



### Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

- June 19** — MAGCS meeting at River Forest G.C.
- July 11** — MAGCS meeting at Steeplechase G.C.
- July 24** — John Deere Golf Tournament at Orchard Valley G.C.
- August 5** — MAGCS Family Picnic and ball game, Kane County Cougars.
- August 21** — MAGCS meeting at Hughes Creek G.C.
- September 25** — MAGCS meeting at Prairie Landing G.C.
- October 12** — MAGCS meeting at Sportsman G.C.
- October 14** — MAGCS Fall Dinner Dance at Aurora C.C.
- November 9** — MAGCS Clinic & Annual meeting at Medinah C.C.
- November 27-29** — NCTE at Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, IL

## Job Description Staff Newsletter Writer

#### Prerequisites:

1. Some journalistic background.
2. Photographic skills and equipment.
3. Self-motivated, eager; positive attitude.

#### Responsibilities:

1. Directly responsible to Newsletter Editor.
2. Must provide a minimum of six (6) interviews/articles per year.
3. Provide photographs/graphics to accompany articles when appropriate.
4. Provide monthly items for the "Midwest Breezes" page.
5. Must provide and/or assist in photography of MAGCS events, speakers, and functions; and any other material pertinent to same as deemed necessary by Editor.
6. Will assist in editing, layout, solicitation of advertisers, and facilitation of efficient, timely publications of the newsletter.

The position of Staff Writer should be someone who is familiar with the golf course industry. We would like to have this person take an active part in our association. This will be a paid position, per article written. Applicants should send their resume to: Fred Opperman, Editor, **The Bull Sheet**, 810 Greenwood Avenue, Carpentersville, IL 60110.

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How would you like to win a full expense paid trip to the U.S. Open at Shinnecock G.C. in July? Well, Dan Murray did just that by entering a contest put on by Loft Seed Company. There were only 200 entries, and only 20 of those had all of the right answers. Dan's name was pulled from a hat to win. He also just won a patio deck from a local lumber store. Dan, you better buy some lottery tickets!

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Fernando Fernandez at Green Acres C.C. is looking for a foreman. Call 708/291-2232. (Fernando, you were looking for a foreman 5 years ago ...).

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Terry & Trent Bradford welcomed baby Gregory Stephan, into their home on May 1, 1995. Congratulations to the Bradfords!

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Happy 91st Birthday to Mrs. Ray Gerber on June 12, 1995. To all of her friends, she is doing fine and would love to hear from you.

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Assistant Needed — Please call Dan Albaugh at Ruffled Feathers G.C., 708/257-0163.

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Congratulations to Doug Eggert, the new Superintendent at the New Lenox Park District golf course.

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Congratulations to our newest PhD at University of Illinois — Tom Voigt. Tom, now we really expect great things from you! Well done, we hope to see more of you in our area.

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Watch for the July issue of **The Bull Sheet** for information on a name change. This month begins the 49th Volume, but it doesn't look like it will make the half century mark. What a shame. It is hard for me to figure out that after 49 years the name is not "proper". With all of the vulgar language that is heard on the TV, movies, streets, stores and offices today, the name of our newsletter is tame.

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For Sale — Dozens of 8' "Fat Style" flag pins used, but good shape. 19 Redwood Divot seed & soil tee buckets. 3 standard cup cutters, 6 grass buckets for Toro 216, 6-8 bladed reels for Toro 216, and 75 plastic head, yellow fiberglass bunker rakes. Call Scott at Cantigny, 708/260-8179.

#### "Happy 49th Birthday to **The Bull Sheet**"

This issue is the 49th Volume of your newsletter. I thought I would go back 25 years at 5 year intervals to check the "Midwest Breezes", but there were no "Midwest Breezes" in 1970.

June 1990, Fred Opperman, Editor

What Superintendent has a bed facing his desk in his office? This man then has the nerve to ask a female applicant to come to his office for an interview and if she wanted to sit, the only place would be the bed! There is a chair in the office but it is piled high with his book, "How to Grow Grass the Easy Way", "Perfect Lawn the Easy Way."

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Congratulations to Henry Michna on succeeding Pat Mertz as Superintendent at Winnetka G.C. Henry was Roger Stewart's assistant at Stonebridge.  
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Dave Blomquist, superintendent at Naperville C.C. had a full page article and picture of himself in "The Naperville Sun", on Friday, March 30, 1990. His best quote in the article and one that drew a bit of static was, "You have to deal with people who have no idea how to take care of their own front yard but think they know what's right for your course because they play on it three times a week." What a great statement, David.

June 1985, Fred Opperman, Editor

Wow, what a turnout we had at Silver Lake for our joint association May meeting. We had 135 golfers and 167 for dinner that evening. Dudley outdid himself that day. He even provided showers for all the golfers in the morning - but he forgot to give us the soap. On some of Silver Lakes greens you could have almost a 100 yard putt if you were on the opposite side of the green than the flag. I for one was impressed with Silver Lake with all of the work that has taken place there. There is one course that puts back into it the revenue that it makes. Other than Dudley's shower in the morning without the soap, it was a perfect day.

We had Superintendents from the Northwest Association, Central Illinois, and Michiana all there. It was a fun day enjoyed by all. Cushman/Ryan was the sponsor of the day and they through the Illinois Lawn Equipment Agency donated to the University of Illinois a riding aerifier and a frontline rotary mower.

