

# the Bull Sheet

Official publication of the MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS.

## 1995 Board of Directors

|                           |  |  |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| President                 | Joel Purpur (Debbie)<br>River Forest G.C.                | Home: 832-6763<br>Office: 782-4259     |
| Vice-President            | Don Cross (Cindy)<br>Skokie C.C.                         | Home: 965-3435<br>Office: 835-4296     |
| Sec'y./Treasurer          | Ed Braunsky (Sue)<br>Geneva G.C.                         | Home: 879-8536<br>Office: 232-0627     |
| Exec. Secretary           | George Minnis<br>MAGCS P.O. Box 760<br>Batavia, IL 60510 | Office & Fax: 406-5356                 |
| Board                     | David Blomquist<br>Naperville C.C.                       | Home: 961-9509<br>Office: 355-9807     |
|                           | Brian Bossert<br>Bryn Mawr C.C.                          | Home: 312/274-4724<br>Office: 677-4112 |
|                           | Kevin Czerkies (Peggy)<br>Sportsman C.C.                 | Home: 949-7074<br>Office: 291-2352     |
|                           | Donald Ferreri (Ger)<br>Seven Bridges G.C.               | Home: 357-7964<br>Office: 852-1746     |
|                           | Robert Maibusch (Cheryl)<br>Hinsdale G.C.                | Home: 789-1651<br>Office: 986-1323     |
|                           | Luke Strojny (Debbie)<br>Poplar Creek C.C.               | Home: 830-7370<br>Office: 310-3618     |
| Pres. Emeritus            | Alan Fierst<br>Oak Park C.C.                             | Home: 436-7815<br>Office: 453-7525     |
| Commercial Representative | John Lebedevs<br>Turf Products, Ltd.                     | Home: 910-4568<br>Office: 668-5537     |

(All phone extensions are 708 area code)

Official Photographers — Raymond Schmitz & John Meyer

Dr. Randy T. Kane, Turfgrass Advisor  
University of Illinois & CDGA — (708) 954-2753



We are not copyrighted and would like to share our articles with any who would like to use them, but please give the author and "The Bull Sheet" credit.

Editor —

Fred D. Opperman  
810 Greenwood Avenue  
Carpentersville, IL 60110  
Phone (708) 428-5009

Fax (708) 428-5009

Bull Sheet printed by Ever-Redi Printing, 5100 East Ave., Countryside, IL 60525.

The Bull Sheet is published once a month. All articles are required by the 10th of the month to make the next issue. Advertising is sold by the column inch, by the quarter page, half page and by the full page. All artwork to be finished, camera ready or negative, screen 110 or 133, black and white only. Circulation is over 600 issues per month.

## On Course With the President

It is with mixed emotions that I write my last President's message for the newletter of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents. My term as President has been a busy but rewarding experience. Thanks to a hard working Board of Directors who found the time to work for our members during the worst of all summers — we made it through this difficult season.



Upon taking office, the format for many issues was already in place with the planning of several prior MAGCS Presidents. I simply continued to develop and implement the long range plans of previous Boards. Right or wrong, I am to take both the credit or blame for what has transpired over the past year. Many of these changes were a result of hard work and planning prior to my term.

There are numerous plans in place for the future of the MAGCS. The speed at which they are attained depend upon a number of factors, from financial considerations to member acceptance. The MAGCS has been running on a very tight, break even budget for several years. Last year the MAGCS finished the year with a very small deficit of \$1,400. Since that time, our association has undergone a change of Executive Secretary. We have hired computer buff George Minnis who, with the hard work and guidance of Ed Braunsky, has done a great job taking over MAGCS operations. George has many computer program and management ideas to help the Midwest operations go more smoothly, quickly, and efficiently. George's expertise will continue to benefit our association, and our association must also realize the accompanying increased costs for more qualified services and expertise.

