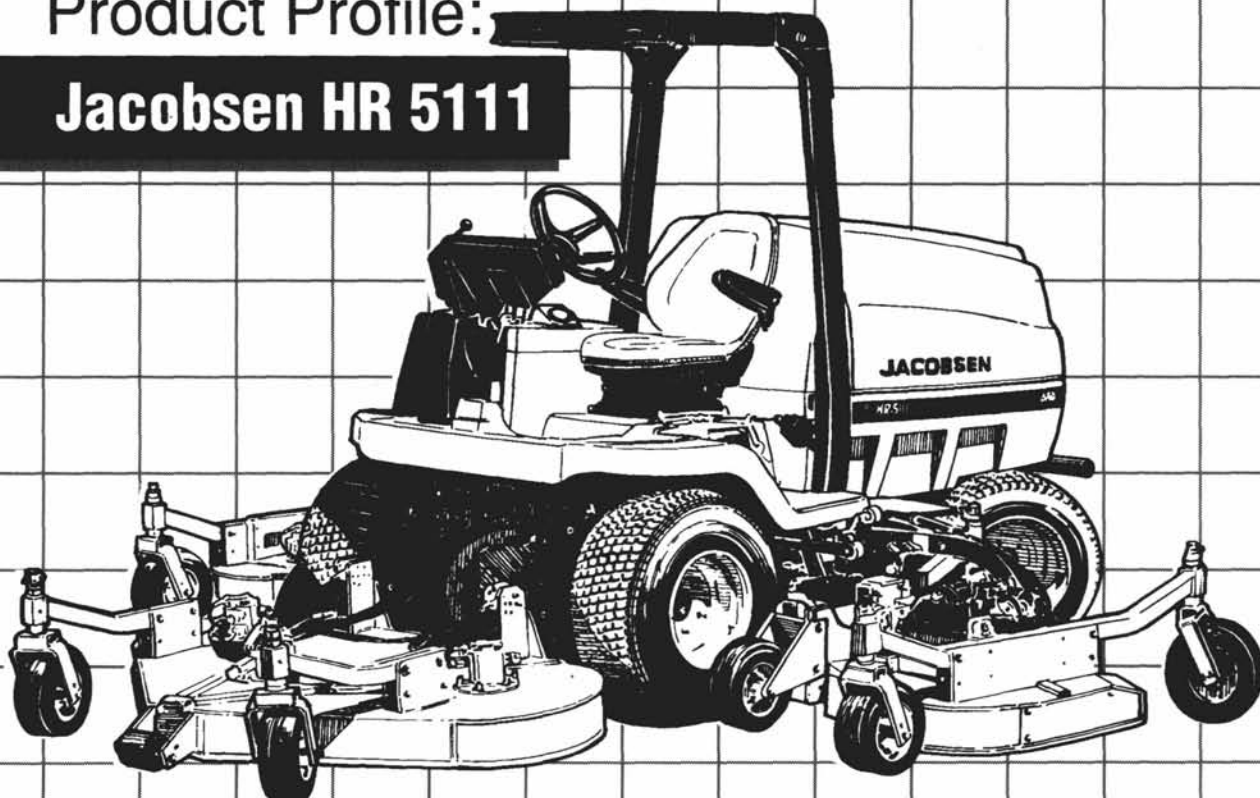
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### Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

**April 26** — MAGCS meeting at Geneva G.C.  
**May 10** — Combined Golf Day — See page 24  
**June 21** — MAGCS meeting at River Forest G.C.  
**July 19** — MAGCS meeting at Poplar Creek G.C.  
**August 9** — MAGCS meeting at Lakewood G.C.  
**August 30** — John Deere Golf Tournament at Elgin C.C.  
**September 21** — MAGCS meeting at Shoreacres G.C.  
**October 4** — MAGCS meeting at Bartlett Hills G.C.  
**November ?** — Midwest Clinic and Annual Meeting

## “New Pre-payment/Pre-Registration Policy”

by Kevin Czerkies, Arrangements Chairman &  
Ed Braunsky, Golf Chairman, MAGCS Board

The MAGCS is instituting a new policy, beginning with the April meeting at Geneva Golf Club. All MAGCS meeting will require you to pre-register and pre-pay. Failure to pre-register and pre-pay will result in a higher cost on the day of the event and you will not be eligible for prizes and awards.

Registration forms will be mailed to you four weeks prior to the meeting date. The form will also appear in the **Bull Sheet**. Your registration form and check must be returned four days prior to the event to the MAGCS. Receipts will be given to you when you check in on the day of the event.

This is being done so the arrangements with the host club and the golf events can be better planned. At times we have golf events that have a limited field, such as the case at Geneva Club Club. This further necessitates the need for the new policy.

There will be no refunds for any reason unless there is a limited field which is already filled. The MAGCS has costs to the host club regardless if you show up or not. Once you register, meals are planned, and have to be paid for.

Our intent is to have efficiently arranged meetings, and we hope that this policy is of no inconvenience to you.

