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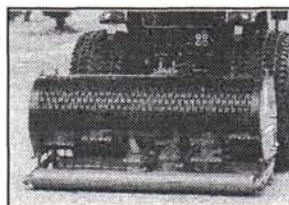
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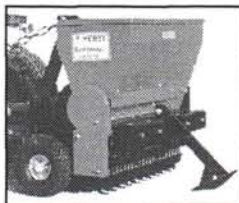
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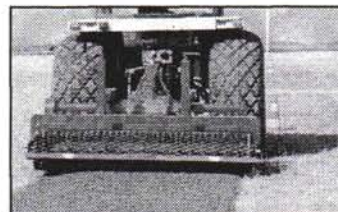
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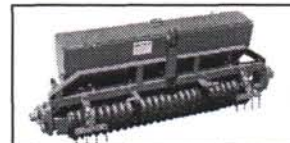
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From the Green*

Director's Column

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Finally, No. 10. I will miss serving on the board. Through it all, it's been a blast. Thanks to all who have served in the past and will serve in the future. The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents has been, and will continue to be, one of the best associations on the planet! 

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Golf Updates

Brian Bossert
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Brad Helms hosted the August meeting at Palatine Hills Golf Club. A full field turned out for the four-person best ball event. The Lively brothers, Paul Schaefer, and Paul Yerkes took first place at 500 under par. (Who needs Van Acker?) Joe Presta won the long putt, Mark Neuroth the long drive and Paul Schaefer doubled up with the closet to the pin shot. Lastly, Bob Kronn shot the low round of the day, a nifty 71.

The annual MAGCS Championship was held on September 14 at Settler's Hill Golf Club. Dan Murray was our host for the day. Tim Scott turned in the low round of the day, a two-under total of 70. For his efforts, Tim

has earned the right to represent the MAGCS in next year's Illinois Open. Congratulations, Tim!

Only a handful of players broke 80 on the drizzly day. They included the first flight winner, Jeff Smith. Jeff's net total was 69. The remaining flight winners included Brad Johnson (net 72 in second flight), Lynn Wesson picked up longest putt, Bob Lively knocked out the longest drive, and Trent Bradford was closest to the pin.



Tim Scott the 1998 MAGCS Golf Champion with the winning round of two under for a total of 70 at Settler's Hill G.C.

The Fungus Among Us

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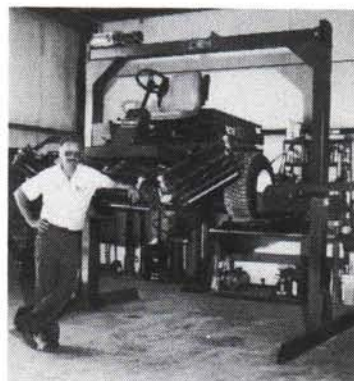
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January 27-29 — Midwest Turf Expo, Convention Center Indianapolis. Contact Beverly Bratton for details at 765-494-8039.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

It's great to see that many of our members and friends are getting their names and clubs into various newspapers and magazines. Brian Thomson of Biltmore C.C. and his wife Karen were featured in the September 20, 1998, *Chicago Tribune*, "Tempo North-

west" section. In addition, Brian was pictured on the front page. Within this same article were statements by Don Ferreri, Tom Voigt and Kevin DeRoo concerning the "natural look" and the Audubon Society. The 13 local golf clubs that are certified were also listed.

In the September 1998 issue of *Landscape Management* under the article "The Top Green Industry Leaders," Bob Graunke at The General at Eagle Ridge, Galena, Illinois, and Peter Leuzinger of the Ivanhoe Club were mentioned. Also listed was fellow award-winning Editor Monroe Miller of *The Grass Roots* from Blackhawk C.C., Madison, Wisconsin.

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Congratulations to Jodie and Charlie Bruglar (BTSI) on the birth of their daughter Skye Doresa Iris Bruglar, born on September 29. Skye weighed in at 4 lbs. 9 oz. and was 17 in. long.

Only in America do we use the word "politics" to describe the process so well: "Poli" in Latin meaning "many" and "tics" meaning "blood-sucking creatures."

