

Midwest Breezes



Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

March 2 - 3 — Midwest Regional Turf Conference at Purdue

March 3 - 5 — Landscape Exposition, O'Hare Exposition

March 12 — Christensen Power Equip. "Open House"

March 16 — MAGCS meeting at Nordic Hills C.C.

March 31 — CDGA Green Seminar at Butterfield C.C.

April 9 — USGA Regional Meeting at Westmore C.C. in Milwaukee

April 23 — MAGCS meeting at Inverness C.C.

May 18 — Joint Association meeting at Pontiac Elks C.C.

June —

July — MAGCS meeting at Edgebrook G.C., Sandwich, IL

August — MAGCS meeting at Turnberry C.C.

September —

October — MAGCS meeting at Woodstock C.C.

November — Annual Meeting

December 8-10 — NCTE at Pheasant Run

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Congratulations to Len Berg and his voting delegates Al Fierst and Bruce Williams on a great campaign to get Len elected to the GCSAA Board of Directors. Unfortunately the cards were not in Len's favor this year as his excellent qualifications and best interest for GCSAA were overshadowed by the issue of geographic representation on the board. This issue seems somewhat benign as the most important issue is whether the people elected serve the best interests of GCSAA. Only the future has that answer. Len Berg will continue his interest in GCSAA by representing the MAGCS on the GCSAA Education Committee this coming year. Thanks to Len for bringing the issues on the minds of MAGCS members to the forefront on a national scale. We look for Len to continue his activities with GCSAA and run again for Director of GCSAA.

For those of you who missed the GCSAA Golf Tournament in Tucson, it was another successful event. The weather was perfect, the courses were magnificent and everyone had a great time. The MAGCS was well represented by the team of John Stephenson, Mike Bavier, Paul Voykin and Bill Kraft who took second place overall in the Net Division. John Stephenson also took third place net score in the Senior II Division (age 57 & up) and Bill Kraft also took second place gross score in the Senior II Division. Bob Kronn and his partner won the Best Ball Event held on Saturday before the tournament. Bruce Williams took third place net score in the Blue Division. Congratulations to all these guys who prove that you don't have to be a "Sunbelt Superintendent" to know how to play the game!

The GCSAA Conference and Show in Phoenix was once again a great success. GCSAA staff, Conference and Show Committee, and the Education Committee are to be congratulated on another job well done. There were several MAGCS members who participated and spoke at the conference on a variety of topics. Bruce Williams taught the seminar "The Assistant Superintendent: Functions and Responsibilities", Len Berg chaired the session on "Golf Course Construction Techniques and Renovation", Roger Stewart spoke on "Fairway Renovation — Chicago Style", Pete Leuzinger spoke on "Me and My Assistant", and Al Frantik who took the opportunity to represent MAGCS and give a little something back to their profession.

Good Luck to the new GCSAA Board of Directors in 1987! They are as follows:

President..... Don Hearn
Vice President..... John Segui
Directors..... Dennis Lyons, Gerry Faubel, Bill Roberts,
..... Ken Sakai, Randy Nichols.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU TAKE NOTE THAT THE MARCH 16 MAGCS MEETING IS AT NORDIC HILLS C.C. AND NOT AT INDIAN LAKES AS WAS STATED IN THE FEBRUARY ISSUE OF THE BULL SHEET!

Assistant Superintendent position open at Shamrock Golf Club in St. Anne, IL. Contact Larry Horrell, Golf Course Superintendent, at 815-937-9355. Looking for someone with a minimum of two years working experience on a golf course. College background accepted but not mandatory. Competitive salary.

Assistant Superintendent position open at Mount Prospect Park District Golf Club. Contact Fred Behnke, Golf Course Superintendent, at 312-259-7218. Full-time, year-round position offering excellent salary and benefits.

FOR SALE

1979 3 wheel Cushman Turf Truckster. Includes P.T.O., hydraulics, Smithco 120 gallon spray rig with boom, utility box, and Greensaver Aerator. Complete package in good condition. Contact Pete at 312-460-7781.

Position open for Assistant Superintendent — Park Hills Golf Course, Freeport, IL. Send resumes to: Dave Fischer, Golf Course Superintendent, Park Hills Golf Course, 2892 W. Stephenson, Freeport, IL 61032. Phone 815-232-5090.

The deepest sympathy of the members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents is extended to the Pat E. Klein family on the death of Pat on Friday, February 20, 1987. Unfortunately Pat was taken in the prime of his life and leaves his wife Pat, children and friends with a tremendous loss.

