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by A. T. Fierst, Vice President, MAGCS

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Thanks again to Dave and Penny Meyer for their efforts in securing the room reservation and advising T. Kelly and I on the room details. The sophistication and scope of the MAGCS hospitality room in Anaheim was without parallel and reflected the many hours of contract negotiation and arrangements detail work by Janet S. Good. Very, very efficiently and elegantly done, and thank you.

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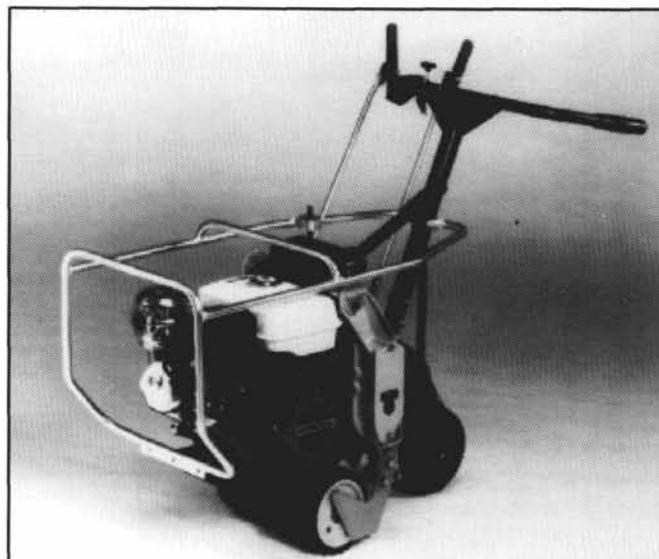
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Midwest Breezes



Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendar

March 4 — Spray Technician Course, Stonebridge C.C.

March 11 — USGA Green Section Regional Conference, Westmoor C.C., Milwaukee, WI

March 15 — MAGCS meeting at Nordic Hills C.C.

March 29 — Annual Gin Classic at Hackney's in Wheeling. Proceeds will go to Bill Kraft. Let's fill up those tables for Bill.

April 1 — CGDA Green Seminar

April 26 — MAGCS meeting at Geneva G.C.

May 10 — Combined Golf Day - Details later

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.

September 21 — MAGCS meeting at Shoreacres G.C.

October 4 — MAGCS meeting at Bartlett Hills G.C.

November ? — Midwest Clinic and Annual Meeting

I attended a two day seminar for Newsletter Editors in Anaheim and it was very informative. I hope to make minor changes in your newsletter over the next several months. No more "floating heads." All of the changes will help make it easier and hopefully more interesting to read. That is one of the reasons I am asking for "clip art" and graphics. Better use of photos was also mentioned.

The second day the class of Newsletter Editors were the judges for the GCSAA Newsletter Contest. There were three classes this year of newsletters: Newsletter Editor, not paid; Newsletter Editor, paid; and Newsletter by a professional editor/staff. Editors were split up so they were not judging their own newsletter or classification.

The Bull Sheet won 1st Runner Up in our classification!!!!

Comments by the judges: they liked the size, the name was great ... they commented on the many articles written by superintendents (that's only their opinion, not mine — I would always like to see more), the diversity of articles and other comments, but by that time I was so excited I didn't write them down. Thanks to all of you contributors and writers. Thanks to Ever-Redi Printing. Thanks to the advertisers who pay for it all. Thank you all very much.

For Sale: New Lesco 7 gang mowers, 30" wide, 10 blade reels with semi-pneumatic tires, never been used! Includes used pull frame \$6000.00. 1987 Lesco 5 gang fairway mower and 1988 Lesco 5 gang fairway mower \$3000.00 each. Contact Scott Azinger, (319) 332-6655.

Mechanic Needed: June 7 starting date at Bartlett Hills C.C. Call Kevin DeRoo at 708/483-4991.

For Sale: 350D Reelmaster — good condition. Call Scott at Itasca C.C., 708/773-1800, ext. 141.

USGA Green Section — Great Lakes Region 1993 Regional Conferences

March 11, 1993 — Westmoor Country Club, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

March 18, 1993 — Town and Country Club, St. Paul, Minnesota

Registration: 8:00 a.m. Program: 8:45-4:30 p.m.