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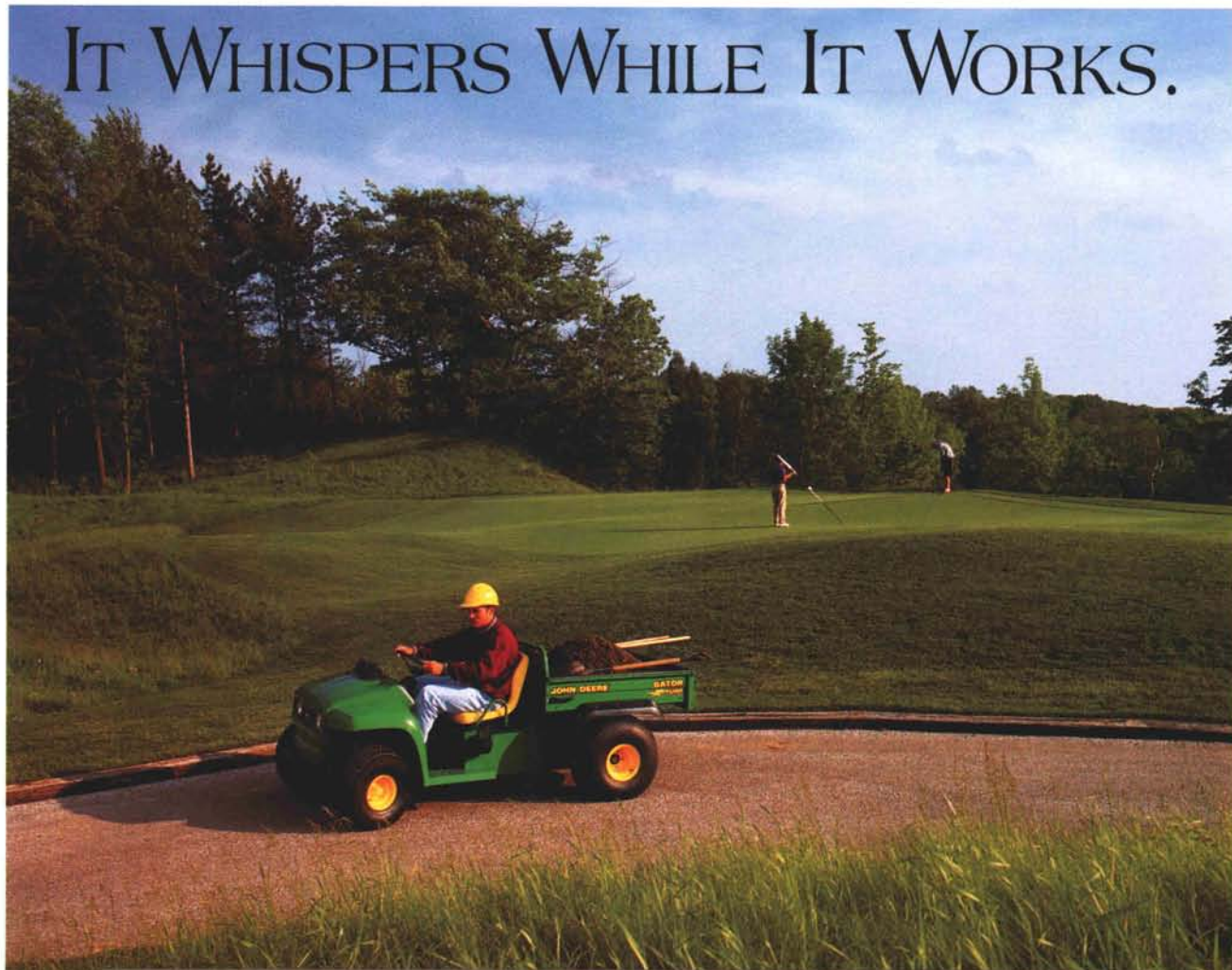
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An Associated Press article described the revolutionary new soil cleaning process by using poplar trees. Laboratory-designed hybrids of the poplar trees have been found to be able to remove contaminants from soil. It is a process known as "phytoremediation." The tree either stores or metabolizes the contaminants into apparently less harmless compounds. David E. Salt, an environmental chemist at Northern Arizona University, and Joel G. Burken of the University of Missouri at Rolla were the scientists in this study. If only we had known about this earlier, everyone could have planted the poplars around their gas and oil storage areas and saved thousands of dollars when they had to meet state requirements and move their storage tanks above ground.

