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A Little History of "The Bull" Sheet" and Editors

by Fred D. Opperman

Editors of "The Bull Sheet"

Date	Editor	Months Served
December 1947 Volume 1-#1	Norman Johnson	39 months
June '50 - February '51	Don Strand	9 months
March '51 - December '58	Bill Stuppel	94 months
January '59 - November '61	Bert Ross	35 months
December '61 - August '65	Ted Woehrle	45 months
September '65 - April '67	Doug Jabaay	20 months
May '65 - January '68	Tom Burrows	33 months
February '68 - February '70	Dick Trevarthan	16 months
March '70 - January '72	Roger LaRochelle	23 months
February '72 - April '83	Raymond Gerber	135 months
May '83 -	Fred D. Opperman	121 months

In the 45 years that the MAGCS has been receiving **The Bull Sheet**, we have had only 11 editors.

I know that Norman Johnson was editor for Volume 1, #6 and am presuming that Volume 1, #1, was started in December 1947, for we have no records of the first five newsletters of Volume 1. The dates are approximate for Don Strand and Bill Stuppel, for again I am missing newsletters and can't verify the exact dates.

In going back over the old newsletters to find the past presidents and the past editors, I was able to record the issues that we are currently missing from the files. I urge all members to check their shelves and bookcases for any old **Bull Sheets** that you might have or know of. It would be great to add to our files and bring them up to date. Here is the list of what is needed:

- 1948 — Volume 1 - Missing #1,2,3,4,5,7, & 12
- 1949 — Volume 2 - Missing #11
- 1950 — Volume 3 - Missing #5 through 12 (#5 was the start of what the newsletter looks like today and is inserted in this issue).
- 1951 — Volume 4 — Missing #1,2,3 (this Volume went #1 through 18, which was June 1951! Thus the numbers in this volume somehow got messed up at this time.)
- 1952 — Missing September
- 1953 — Missing March, July, August, September, November
- 1954 — Missing February, March, April, June, August, September, November, and December
- 1955 — Missing April and May
- 1956 — Missing January and November
- 1957 — Missing March, April, May, July, August and December
- 1959 — Missing February
- 1960 — Missing June through December
- 1961 — Missing January through November
- 1962 — Missing February
- 1967 — Missing April

I have complete sets of all years from 1968 to the present. Surely, we have members that may still have **Bull Sheets** that go back to the 1960s. As you can see we are really missing quite a few issues of 1960 and 1961.

The early volumes that we do have donated to us by Bill Krafft. Without Bill's donation, we would have only a couple of the volumes 1, 2, 3 & 4. Thank you, Bill Krafft, for filling in the voids of our past.

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It is interesting reading the May 1950 issue for they had the same problems we have today. They got a group together to get help from the University and just a few years ago we got Dr. Randy Kane for the same purpose.

I'm also going back to June 1972 and taking some of the articles from it, for it was the 25th anniversary of **The Bull Sheet**. The President's Message by Paul Voykin in June 1972 is still being preached today. But today, we have many more regulations upon us and a lot fewer chemicals to work with.

Bob Williams gave a brief history of **The Bull Sheet**, and I find it amusing that even he spelled our title wrong. I am constantly getting letters, articles, and credit given to "Bullsheets." Maybe one of these days, everyone will get it correct.

Editor, Ray Gerber, again hit on the history of our newsletter. At that time, it was 14 pages and the rate of ads had "never" been raised. Well, time changes, the ad rates have gone up three times and the number of pages have more than doubled.

I have also included the article on Ever-Redi Printing by the owner's wife, Mrs. Mel Durland, from this issue. I don't know how anyone can call her Mrs. Durland — to me and all who love her, it's "Rosie." She is the most outgoing and caring person to entrust our newsletter to. She and her husband, Mel, and now her daughter, Marcia, have been in total control of our newsletter since its inception back in 1949. I find her article very amusing, and so will you.

I hope you have all enjoyed this brief glimpse back into our history. I know I have. If you have any old photos or stories, please send them my way.

Editor's Note: The following is a letter I received from Charles Shiley on what he remembered back in the "early days" of greenkeeping. He did a fantastic job of recalling who was where and so forth. Thanks, Charlie, for your help.

What I Recall

by Charles Shiley

ARNDT, Stanley — Palatine C.C./name change to Inverness C.C.

BENSON, Art, Sr. — (somewhere in the Fox Valley)

BRANDON, August — St. Charles C.C. (was secretary of the National in 40's)

BERTUCCI, Albert — Knollwood C.C.

BERNARDINI — Old Elm C.C.

BIDWELL, Warren — Olympia Fields C.C.

BRINKWORTH, Gordon

#COUTRE, John, Sr. — Indian Hills C.C.

CLEMENS, Harold — Sunset Ridge C.C. (In the early 30's, he was with the USGA Green Section at Laskers Mill Road Farm, S.R. 1936)

CASSIER, Emil — Sycamore G.C.

CANALE, Joe

#DEARIE, Edward — Oak Park C.C.

DEARIE, Jerry — Edgewater C.C.

#DUGUID, Robert — Evanston C.C.

DINELLI, Frank — Northmoor C.C.

DAHAR, John

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