For Sale: 1983 Toro 70 inch professional, (2) Dedoes aerifiers, Lely model W spreader, 1977 Danuser Auger, Rogers 950 aerifier, 1975 Ford 917 flail, Coremaster 3026 aerifier, Lincoln 50 amp. arc welder, Foley 388 reel grinder. For information please contact Tim Kelly, Village Links Golf Course, (708) 469-2077.

Assistant Needed at River Forest G.C. Send resumes to: P. O. Box 557, Elmhurst, IL 60126, c/o Joel Purpur. Phone: (708) 782-4259.

Golf related "Clip Art" is needed to help make your newsletter more attractive and interesting. There is very little if any clip art in the various books that you can buy for these graphics. If you are talented with a sketch pad I would love to have anything to do with "greenskeeping." Sketches of mowers, tractors, desks, greens, shops ... anything. Or if you run across any graphics in various places, please take the time to cut it out and send them to me. If you are not sure what I'm talking about, the logo for the Midwest Breezes is a graphic that was done for **The Bull Sheet** by Mrs. Beverly Hammerschmidt.

Carl & Tod Hopphan had a nice article written up about their course in the "Skokie Review" in February. It went on to describe what Evanston C.C. is doing to attract wildlife to areas of the golf course that is not being played. Evanston joined the Audubon Society to help provide a sanctuary in an area that is really densely populated. It is very good PR on the part of the Hopphans for themselves and for the club.

I received a letter from Jim Latham after his trip down under. He reports that he returned with the normal amount of swag, including one Akuba hat, a Fijian mu-mu, boomerangs and T-shirts.

"Kangarooland was wonderful and the locals were just great. Can't say much for tourists, though. I don't ever want to hear about "Ugly Americans" again! We're not in the same league with some Asians and Europeans we encountered." Jim states that the courses in Alice Springs love the salt water Paspalum and at the Royal Sidney the "couches were beautiful".

Jim and Lois were to spend some time in Fiji, but when they landed there they discovered that Cyclone Kina was approaching and closely followed by Nina and another storm yet unnamed. Needless to say, they caught the next plane out and spent more time in Sydney. They loved Australia. Jim's word of advice to anyone traveling in Australia — don't send your laundry out on "Boxer Day". His bill was over \$100!

Need an Assistant — Call Michael L. Vilendrer, May '93 grad of U of I, 217/367-4342 or write: 1306 N. Lincoln # 220, Urbana, IL 61801.

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(Midwest Breezes continued)

John Turner, Sales Representative for NOR-AM Chemical Company, presented two \$500.00 scholarships to Senior Marshall Beatty and Doug Hobbs from Purdue University. Both students were recognized at the Midwest Regional Turf Conference held in Indianapolis on January 7, 1993. The annual scholarship assists turfgrass students in meeting their educational needs and their professed interest in turfgrass management.

For Sale: 1990 John Deere Model 141 vacuum sweeper; 1972 Toro Parkmaster; Cushman mount 100 gal. bean sprayer. Call Larry Flament at 708/884-6868.

It's official! Cog Hill will have the Western Open for the next ten years. Good luck & good weather, John.

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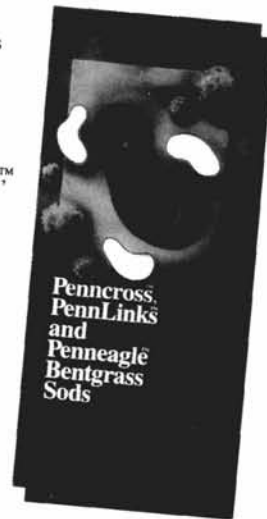
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by Fred Opperman



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Quercus rubra — Red Oak

Leaves: Alternate, simple; blades rather shallowly 7 to 11 lobed, the lobes bristle-tipped, dark green and smooth or somewhat hairy on the upper surface, paler and smooth or often with hairs along the veins on the lower surface.



Buds: Pointed, smooth, reddish-brown, shiny, up to ¼ inch long, scale margin slightly hairy.



Bark: Grayish-brown with distinct flat gray areas intermingled with dark stripes or furrows.

Size: Medium to tall tree, 60 to 80 feet; trunk diameter up to 3 feet; crown broadly rounded, with large spreading branches; trunk straight, often buttressed at the base.

Fruit: Acorns solitary or 2 together, with or without stalks, the nut ovoid, up to 1½ inches long, pale brown, covered less than ¼ by the cup, acorns mature and fall early.