Bob Baker would like to express his "thank you" to the membership for sending a beautiful plant to him back in August during his brief stint in the hospital. Bob

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Some superintendents have been taking it easy during this past September. Take Mark Bobb at Barrington Hills C.C., for example. During September, he enlarged six greens from 1,000 to 5,000 square feet, built a new tee, added on to four others, trenched 1,400 feet of power line for the two new rest room buildings, supervised the drilling of two new wells for these buildings, plus oversaw the construction of a new practice tee. I think there was also the aerification of all of the greens, tees, and fairways. But then, there were the guys who took some R & R and went fishing in Alaska, elk hunting in Idaho, whitewater rafting in West Virginia or played golf at some great courses in New York.

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Scott Witte will be on an exciting trip to South America from October 23 to November 21 with Rotary International on a cultural exchange program. This sounds like a future talk at one of our Midwest meetings.
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Dennis Wilson from Sunset Ridge C.C. sent me two invoices that he pulled from some old files. We can't copy them due to their condition, but I will list the prices:
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| Antifreeze | \$4.00 |
| 5 Tires 600x16, 4-ply | \$ no charge |
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On Course With the President

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This year as well, Joel Purpur came in from grazing in the pasture to head up the Past Presidents' Council. They held a meeting and came up with some very valuable information for the board. Many of their deals are being incorporated into the long-range plan.

I would like to also thank John Meyer for all the time and effort put forth as Commercial Members' Advisory Council chairman. John is stepping down after the Annual Meeting. Hopefully, Bob Maibusch has recruited a brave vendor to take over for John.

I'd be remiss if I didn't thank the association's two paid employees. Executive Secretary George Minnis and *On Course* Editor Fred Opperman. These two guys make the board look good. I think we sometimes take them for granted. George has been with us long enough now that he doesn't need to be told what to do. In fact, he keeps the board in line reminding them of deadlines and such. And what does everyone look for each month, *On Course*, of course. Fred is doing a fantastic job making sure it's in our mailbox each month.

I just want to say one final thank you to everyone involved with the running of this organization. From those who served on committees to the vendors that helped support us financially, THANK YOU!



Kevin Czerkies, CGCS
President, MAGCS

1998 Autumn Field Day . . .

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contained the dollar spot Bioject studies. The cutting height on the east half of the green was at .150 during green up and was dropped to .130 during the summer. The green has been top-dressed with sand four times. Dollar spot has been allowed to develop once again so that the Bioject evaluation could proceed. Pink snow mold was observed on the plot in mid-April, and brown patch became quite noticeable on August 10-11.

Dr. Tom Voigt, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, spoke on his trial work at Cantigny on "Evaluation of Native Midwestern Plants for Use in the Golf Course Landscape." The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents, GCSAA, and the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation have funded a three-year study to evaluate the suitability of 58 native plants in unmowed portions of three Chicago area golf courses (Cantigny, Skokie C.C. and Olympia Fields C.C.) Tom is always filled with enthusiasm about the really great work he is doing. Everyone comes away from a Voigt presentation with

tons of information. Ask him about, following two seasons of evaluation, the 13 great natives of the 58 in the study to try at your course.

Dr. Bruce Branham, U. of I., added to the information parade on his up-to-date results from the use of Prograss on *Poa* control. Fairway plots are showing some interesting results in the control of our old friend *Poa*. Bruce is the one that you should get next to on this control matter; he surely has answers that will help.

Dr. Andy Hamblin, U. of I. turfgrass breeder, was on the grounds looking over bentgrass varieties. He has some great future plans for creating improved plants in bluegrasses as well as bentgrass species. Keep an eye on future results from this guy.

To top it all off, Kevin DeRoo, Bartlett Hills G.C. main grass man and MAGCS director, charcoal-grilled a gourmet meal for everyone. If you missed all of this, you were the loser. It was a fine showing about the people that are putting real effort into bettering the Illinois Turfgrass Industry. 

Instruction in Greenkeeping . . .

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keepers to attend these courses and make provisions for the payment by their clubs of the expenses involved.

The length of time over which seeds may retain their viability while buried in soil is an important problem in weed control and in storage of seed of desirable crops for future use. Much experimental work of this kind is now being undertaken by the United States Department of Agriculture and its cooperators. At the Michigan Agricultural College a test has

been under way for 40 years, and it was found that after the expiration of this period of time one-half of the seeds used in the experiment retained their ability to germinate. In another test, conducted at Arlington, Va., at the end of 20 years 51 of the 107 kinds of seed buried in soil were viable. As a rule, grass seeds are relatively short lived; fescue especially loses its germination rapidly. 