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Congratulations to Terry Petric who is moving from the assistant's position at St. Charles C.C., up river to Elgin Park District, to become their Golf Course Superintendent. The city of Elgin has a 9 & 18 hole course that Terry will supervise.  
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After the MAGCS meeting at Nordic Hills C.C., a group of energetic members played hockey at the Center Ice Stadium in Carol Stream. It wasn't hard to pick out the guys who were and were not in shape. It was also easy to pick out the guys who have strapped on the pads a few times. The fellows that I noticed that could move the puck were Dave Schlagetter (Assistant, Merit Club), Terry Petric (new super at Elgin Park District golf course and he grew up in Minnesota) and Jim Evans from Turnberry. I shouldn't leave out Dave "Blackeye" Blomquist, who also showed he had potential. The others who took part were Joel Purpur, John Gurke, Len Connelly, Dave Fisher, Kevin & Tim DeRoo, and Trent & Tom Byrne, Jr. These guys had fun and it really showed. What a way to work out your frustrations.  
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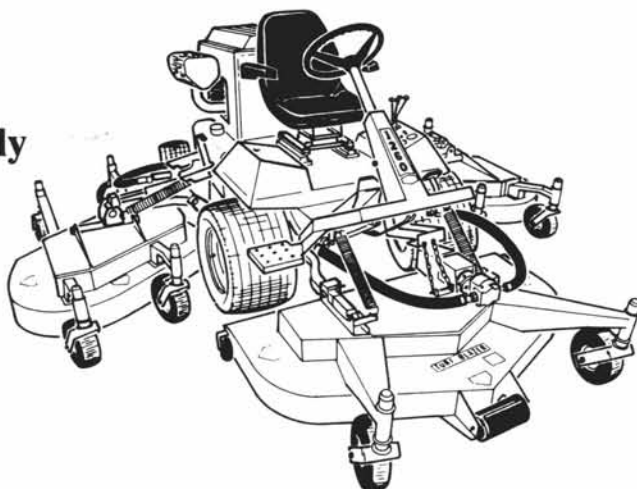
Greg Fuchs has recently returned from a trip to Africa where he helped the less fortunate. Greg promised me an article and pictures.  
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Open mouth, insert foot and turn off the brain — that's what your Editor did when he congratulated the wrong Lapp for hosting the Western Open. KEN LAPP is the brother with all of the upcoming headaches and praises when he hosts the Western for the next ten years.  
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Fax machines are the way of the future. All of the articles in this month's issue, except for two, came over the fax. If your article has graphs, pictures, etc., I need to get the original for the clarity is missing when faxed. When faxing articles the deadline is on the 9th of the month. The fax machine is at my place of employment — Williamson Nursery. Many times I am not in the office after 8 or 9 in the morning and rarely go back once I have left. Thus an article faxed to me on the deadline of the 10th is missed by me. The fax is also making a procrastinator out of everyone, for they figure they can wait until the last hour to get the article out. And they can. But my deadline is the 10th of the month when I walk to the mailbox at home around 4-5 p.m.  
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- 50% — Formed a resource committee to help plan and organize projects.
- 54% — Maintained bird feeders including seed, suet and hummingbird feed.
- 60% — Mounted and monitored nest boxes for birds. 80% of the boxes were successful.
- 57% — Recorded wildlife species seen on the golf course.
- 42% — Incorporated flowers that provide nectar for hummingbirds and butterflies into gardens.
- 78% — Managed woodlots with wildlife in mind — provide understory cover, snags, brush piles, etc.
- 81% — Buffered ponds, streams, and wetlands with aquatic vegetation.
- 87% — Naturalized additional out-of-play areas to provide wildlife habitat.
- 44% — Involved the public or members in projects on the course.
- 77% — Practiced water conservation.
- 68% — Expanded Integrated Pest Management programs.
- 64% — Educated members, guests, or the public about their participation in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program.

We're excited about what has been accomplished by golf courses within their first year of involvement in the program and hope to see even greater results in subsequent years!

## Wash Water Containment Area Rules

by Bob Wolf, Extension Specialist

University of Illinois — Agricultural Engineering Dept.

A recent amendment to the Illinois Lawn Care Act has established January 1, 1993 as the official date for requiring turf care professionals to use wash water and rinsate collection devices. The amendment also gave the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) the authority to permit such devices.

The rules set forth as a result of the amendment were developed this past summer by the IDOA, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), and several concerned and interested persons from the turf care industry and related fields.

All licensed turf applicators in the state of Illinois will receive the rules, a permit application, and instructions for meeting the terms of compliance of the rules. The permitting process has been simplified to help reduce the possible increased cost that could result from an extensive engineering plan.

To simplify the permitting process, a general permit class system has been approved. The permit will require the applicant to provide a location map of the facility, a detailed description of the wash pad location, selection of either a class A, B, or C device, and the inclusion of a water supply protection device such as reduced pressure backflow device (RPBD), and any other information required by the IDOA. The permits would be renewable every 5 years.

The class systems mentioned above are described as follows:

Class A — Designed for portable area with small pesticide application devices. Those with capacities less than or equal to 100 gallons or 100 pounds. They would be 1.5 times the length and width of the application device and hold a minimum of 25 gallons or the device volume if greater. They must be constructed of an impervious material and must be protected from rainfall. The collection device does not require a sump.

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