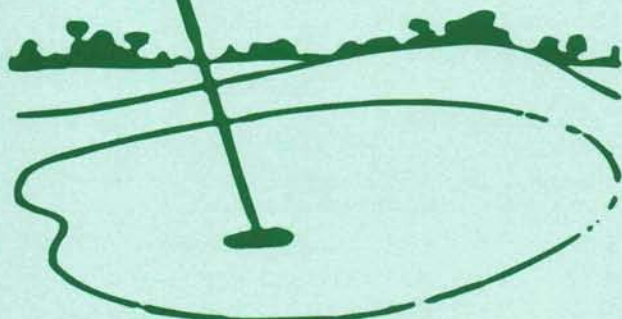


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February 6-12 — GCSAA Conference in Las Vegas, NV.

February 9 & 10 — MAGCS Hospitality Suite at Bally's in Las Vegas.

February 21-23 — Golf Illinois '97, Arlington Race Track.

February 25 — GCSAA and MAGCS will host a seminar on "Preventive Maintenance of Turf Equipment" in Woodridge. Call 800-472-7878.

April 21 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Mount Prospect G.C.

June 2 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Rolling Green C.C.

July 7 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Orchard Valley G.C.

August — MAGCS monthly meeting at Bartlett Hills G.C.

September 22 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Ruffled Feathers G.C.

October — MAGCS monthly meeting at Eagle Brook C.C.

Jim Meyer, superintendent at Itasca C.C., has announced his retirement after 27 years of service. Jim's retirement was effective January 1, 1997. His assistant, Scott Speident, who has worked for him the past 12 years, has been named the new superintendent at Itasca C.C. Jim will continue to work for the club as a consultant for one more year. Scott and his crew wish him well as do all of the members of the MAGCS.

What is the one thing you can give but at the same time keep? (Answer elsewhere in this column.)

On March 3 and 4, 1997, Spanish I for Turfgrass Management will be held at the Oak Brook Hills Resort in Oak Brook. The course will be instructed by Jennifer Thomas. Cost is \$225 and is limited to the first 30 registrants. Contact Jennifer for additional information or registration forms at 847-491-0011.

Brian Bossert has suggested that we gather a list of all of the gardeners at the various clubs so that they could network and compare notes, etc. Please mail or fax (847-428-5009) to the editor the following information: gardener's name, club and phone number. Get this info to the editor by March 1 so that a list may be printed in the April issue.

Bruce Williams was elected a PGA honorary director at the PGA's Annual Meeting in November. PGA Honorary President Tom Addis states, "Bruce has been instrumental in

forging a strong relationship between the PGA and GCSAA. He is a strong leader who has demonstrated a commitment to excellence in his profession and in service to the game of golf."

Superintendent opening: Lake County Forest Preserve District is looking to fill the position for their new course, "Thunderhawk," which is scheduled to be built in 1997. Salary range is \$34,121 - \$52,716. Location will be Beach Park, IL. Deadline for applications is February 21, 1997. Interest in forest preserve employment can be indicated only by submitting a resume and a completed Forest Preserve Employment Application, which is available at and must be returned to the Lake County Forest Preserve District, Human Resources Department, 2000 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Libertyville, IL 60048. 847-367-6640.

Necrology

With deepest regrets, we report that Rebecca Austin, age 10, daughter of Ron Austin and wife Dale, passed away over the Christmas holidays. Rebecca was the recipient of the Gin Rummy Tournament proceeds this past spring. (See the June '96 issue.) Also, Ron lost his job at the Westgate Valley C.C. on Christmas Eve when the club closed, and all of the help was let go. Our prayers go out to the family at this time of grieving.

Patrick M. Barrett is looking for an assistant's position. Penn State and McHenry Community College grad. Worked at Castle Rock, CO, and Geneva National Golf Club. Call him at 414-642-7384 if interested.

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Answer to the above question: Your word.

Congratulations to Kerry Satterwhite who became certified recently. Kerry is at Rock River C.C. in Rock Falls, IL.

