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An Evaluation of Native Midwestern ... (continued from page 30)

will be collected and used to develop an encyclopedic listing of native plants for Chicagoland.

Invasion of exotic weed species appears to be the greatest threat to success with this project. Broadleaf weeds, including chicory, Canada thistle, and wild carrot, and grassy weeds such as various foxtails, quackgrass, and reed canarygrass have appeared in unmowed areas at these courses and others in the Chicago area. Evaluating control methods of these and other weeds will be one aspect of this study over the next two years.

In conclusion, this research will be of value to the Chicagoarea golf industry. As more and more golf course areas are going unmowed, this study will provide information about native plants and their roles on Midwestern golf courses. Moreover, this study can potentially identify methods that reduce chemical and labor inputs and conserve golf course financial resources. Finally, this evaluation might provide an opportunity to create public good will and wildlife habitat through the use of native plants in unmowed areas. All of these things can be accomplished without sacrificing golf quality.

In this, the first year of this three-year evaluation, native grasses, sedges, and forbs have been selected and planted and rudimentary data collected. Over the next two years, more information will be compiled which can assist us in developing a useful group of plants and management schemes. Watch this space in early 1999 for the next update of this work. ■

Adolph Bertucci

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people he knew from judges, his peers in the turf industry countywide, to golfers great and a few not so great, and even a few bartenders.

My memories of our epic wintertime lunches I still value. His golf course was the love of his life and the turfgrass in top playing condition was his passion.

Over the forty plus years I knew Adolph, his Christmas parties were an institution attended by this great cross section of people whom he cared for. I was fortunate to be at the very first ones where only his grounds crew and three or four of his fellow superintendents attended.

Everyone who knew "Bert" has a lot of Adolph stories, and he will be missed but remembered long into the future as a great human being.

Fred Opperman Editor, On Course

What is my fondest recollection of Adolph? His greeting every time he saw me was "Hey, 'Roomy,' what's happening?" The "Roomy" bit came from the time Adolph and I shared a room in San Francisco in 1995 during the GCSAA convention. During that trip, we walked around Fisherman's Wharf sightseeing. We came upon a black street entertainer who had display board pictures of himself with all of the famous people of Hollywood, politics and the sporting world. This entertainer could sing in several languages, and when he started singing in Italian, Adolph just joined in and sang along. Adolph had a crowd gathering that day to listen and then toss money into the violin case. I'll miss Adolph and his many stories, plus that greeting, "Hey, Roomy!"

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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 4 — ITF Combined Meeting at "The General," Eagle Ridge Inn & Resort. June 15 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Fox Valley G.C. July 13-19 — Ameritech Senior Open at Kemper Lakes G.C. July 21-25 — USGA Junior Amateur at Conway Farms G.C. July 28 — Midwest Regional Turf Field Day to be held at the new Turfgrass Research and Diagnostic Center, Purdue University. August 30 - MAGCS Picnic and Cougar baseball. September 14-19 — USGA Senior Amateur at Skokie C.C.

Editor's Note: This first letter is from Paul Knulty to John Berarducci, who coordinates the Annual Charity Gin Tournament. The second is a thank you to those who donated to the fund for Paul's child.

Dear John,

Our son Matthew has Cri du Chat Syndrome, a rare chromosomal disorder that affects his physical and emotional development. Since nine months of age, he has been in physical, occupational, and speech therapy to support his development. It has also caused medical complications that have resulted in major surgeries and many hospital stays.

When Matthew was three months old he failed to thrive. He

was hospitalized at Children's Memorial in Chicago where he was diagnosed with Hirschsprungs disease, a rare bowel disorder. Matthew had colostomy surgery which allowed his nutrients to be abosorbed so he could gain weight. At one year, he had the surgery to reverse the colostomy, allowing him to have normal bowel movements.

At two years of age, it was discovered that Matthew's airways were 70% obstructed. He then underwent surgery that took cartilage from his ear to enlarge the airways. After surgery, he spent nine days in a drug-induced coma on a ventilator so the graft could take.

Throughout Matthew's surgeries and illnesses, he has remained a very loving, happy child. Although he is mentally handicapped and will never be "normal," we are optimistic that he will develop to his full potential.

On the behalf of my family, I would like to thank you for thinking of us.

Thank you, Paul Knulty

March 27, 1998

We would like to thank all of those who contributed to the Annual Charity Gin Tournament. The money raised has gone a long way towards Matthew's medical expenses. Your generosity and thoughtfulness are sincerely appreciated.

Thank you, Paul & Pam Knulty A note from John Berarducci: "I'd like to enclose Paul Knulty's address for further donations on behalf of his son Matthew. Even though the Annual Charity Gin Tournament was not a big success, we did generate over \$1,000 for Matthew's cause. Thanks for your support. Please send your donations to: Paul Knulty, 481 Lake St., Crystal Lake, IL 60014.

For sale: Toro Parkmaster 7-gang fairway mower, Toro 5-gang pullbehind rough mower, hydraulic 7-gang pull-behind fairway mower and a Jacobsen 72" Tufcat (engine torn down) with two decks. Contact Dave Fisher at Park Hills G.C., 815-232-5090.

