

# the Bull Sheet

## DATES TO REMEMBER

September 22 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Ruffled Feathers G.C.

September 29 — ITF Northern Golf Day at Glen View Club.

October 6 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Eagle Brook G.C.

November 4-6 — Penn State Golf Turf Conference, State College, PA. For information, call 814-863-1017.

Congratulations to Julius Albaugh and Kerry Blatteau on their recent renewal of being certified. All CGCS have to renew their certification every 5 years to stay current. They do this by attending the various seminars and education sessions put on by the GCSAA where they earn CEU's.

For sale: Ford 60" rotary mower, PTO, model 980, excellent condition, \$450. Call 815-485-0538 after 7 p.m.

If you have not already returned your Environmental Survey, please do so as soon as possible. If you need a new one, call Don Ferreri at 630-852-1746. We would like a large number of responses for our public relations needs.

Congratulations to Cheryl and Mike Neuroth, superintendent at Buffalo Grove G.C., on the birth of their first child, Bradley Michael, who was born on July 14.

Did you know that one of your Board of Directors is a dedicated runner? Brian Bossert has joined "Team in Training" and is committed to train for and complete a 26.2 mile marathon in Dublin, Ireland, on October 27! "Team in Training" is associated with the Leukemia Society of America. Brian will be running in honor of a local leukemia patient, 5-year-old Bobby Haines of suburban Villa Park. Brian has committed to raising \$10,000 by asking for donations to the Leukemia Society of America. All donations are tax deductible. Give Brian a call at 847-677-4112 for more details.

North Shore C.C., with superintendent Dan Dinelli, CGCS, has been selected as one of the sites for the national cultivar trials. This research project is being supported by the GCSAA Foundation, the USGA and the National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP). Plus, I must add that North Shore C.C. is a large supporter both in money and space for this green. Feltes Sand and Gravel Company is supplying the sand for this research project.

The green will be 8,400 square feet, of which the USGA will have 3,000 square feet to test their varieties of 20 bents. The rest of the green will be used for testing various root zone amendments, blends of bents, etc.

One never knows what one will find on the golf course on any given day. Jeff Smith of Spring Brook G.C. in Naperville, Illinois (I just want to emphasize

Illinois), found an alligator in one of his ponds in July. They had quite a time catching it.

Format guidelines for articles submitted for publication in *On Course*:

- Articles are required by the first of the month.
- Double-spaced.
- Font size 12 preferable.
- If faxing copy, please use fine resolution, if possible, since it will be refaxed to the graphic artist.
- If submitting by disk (in a PC, not a Mac format), send it to Fred for proofing.
- Please do not submit a second "revised" copy.
- Take into account the release date of the monthly issue. If an event will have already occurred when the issue is mailed, write in past tense.
- Identify on the back of all photos what is pictured. Use a permanent marker or a felt-tip marker, not a ball-point pen, to mark the pictures. Be sure the ink is dry before stacking photos.

The GCSAA has announced the 1997 Legacy Award winners. James C. Matchen, son of Sue and Mike Matchen of Wilmette G.C., has been chosen as one of ten for this award. The program awards \$1,500 scholarship to each student. It is administered by the GCSAA Foundation in partnership with Novartis Turf & Ornamental Products. The winners are selected by an independent panel of judges on the basis of academic excellence, extracurricular activities and an essay describing their parents' or grandparents' involvement with the golf course management profession. James is majoring in psychology at Illinois State University.

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Joe Dinelli had triple bypass surgery July 11. He is doing well; in fact he stated, "I'm like *Poa annua*: a little stress, and I'm knocked down a bit; but pour a little water on my head, and I bounce right back." Joe would welcome a call at home from his friends. His number is 847-266-7001.

The North Shore is being hit with a massive die-off of white oaks. Many trees did not come out of winter, and some that did proceeded to wither away and lose their leaves. A few clubs have cut down as many as 30 trees, trees with diameters of 30 to 40 inches. These are trees that have been around for hundreds of years, and no one seems sure just what is the main cause of this die-off at this time. For certain, it is some sort of stress due to the combination of severe weather swings the past couple of years, compaction, ozone problems and who can say what else. Some oaks have the oak wilt, but the white oaks are not as susceptible to it as the red oak group.

Only our government: During the space race in the 1960s, the Space Administration decided it needed a ballpoint pen to write in zero gravity. After considerable research and development, the Astronaut Pen was developed at a cost of about \$1 million. The pen worked fine. The Soviet Union, however, faced with the same problem, used a pencil.

The Lord's Prayer is 66 words. The Gettysburg Address is 286 words. There are 1,322 words in the Declaration of Independence, but government regulations on the sale of cabbage total 26,911 words. (From the October 24 issue of *National Review*)

If anyone is looking for some Namacur GR, call Bill Kennedy at Cress Creek C.C. He has some that he would like to get rid of. Call 630-355-5736.

The MAGCS has recently joined the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System's "Supporting Membership Program for Golf Associations." This new program gives us the opportunity to financially support the education and research programs of Audubon International and promote our own commitment to environmental stewardship. Some of the benefits will include:

- Research and technical information.
- New educational materials.
- Publications.
- Telephone and Internet communication.
- Site visits.
- Workshops and presentations.

The Editorial Committee is looking for golf courses for our graphic artist to play. If you could make arrangements for a foursome to play your course some time, please give Jim McNair or Fred Opperman a call.

Hank Wilkinson is looking for 28 turf/hockey players to come to Champaign on October 24 to play hockey, have a barbeque and tour the campus. This is homecoming weekend. Look for more details in the October issue. Call Hank at 217-333-8707 for more information.

If any clubs are doing any fall seeding, please turn in your Blue Tags from your seed bags to Dudley Smith, Mike Bavier or Fred Opperman. Those tags mean dollars for the Musser Turfgrass Foundation.

Sunset Ridge Country Club Winnetka, Illinois BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR 1950	
Seed . . . . .	\$1,000
Sand . . . . .	650
Fungicides . . . . .	560
Fertilizers for greens, tees & fairways . . . . .	3,000
Soil for topdressing, greens, tees & nursery . . . . .	400
2-4-d, for weed control . . . . .	150
Gas & oil . . . . .	1,800
Repairs & replacements . . . . .	1,100
Tennis courts . . . . .	200
Paint . . . . .	150
Supplies . . . . .	200
Gravel & tile for sand traps . . . . .	100
Educational conferences . . . . .	300
1-inch water hose, 1,000 feet . . . . .	450
Salaries & wages . . . . .	19,500
	\$29,560
New Machinery	
1-Toro tractor with dump box for general use . . . . .	\$1,800
1-greens mower . . . . .	300
	\$2,100
	29,560
	Total \$31,660

Thanks to Dennis Wilson for the above.