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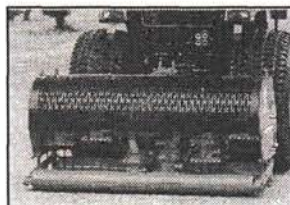
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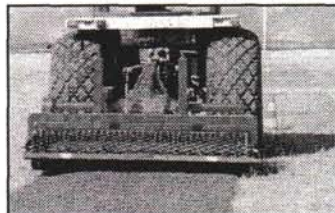
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effective on both mature and seedling perennial ryegrass. When it becomes necessary to treat on a curative basis, the spray intervals may have to be compressed beyond what is stated on the product labels and continued through the end of October.

Looking ahead, the future of perennial ryegrass tees, fairways and rough in the Mid-Continent region appears to be up in the air. While gray leaf spot can be controlled with fungicide applications, the cost thereof can be substantial when summertime temperatures persist thought late September, as they did during the 1998 season. For those low-budget courses that heretofore have not had to spray perennial ryegrass fairways, this situation is particularly troubling as it may increase the cost of golf beyond the means of their players.

For those that no longer feel that they can afford the cost of maintaining perennial ryegrass, there are, in reality, few options. Kentucky bluegrass is one and creeping bentgrass is the other. Unfortunately, each of these options has their own Achilles' heel and would require course closure during a fall season to establish. Determining which of the options is best, if any, is a subject for another article.

For those that have suffered from the extraordinary destructive powers of gray leaf spot, I can only hope that the golfers have been understanding and will support whatever future steps are necessary to prevent similar circumstances from reoccurring during 1999 and beyond. Having been surprised by gray leaf spot myself, dealing with this new invader has been a truly humbling and frustrating experience.



MAGCS College Tournament

Brian Bossert
Bryn Mawr C.C.

A full field enjoyed a brisk, sun-filled day at Seven Bridges Golf Club on October 13. A big thanks to Don Ferreri and their staff for hosting the event. The Penn State Nittany Lions came away with first place in the annual college championship. Bob Kronn, Ed Fischer, Joel Purpur and Dave Blomquist made up the winning team, and Dave brought along a life-size Joe Pa to witness the event. The squad from Southern Illinois (Tim Davis, Jim Knulty, Tommy Robinson and Dave Schlagetter) finished a close second. The defending champion and perennial powerhouse group from Danville Area Community College came in third.

Bob Kronn and Ed Fischer were low for the day in the two-person

scramble event. John Meyer and Bruce "I only played four times this year" Schweiger finished first in the low net division. Jim Keith took long putt, Jeff Leuzinger the long drive, Rich Daly the straightest drive and Joe Betulius closest to the pin. Congratulations to all the winners!

Additionally, a local pantry benefited from the generous donations of canned goods and money. A big thanks to all who took part, and congratulations to Peter Leuzinger on winning the raffle prize: a new putter.

In closing, the golf chairman would like to acknowledge that the year was not without a few hitches. The board of the MAGCS appreciates the constructive criticism and has discussed changes and improvements for the events in the upcoming year.



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Green Committee, Chicago District Golf Association

Editor's Note: This is another article reprinted from Vol. 11, No. 2, February 1931, of The Bulletin of the United States Golf Association Green Section.

Guy M. Peters

The by-laws of the Chicago District Golf Association, which was founded in 1913, provide for various committees, one of which is the green committee. The writer has been chairman of that committee since 1927, and has been reappointed as such for 1931, with Ben Stevenson as the other member of the committee. Some years ago the green committee maintained a central purchasing bureau and a professional greenkeeper who gave advice to the

member clubs in connection with problems in greenkeeping. In the earlier days the purchasing bureau was used by the member clubs and was instrumental in securing substantial reductions in cost of supplies. Later when the cost of golf supplies became more standardized it was found the member clubs could secure by direct purchase practically the same price as the purchasing bureau, and the member clubs thereafter availed themselves so little of either of these facilities that they were abandoned. Before the establishment of the turf gardens in the Chicago district by the United States Golf Association Green Section our principal activity was the holding of a joint meeting once a year of the chairmen of the green committees and the green-

keepers of the member clubs. These meetings consisted of machinery demonstrations in the afternoon and dinner in the evening, with a program of papers, usually by various greenkeepers, followed by the usual discussions. The meetings were popular and well attended. Our committee took an active part, in cooperation with the Mid-West Greenkeepers' Association, in securing the establishment of the turf gardens in the Chicago district by the United States Golf Association Green Section. Since those gardens have been established, our annual meeting has been held at the gardens, as part of the program of the United States Golf Association Green Section. This, in brief, is the extent of our activities. 

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another pipe manufacturer **and have had no problems** with leaking pipe or joints. However, we still seem to have problems shaking this enigma of leaking pipe.

We have found and documented through word of mouth that there are approximately 30 golf courses from Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin and Illinois with dozens of different contractors who have had this same problem involving the same pipe manufacturer.

In 1997, another local company, a distributor, and Halloran & Yauch, Inc. engaged Jenner & Block law firm to pursue this matter mainly to find out if we had enough evidence to proceed with a lawsuit or a class action case. They


think we have a case, but we must find a firm willing to take the case on a contingency basis due to the high cost of litigation. To date, we have not found such a firm.

We also hired a professional engineer who has expertise in the PVC pipe business. He discovered that the bell end of the PVC pipe was oversized and did not meet the ASTM standard. The bell and socket ends did not have an interference fit which is required by standard.

We realize that the sporadic leaking is a continuous reminder of an ongoing problem, and we hope this explanation will clarify the actual facts. The cause of this problem is a manufacturer's defect which they will not accept or reimburse for corrective measures.

Other manufacturers in the golf irrigation industry have had product problems, and most all have stepped forward to correct the situation. This pipe manufacturer refuses to do so voluntarily.

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January 14-16 - Mid-Am
Trade Show, Navy Pier,
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January 18-21 — 69th
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March - MAGCS monthly
meeting at Poplar Creek G.C.

April - We need a monthly
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May - ITF meeting and golf.

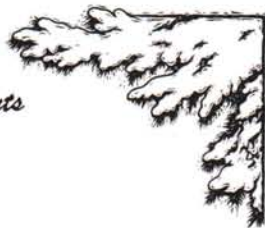
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July - MAGCS monthly
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.....
Jim Johns retired from Northmoor C.C. in late October. He had been with Northmoor since 1976, Jim and Christie have retired to their new home in Las Vegas. Sorry to see you go, Jim; good luck and good health in your new adventure.

.....
On October 13 during the MAGCS College Championship at Seven Bridges G.C., their assistant superintendent Dave Gelino used a 6 iron to score a hole-in-one on the #15, a 175-yard par 3. In the foursome was Don Ferreri, Trent Bradford and John Lebedevs as witnesses. Dave was representing Joliet Junior College.

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L to R: Daniel Albaugh, the 1998 winner of the "Ray Gerber Editorial Award" for his April 1998 article, "To Cover or Not to Cover." Pictured with Dan is his father Julius Albaugh who won the award in 1987. This is the first father-son who have won the award. Congratulations to both.



L to R: Michael Bavier signing his book that he co-authored with Gordon Witteveen, *Practical Golf Course Maintenance: The Magic of Greenkeeping*. Michael Bavier Jr. is looking on as Dudley Smith is trying to get a better price.



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