

# the Bull Sheet

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

August 5 — University of Illinois Turfgrass and Landscape Field Day at the Landscape Horticulture Research Center and Hartley Selections Garden, Urbana, IL.

August 9-15 — PGA Championship at Medinah C.C..

August 17 — MAGCS meeting at Odyssey Club. This will be the college team championship.

August 18 — Michigan Turfgrass Field Day at the Hancock Turfgrass Research Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. For details, contact Kay Patrick at 517-321-1660.

September 13 — MAGCS meeting at Bull Valley G.C. This will be the annual championship.

October 12 — Combined Golf Day at Prairie Landing G.C.

November 3 — Midwest Turf Clinic, Medinah C.C.

November 20 — Fall Dinner Dance at Seven Bridges G.C.

February 17 and 18, 2000 (if we survive) — MAGCS Hospitality Suite at the New Orleans Marriott.

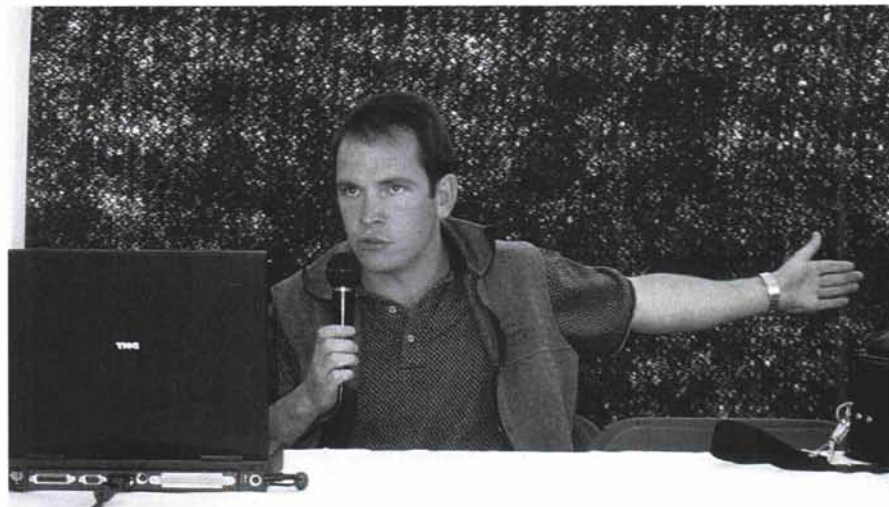
Turf Partners, Inc. and Rhone-Poulenc/Chipco are sponsoring a hospitality tent at the 1999 PGA Championship at Medinah Country Club, August 12-15. The tent will be located just north of the maintenance facility on the east side of the property. Lunch will be served each day from 12:00-1:30 p.m. and beverages until 4:00 p.m.. Questions? Call John Meyer at 630-514-8748 or Kerry Anderson at 847-910-3130.

More on the PGA Championship, dubbed "The Last Major of the Millennium:" The Allied Golf Associations Check-In, whose purpose is to distribute tickets to members of golf-related associations, will have a check-in trailer located near the event's main entrance. Complimentary tickets for MAGCS members and/or GCSAA members and their accompanying spouse (no word on significant others, but golf IS a traditional game) may be acquired

at the trailer on Monday, August 9 through Wednesday, August 11 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Thursday, August 12 through Sunday, August 15 from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Members must show their cards and photo ID to obtain these tickets, and a sign-in and fingerprint scan is mandatory.

Broken Arrow G.C. hosted the June MAGCS meeting, and a great day of golf and education was had by all. Congratulations to Doug Davis and staff for providing an excellent golf course, and congrats to everyone who played to the correct pins. The education portion of the meeting was exceptionally interesting—Scott Robinson of ArborCom gave an impressive PowerPoint presentation on the positioning of trees and their effect on golf courses. More MAGCS members should take advantage of these educational sessions—they're brief, you get to golf after them, they have pretty pictures (that even move sometimes), and you might learn something along the way.

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Scott Robinson of ArborCom leads MAGCS members through his session on shade problems attributed to tree locations on golf courses.



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A message to MAGCS members from Tim Davis, superintendent of Shoreacres: Many of you are aware that our daughter, Erin Davis, went through seven hours of brain surgery in late May. After a week's stay in the hospital following surgery, we brought her home on June 15. She is currently making great progress in her rehabilitation therapy and our hopes are that she will make a full recovery from her left-side paralysis.

To all of you who have had our daughter in your thoughts and prayers, my wife, daughters and I thank you deeply. A special thank you to the MAGCS for the beautiful arrangement sent to Erin while she was in the hospital. I will update Erin's progress in future *Bull Sheet* columns.

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Gary Schweber, superintendent at Four Winds G.C. in Mundelein since 1995, is now Gary Schweber, CGCS. Onsite inspection of his course was conducted by Don Cross, CGCS, and Brian Bossert, CGCS. Congratulations, Gary, both for achieving certification AND for impressing those two guys.  
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George Ott, superintendent of Hillcrest Country Club, was recently honored by the GCSAA as well—he gets to keep the CGCS after his name by virtue of successfully completing the renewal process. Nice going, George.  
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Great news from Sun City West, AZ: John Ebel, former superintendent at Barrington Hills C.C., and his lovely wife Juanita will be celebrating their golden wedding

anniversary this month. Huge congratulations to the Ebels!

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While at the University of Illinois Field Day this month, check out the upgraded irrigation system on the turf plots. Thanks to the extreme largesse of Century Rain-Aid and Legacy by Hunter, a complete upgrade, including control wires, heads and controllers (along with installation), has been completed. This donation amounted to nearly \$30,000, and is greatly appreciated. The U of I thanks both of these vendors, as well as Mueller Mist Irrigation (who installed the system) deeply. Contributing editor's note: The faxed news release I received about this began with, "What is seventeen years old, weeps a lot, and was close to a complete breakdown?" Unbeknownst to the writer of said news release, yours truly spent many afternoons installing that old, weeping, broken down system, which helps to explain its current condition...  
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For sale: 1991 Lesco 500 Diesel with 2,200 hours. Excellent condition. \$1,000 O.B.O. Contact George Ott at Hillcrest C.C. at 847-540-5146.  
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For sale: Lesco seven-gang hydro lift fairway unit, and Lesco seven-gang pull unit. Call Al Travis at Calumet G.C. at 219-980-9484.  
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Priced to sell! Toro VT-3 and VT-4 satellites in very good condition. Call Bill Kennedy at Cress Creek C.C. at 630-355-5736.  
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For sale: 1994 John Deere 2243 V-twin gas triplex greens mower. Approximately 400 hours, excellent condition. Call John Flodstrom at Deer Valley G.C. at 630-556-3333.  
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Finally, my personal thanks go out to all the MAGCS members who helped me out for our invitational—your speedy responses to my requests were greatly appreciated, and the flags look great in my basement. 