Environmental Steward Awards for 1996-97 have been announced. The Chicagoland area has come up with 6 winners out of the national total of 19 awards! National winners: Tim Kelly (again!!!—Way to go, Tim), Village Links of Glen Ellyn, and Kerry Satterwhite, Rock River C.C. In this category, we got two out of the four!

Regional winners were: Peter Leuzinger (again!!!), Ivanhoe Club, for the private clubs and R. Brian Green, Sunset Valley G. C., for the public course. Merit winners were: Fred Behnke, Mount Prospect G.C., and Tom Morgensen at Countryside G.C. Congratulations to all.

Scott Witte, 620-260-8179, at Cantigny G.C. is seeking a summer student/intern. Primary responsibility is maintenance of research green and some research plot work with Dr. Randy Kane of CDGA.

Assistant and mechanic needed at Village Greens of Woodridge. Call Bob Rigney at 630-719-0021.

The ITF in conjunction with All States Auctioneers, Inc. will be holding a Turf, Landscape and Rental Equipment Auction on Saturday, March 29, 1997, at 9 a.m. The auction will be held at the Lake County fairgrounds in Grayslake, IL. Call 864-395-4454 for more information.

Congratulations to Debbie and Luke Strojny on the birth of their second child, Julia Marie. Julie was born on January 8, 1997, and weighed 7 lbs., 13 oz.

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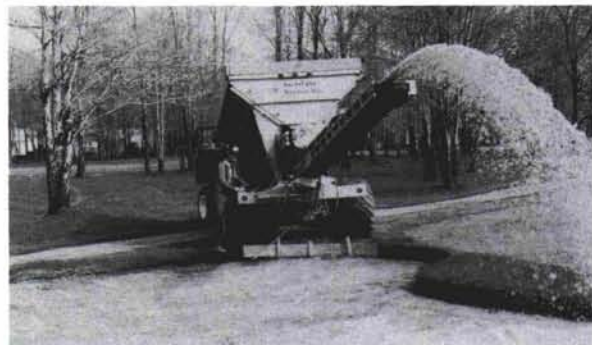
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One of the realities of life as one grows older is that you begin to lose friends. Losing a good and close friend can be very difficult, and so it was for me when my friend Russ Reed was called home November 8, 1996. I would like to tell you a little about my friend Russ.

We first became acquainted back in the '50s. As some of you know, Russ was a sales rep for George A. Davis Co. He would call on me at Biltmore C.C., and he had an enthusiasm about him that was unique. A few years passed, and we discovered that we had a mutual interest beyond the golf world—and that was “hunting.” It became the glue that bonded us together for over 30 years!

Russ had many good friends in the Midwest golf scene and even beyond; however, we had a special friendship that was nurtured by hours in a duck blind and thousands of miles on the road in pursuit of feathered quarry. You really get to know a guy when you hunt with him.

Some of you oldtimers, and even some of young oldtimers, know that Russ was dedicated to serving his customers with Herculean vigor. If you had a problem related to his products or needed service on some piece of equipment, he was on the spot with help no matter what time of day or night. Just call Russ, and he was there pronto to help however he could. For Russ it was the sooner, the better. I'm sure that if Russ had been born before 1889, he would have owned at least one-half of Oklahoma! Russ could get around—fast! Some of you older Midwest members may have ridden with Russ and know what I mean. I tried to push out the floorboards in his station wagon many times while whizzing along with him.

Don't get me wrong, Russ was an excellent, if not a daring, driver; and I believe he should have had a shot at the Indy 500.

Russ always had a big smile on his face; and when he made his business calls, he always had the news around town. To know Russ was to keep up with what was happening in Chicagoland golf. Russ had a strong personality and his own ideas about things but was always ready to hear your opinion. He was never wavering but was steadfast and lived by his word. He was up and positive about life, ready for any challenge or new adventure, kind of a spontaneous bundle of energy, always ready to lend a helping hand.

Today it's a new and different kind of world in golf and everywhere else. Instead of a Russ Reed pulling into your maintenance facility center (no more barn) and giving the news around town, you just square off with your computer and cyberspace dot-slash-dot-com, or whatever, and miss out on real live face-to-face conversation. Too bad.