*In short, the MAGCS Board of Directors would like to provide our members with more and better services.*

Our newsletter continues to be a great resource of support for the MAGCS. Profits from newsletter advertising continue to subsidize many Midwest operational costs. The Editorial committee would like to put some of the dollars directly back into the newsletter for improvements. It seems simple enough to allow our newsletter to use some of its own profits for upgrading, but this will mean that dues income must come closer to covering MAGCS operational expenses.

In short, the MAGCS Board of Directors would like to provide our members with more and better services. Presently we do not have the budgetary flexibility to provide these. The MAGCS Board of Directors will ask for a dues increase at the Annual Meeting November 9, 1995. The Board of Directors needs additional funds for: office equipment, the MAGCS Promotional Brochure, Executive Secretary, newsletter improvements, association liability

(continued page 4)



( On Course continued)

insurance, membership benevolence, an enhanced phone message system, beeper, mailing and administration, and the employment referral service. Without an increase in funding, next years Board of Directors will not be able to provide the type of services and benefits the membership desires and deserves. Don Cross will need these funds to effectively run the MAGCS during his Presidency.

Lastly, I would like to thank the '94-'95 **Board of Directors, Fred Opperman, Joan and George Minnis** for all of their hard work during a tough season. Special thanks to **Ed Braunsky** who took George Minnis under his wing during a mid-season Secretary change. Hard work from everyone made it work. Thanks to all the **Committee members** and **volunteers** who donated their time and effort.

Retiring from the Board are **Dave Blomquist** and **Al Fierst**. Dave's recent efforts, and that of the rest of the Editorial Committee will be realized in a few short months for all to enjoy. Most memorable are Dave's accomplishments with the Education Committee for the EXCELLENT NCTE Environmental Forum. Dave's accomplishments are something to be proud of. Thank you Dave, for all of your efforts.

Thank you also, to **Al Fierst** for your many years of leadership efforts, and input for the MAGCS. Your guidance has helped us all. Your writing skills have greatly benefitted the MAGCS and at the very least, a box of red pens are in order. **Dave** and **Al**, on behalf of the MAGCS, Thank You for all your help and only the best for the future.

And finally, to the membership of the MAGCS, it has been an honor to serve as your President. As so often is the case with our golf courses, I am sure I have not pleased everyone. I can assure the membership that every effort has been made with the best interests in mind for our association and profession; truly only wanting the very best for the MAGCS and its members.

**Joel Purpur  
President, MAGCS**



### **MAGCS Gold / Silver Contribution Breakdown as of 8 / 8 / 95**

**Class A Members —**

Gold 77 Members at \$62 equals \$4,774

Silver 16 members at \$31 equals \$496

**Class B Members —**

Gold 7 members at \$62 equals \$434

Silver 1 member at \$31 equals \$31

**Class C Members —**

Gold 7 members at \$62 equals \$434

Silver 3 members at \$31 equals \$93

**Class D Members —**

Gold 1 member at \$62 equals \$62

Silver 1 member at \$31 equals \$31

**Class E Members —**

Gold 28 members at \$62 equals \$1,736

Silver 7 members at \$31 equals \$217

Total as of 8/8/95 equals \$8308.00

the  
bruce  
company  
of Wisconsin, Inc.

# Lee Bruce

**CALL TODAY!!**

**(608) 836-7041**

## **Construction Services to the Golf Industry**

*Your source for Golf Course Construction,  
Reconstruction & Improvement.*

*You have the Projects, Ideas & Needs.  
We have the Experience & Equipment to*

### **Do the job RIGHT the FIRST time!**

|                  |                       |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| New Construction | Pond Cleaning         |
| Remodelling      | Pond Lining           |
| Irrigation       | New Ponds             |
| Drainage         | Cart Paths            |
| Feature Shaping  | Trap Sand Replacement |

**Established 1953**



**HALLORAN &  
YAUCH, INC.**

IRRIGATION  
SYSTEMS

2040 Lehigh Avenue  
Glenview, IL 60025

Telephone 708.724.8660

Fax 708.724.8659

- Irrigation Design & Installation
- Drainage Systems
- Pump Station Work & Consultation
- Irrigation Pipe & Supplies