Leaf color: Pinkish to reddish when unfolding, lustrous dark green in the summer changing to russet-red to bright red in fall.

Culture: An easy tree to transplant up to 6 inches in size, prefers sandy loam soil soils which are well drained; withstands the polluted air of cities; full sun; likes an acid soil.

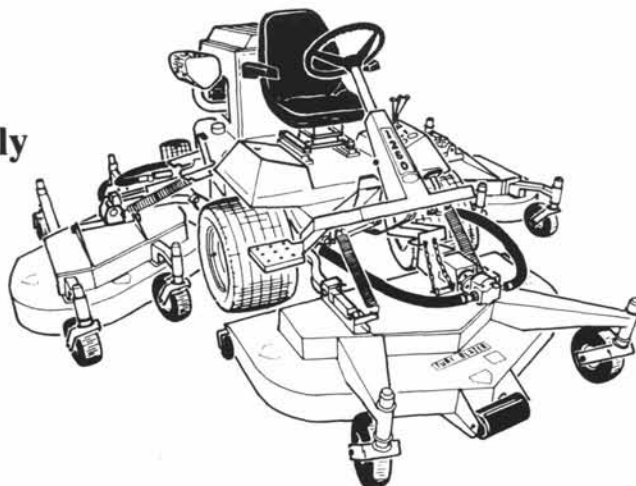
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PR & Chemical Usage

by Joel Purpur, Superintendent

In January 1993, the GCSAA Regional Seminar at Oak Brook Hills featured the topic "Environmental Concerns in Golf Course Management". This seminar was well attended and stressed many important issues relating to our business and what we can and should do to be responsible, professional, and make every effort to be in compliance with the regulations of our business. The instructors also talked about using every opportunity to enhance our public relations skills and to promote golf courses as useful areas for our environment because if we don't we stand a good chance of becoming over-regulated by extremists who would like decisions made based on emotion rather than science.



After coming home from the seminar I composed a letter for our membership to promote golf and the environment. Although the letter is being reviewed by the Board of Directors at River Forest Country Club and has not been mailed to the membership yet, I would encourage every Superintendent to make an effort to promote our relationship with the environment at their own golf course. My rough draft is as follows:

Communications From the Grounds Department

Are golf courses bad for the environment? Are we poisoning our courses and ourselves as well?

The media has done a good job in panicking the public to attract T.V. audiences and sell newspapers. Danger and risks from chemicals are also a concern of mine because I am out on the course every day, directly involved with treatments of "plant protectants". I have attended many seminars and meetings to find out more on these subjects and it has become evident that most of the negativity is based on emotion rather

I leave these seminars feeling good about the golf course but worried about the vocal groups insisting on banning everything. than science. I leave these seminars feeling good about the golf course but worried about the vocal groups insisting on banning everything. These zero tolerance groups have a good chance of over-regulating the industry, tying the hands of turfgrass managers, and ruining golf as we know it today.

Golf courses are good for the environment in many ways. In this day and age of concrete, blacktop, and steel which absorbs and holds heat, golf courses have a natural cooling effect on the environment. The billions of living plants on our golf courses also produce vast amounts of oxygen from the carbon dioxide exchange for the air we breathe. Even in the inner-city, wildlife can thrive on a golf course. At River Forest Country Club I have seen Blue Herons, Kingfishers, Fox, Coyote, Deer, Hawks, Squirrels, and many other birds and animals.

The land also absorbs water helping in flood control as well as filtering out pollutants in rain water as they move into the ground. Aquifers are also recharged from rains for our water supply. Turfgrass areas have thatch which ties up pollutants and pesticides where they are broken down by microorganisms before they can move through the ground. Farming and other bare ground areas are at much more risk for compounds mov-

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The environment has become a hot political topic these days and we are in danger of losing helpful tools because of misinformation and fear based on emotion rather than science. All of the attention on this issue is forcing the users of these products to think about safety and the environment which is good for all of us. It is up to us to promote golf courses as useful areas in the environment for wildlife and clean air. I am concerned about our environment as you

**I am concerned
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you are,**

are, but the facts confirm that you should feel good about what the golf course means for the environment and in the community. So enjoy the land even more and help promote golf courses as useful areas for our environment, because others may perceive our courses much differently.

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