For you younger superintendents, I wish you had known my friend Russ. Maybe someone like him will come along in your lifetime, but I doubt it. Russ was a special kind of guy, not complicated, but a man you would like to have along in a tough situation. How can one sum up a man's life in a few short paragraphs. One cannot.

And so it was on a cloudy, rainy Sunday morning in Des Plaines, Illinois, that I said my goodbye to my friend Russ and wished him Happy Hunting.

John C. Ebel
Retired Keeper of the Green
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Starting a Native Prairie...

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er, that the physical design of this book is poor; mine has many loose pages due to its self-destruction.

• Smith, J.R., and B.S. Smith.
1980. *The Prairie Garden*.
Madison, WI: The University of Wisconsin Press.

The Prairie Garden does a nice job of identifying 70 of the most attractive, easily grown, and useful species for inclusion in prairie plantings. It provides line drawings, appearance and propagation information, and siting requirements for each of the prairie forbs, grasses, and sedges. It also includes a list of companion plants (may be called associated plants or associates in other references) for each of the 70 plants listed. The book concludes with a series of useful graphics and tables that include line drawings of typical root systems; lists of prairie plants and their habitats, flowering period, and color; and sources. *The Prairie Garden* is a great little paperback book with which to start your native plant reference collection.

• Voigt, J.W., and R.H. Mohlenbrock. No date listed.
Prairie Plants of Illinois. Springfield, IL: Illinois Department of Conservation.

John Voigt (no relation) and Robert Mohlenbrock have turned out some of the most useful books about Illinois flora in my library. My paperback copy of *Prairie Plants of Illinois* is well worn due to heavy use. A line drawing, botanical description, listing of uses, and range/habitat information is included for each of the more than 100 species of forbs, grasses, rushes, and sedges included in the book. A plant identification key is included. Of special interest are the maps that are found beside line drawings that identify the Illinois counties in which each plant has been found. ■

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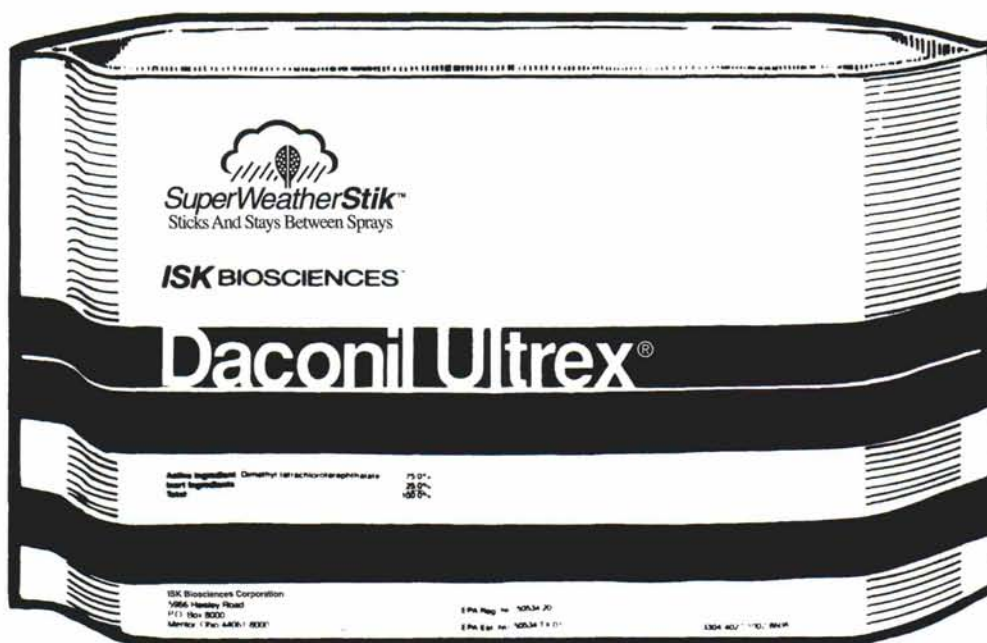
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