From "Down Under" to "Up and Over"

Fred Opperman, CGCS, Editor

This message to report on the travels of your wandering Editor is first being written at 37,000 feet over the South Pacific just north of the island of Fiji. I have just finished visiting three different countries: New Zealand (both north & south islands), Australia, and Fiji.

I find the numbers of this trip kind of mind boggling, like: 37 days away from your family, 24,562 air miles which included 32 landings and take-offs on both private and commercial aircraft. The aircraft ranged from a tiny L4 World War II spotter plane (the only such plane in the southern hemisphere), a Cessna 180, up thru the 747B. A total of over 66 hours in the air. Bus trips totaling about 780 miles, and car/camper van of over 2,656 miles.

I was able to visit golf courses in all of the countries and the range of maintenance went from oiled greens in the desert of central Australia at Coober Pedy to the high budget of the Royal Sydney Golf Club where they employ both a greenkeeper who takes care of the 4 bowling greens (Penncross) and 13 grass tennis courts, flowers and shrubs around the clubhouse; plus a Golf Course Superintendent who maintains the 27 holes of golf with a crew of 15. In between these two extremes you have courses in New Zealand where in the summer they fence off the greens and turn the sheep loose to maintain the grass and keep it "cut" and fertilized. It seems the "Kiwi's" are too busy in the summer with their sailing, swimming, trekking, and camping to play much golf. Their golf season is during the winter months of June, July, and August.

The first golf course I visited in New Zealand I was behind a tanker truck going up the driveway to the clubhouse. But this tank truck was different from any I had ever seen before — it was a tanker full of beer. This beer tank truck was making a delivery at the clubhouse. I had heard that "down under" the people could drink beer; but a tank truck!

The Superintendents in New Zealand and Australia have the same problems we have in the north but they have one very serious problem we think we have, but really don't, when compared with their problem. Their serious problems is the availability of parts and equipment. Most of their turf equipment comes from the states and it is slow and hard to get anything and very expensive. We complain if we don't get it in a couple of days, they are happy if they get it in 2-3 weeks.

Overall my trip was a success and I had a great time and met a lot of wonderful people.

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John Lapp, CGCS

"Wild March Hare"

That Wild March Hare is again on the run,
Playing in the open, soaking up Sun.
Scampering about, leaping for fare,
Spurred on by Spring's smell in the Air.
Just like that Hare, we're rearing to go,
Soon as We're through with Ice and Snow.
It's hard to hang in there, not jump the gun,
Once You taste Spring's warming Sun.

Kenneth R. Zanzig

FOR SALE

Toro Super Pro, excellent condition. Reels all sharpened and ready to go. \$750.00 (negotiable). Contact: Roger Stewart, CGCS, Riverside Golf Club, 312-447-1049.

FOR SALE

1979 Toro Pro 84 — 7 blade reels, external oil filter & cooler, Roto Mist converted to trailer type leaf blower - directional, 4 cylinder engine, 2 sets spring comb kits for Toro series IV PGM, 2 sets caster wheel pull frames for Toro PGM III, ¾" irrigation keys & quick couplers, 1½" irrigation keys and quick couplers. Best Offer — Kishwaukee C.C. — Dan Murray, (815) 758-5273.

FOR SALE

1982 7 gang Jac F-10 Diesel, asking \$16,500, only 3 seasons of use. Call Bob Winter at Oak Brook Maintenance, (312) 759-0820.

Pete Mirkes wishes to thank the members for remembering him while in the hospital and reports everything came out fine (what does that mean?) and is feeling great. (That's good to hear, Pete!)

Move aside Donny Osmond, here comes The Big Al and Marie Show! That's right, for all you folks who missed the GCSAA Banquet and Show, Big Al made his stage debut with Marie Osmond. Seems Big Al got so excited on stage that when he got back to his seat there were sequins imbedded in his coat and tie! If you are interested, Big Al will have an autograph session at the next MAGCS meeting. Unfortunately, he only has pictures of himself for autographing. Contract negotiations for the remake of "A Star is Born" are reportedly moving at a slow pace! (Big Al alias Al Fierst)

This editor would like to thank Roger Stewart for the great job he did in pasting up the February issue of **The Bull Sheet** and the gathering and writing of materials for the March issue. I think we might have found a replacement for me when I step aside some day. Thanks, Roger, for a good job while I was off down under playing in the sun.

Fred Opperman, Editor