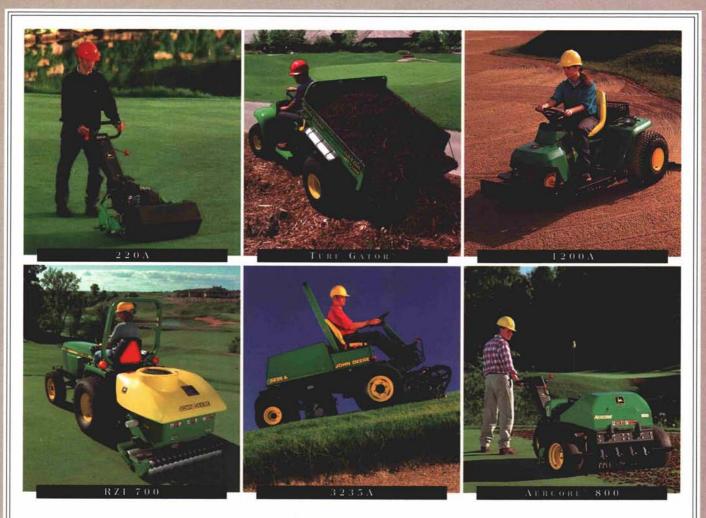
The members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents would like to extend their deepest sympathy to Steve Van Acker and his family on the death of his father, Edward, who passed away in late March.

For sale: Toro VT3 irrigation control system, including satellites, both faceplates and nemas (approximately 45 to sell) and 2 complete centrals (includes power supply boards and relays). If interested contact Kurt at Exmoor C.C., 847-433-1177.

Tommy Witt, Wynstone G.C., has resigned and has relocated to Stillwater Resort G.C. in Statesville, Alabama, where he will become Director of Facilities and Operations. Stillwater Resort is a 36-hole layout of which one of the courses will be rebuilt. Good luck, Tommy, on your new venture.

If you would like your name included on the "Ray Gerber Editorial Award" plaque, you have only one month to do so. The deadline for articles to be in contention is July 1, 1998. The judging year is from September through August.

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(continued from page 34) Congratulations to the following members who have joined the quarter century club with the MAGCS: Mike Matchen, Wilmette G.C.; Ted Mochel, Woodbine G.C.; Robert Slome, Exmoor C.C.; and Tom Vieweg, Cary C.C.

From Jim McNair, MAGCS public relations chairman, regarding the Admittance Policy to Professional Golf Events: This policy is effective February 12, 1998, and this information is supplied to us by the GCSAA:

U.S. Open, Senior Open, and U.S. Women's Open: Complimentary grounds admission for Class A superintendents only and their spouses with the presentation of the Class A Gold card. Master's Tournament: Complimentary grounds admission for Class A, Retired, or Life members with Gold card (no spouses). PGA Tour Events: Complimentary grounds admissions for Gold and Green card members and their spouses.

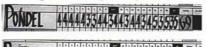
We would like to thank Bill Aiston, Lake Shore C.C., for donating Adolph Bertucci's collection of old Bull Sheets to our collection. We were able to fill in some months from 1949, 1950 and 1951 that we were missing. Thanks, Bill, for the donation. Kristin and Mike Siefken became proud parents of 7 lb. 5 oz. Abigail on February 28. This is their first child. She was born one day before their first wedding anniversary. Assistant needed at Orchard Hills

G.C., 2-year turf study, spray operators license and previous experience is important. Fax resume to Bob McCallum at 847-336-5189.

Editor's Note: Due to the timing of the newsletter, it was impossible to include these pictures into the last issue. We certainly are proud of the showing of our Midwest members who represented us in the GCSAA golf tournament. Not pictured is Tim Scott, Stoney Creek G.C., who was runner-up and was beat by two strokes by Al Pondel.



Al Pondel, Deerfield G.C., won the GCSAA Championship Flight with a 3 under par 69 to win against 118 participants.



Leader board of the Championship Flight showing the numbers that Al shot and also Tom Robinson, Ravinia Green C.C.



L to R: Randy Wahler, Knollwood Club Tommy Robinson, Ravinia Green C.C. Robert Kronn, LaGrange C.C. Al Pondel, Deerfield G.C. Winners of the Scottish Trophy (low gross), Tustin Ranch G.C. in Irvine, CA.

Peter Voykin proudly reports that his grandson Michael Henry received an Evans Scholarship to the University of Illinois.

Greg Rosenthal is the new superintendent at Kemper Lakes G.C. Greg comes from the East Coast where he was superintendent with Kemper Sports Management. Tom Pritchard has been promoted to Midwestern Regional Agronomist for Kemper Sports Management for the states of Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Kansas and Illinois. Congratulations to both.

For sale: 1 Vicon spreader, 3 Toro Greensmaster Triplex 9-blade reels, two sets of colored 12" metal yardage plates in red, white and blue, excellent condition; Toro VT3 and VT4 clocks. Assorted Toro 730, 750 and 770 heads, plus many Rainbird 1630 and 1660 sprinkler heads. Call Bob Lively, McHenry C.C., at 815-385-0635.

Volunteers needed! Kemper Lakes Golf Course will be hosting the Ameritech Senior Open on July 13-19, 1998. They are seeking volunteers to help with

the course maintenance during this week of the tournament. If interested, please contact Gregg Rosenthal, golf course superintendent, at 847-540-7209.

Paul Voykin was the first superintendent to publish a book in MAGCS. Now Mike Bavier and Gordon Witteveen have coauthored Fundamentals of Golf Course Maintenance, a book with hundreds of helpful tips that you can use everyday-practical information, presented in a step-by-step format! The authors have given seminars all over the world, and now they pass on their considerable expertise to you. Retail, \$45; order now for only \$22.50-a 50% discount! To receive a book, send check or credit card number with expiration date along with your ship to address. Phone numbers are required for all orders. Include \$5 shipping for the first book and \$3 for each additional book. Order your books by mail through Ann Arbor Press, 121 S. Main St., Chelsea, MI 48118; or by calling 800-858-5299; or by faxing 734-475-8852.



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