Next year look to have this joint association meeting take place at Eagle Ridge in Galena. Eagle Ridge has been rated as one of the top 10 best resorts in the country.  
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Fun for all and better turf too. Attend the June 24, 1985 ITF Golf Day at Glen Oak Country Club. Entry fee is \$60. This donation goes to ITF and will be used for turf research in our state. It also guarantees your entry into the 18 hole golf tournament. A huge pig roast will be served following the tournament. Plenty of golf prizes will be given away. Lunch will be available on the golf course. Bring extra money for raffle tickets and win a set of golf clubs.

Call ahead for tee times as the field will have to be limited on this beautiful golf course. The number is 669-3637 or 3638. Foursomes are preferred. You may play after 10 a.m. and will either tee off on the first or tenth tee.

Don't forget. A great day has been planned for you on June 24, 1985. Support your turf foundation at Glen Oak Country Club. It's the perfect location at the right time of the year.

**Peter Leuzinger, CGCS**  
**Golf Day Chairman**  
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June 1980, Ray Gerber, Editor

Most everyone and everything has a birthday, even the **Bull Sheet** has one each year. This June issue, 1980 it will be thirty-four years old. It has grown from a couple of mimeographed pages to twenty pages printed on good quality paper. The first issues had no advertising. After a couple of years due to the cost of publishing, it was decided to allow a few suppliers to advertise their product in the **Bull Sheet**. In 1950 there were ten ads. Before this date there were none. Four of these suppliers have continued in each issue for these past thirty-two years. They are: Geo A. Davis, Roseman Tractor, Swift Fertilizer and Warren's Turf. We all thank them for their support. We also thank all of the thirty-three advertisers that the **Bull Sheet** has at the present time. They are the ones that make it possible for you to receive this publication each month without any cost to you. Show your appreciation to them next time you are going to make a purchase.

The **Bull Sheet** has been very fortunate to have a printer like **Ever-Redi** for all these years. It has made the editor's job considerably easier and we all thank Ever-Redi Printing for the fine job they have been doing.

On April 28, 1980 Shawn Murray came to live with his mother and father, Jill and Dan. Shawn weighed in the 7 lbs. 2 ozs., congratulations to the Murray family. Father Dan is the assistant Supt. at Glen Oak C.C. and lives in St. Charles, IL.

The M.A.G.C.S. June meeting will be held at Ridgemoor C.C. on June 12. Ridgemoor is located at 6600 West Gunnison St.

The M.A.G.C.S. July 7 meeting will be at Medinah C.C. Supt. Don Pakkala will be our host.

The M.A.G.C.S. May 5 meeting held at Riverside G.C. was a most enjoyable one. The weather was made to order. Sixty-three played golf on a super conditioned course made possible by our host, Supt. Roger Stewart. The dinner and all services were excellent. We all thank Riverside G.C. for this great day.


I have heard statements in the past in regards to finding clubs for our monthly meetings. Who is at fault? Let us not blame the Supt. I am sure that in most cases the clubs will welcome the Supt. Association members if our monthly notices come out stating members only. That is the way it should be. And the person who is in charge of registration should be instructed that everyone who expects to play golf show his credentials. If he is not a member, "sorry, no golf".

June, 1975, Ray Gerber, Editor

Fifty years ago this editor was working for the American Park Builders building Medinah Country Club. Building golf courses in those days was somewhat different than the way it's done today. We normally used over one hundred head of horses pulling scrapers, dump wagons,


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plows, etc. Also over one hundred laborers were employed using picks, shovels, wheel-barrow, cross-cut saws and a strong back. It sure never entered my mind at that time that fifty years later I would be attending the *U.S. Open Golf Tournament on Medinah's Golden Anniversary*. During this period there has been a lot of water that has gone over the dam at Lake Kadajah.

John Jackman reports this is one of the best spring seasons, as far as turfgrass goes, that he has experienced in his eleven years at Medinah C.C. There were a few low areas where water accumulated and then froze. These areas have been aerified and seeded.

The banks of the greens have been sprayed to prevent leaf spot and to stop turfgrass from thinning in these areas. John says he is looking forward to this tournament. He feels it will be a great experience and I am sure we all agree. I also am sure many superintendents are glad this event is not held at their club.



Mr. Dudley Smith, representing the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents (left) proudly presents a check for \$1,000 to Mr. Frank Dobie, president of the Musser Foundation, as a donation for the **MITF AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE** program.

Each year, the Musser Foundation looks for the brightest and most promising turfgrass Doctoral students throughout the world to award moral and financial support. To qualify for an **AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**, a student must be in their last year of their Doctoral program, have an accumulative Grade Point Average of 3.40 or higher and their thesis on turfgrass research must directly benefit turfgrass science. They must also demonstrate leadership in academic and extracurricular activities.

Frank Dobie, president of the Foundation explains: "Professor Burton Musser was a turfgrass pioneer for four decades at Penn State University. The Foundation that bears his name is dedicated to promoting that same kind of pioneering individual. Supporting this new generation of turfgrass scientists is the wisest move that we can make."

We thank Mr. Smith and the rest of the membership of the Midwest AGCS for their generous support.

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