

# the Bull Sheet

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

December 31, 1999 — Dick Clark's 97th consecutive New Year's Rockin' Eve

January 17-20 — 70th Annual Michigan Turfgrass Conference in Lansing, Michigan

January 24, 2000 — MAGCS Monthly Meeting at Arrowhead Golf Club

February 14-15, 2000 — GCSAA Golf Championship, Mobile, Alabama

February 14-20, 2000 — GCSAA International Conference and Show, New Orleans, Louisiana

June 24, 2000 — World Shotgun 2000

Congratulations are in order to Greg Johnson, whose beautiful Eagle Brook Country Club graced the cover of the October *Golf Course Management* magazine. Also, thanks go out to the guy who called me to point that out.

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**WANTED!** Your MAGCS committee chairpersons want your involvement. If you wish to volunteer for one or several committees, please contact the committee chairperson(s).

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The results are in from the Northern Illinois Golf Day at

Prairie Landing Golf Club:  
Low gross: Carmen Molinaro and Bruce Schweiger

Low net: Bret Johnson and Mike Hjelmberg

Low gross, senior: Jim Hudmon and Kerry Blateau

Low net, senior: Joe Kramer and Mike Matchen

Dom Grotti winners (superintendent and assistant team): Tony Kalina and Derek Florian—go figure.

Congratulations to all winners, and a huge thanks to the many sponsors for this event.

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We are all well aware of the tragic plane crash that took Payne Stewart's and five others' lives recently. One of those others was Bruce Borland, a golf course designer who had worked in the Chicago area for a number of years before leaving in 1990 to join Jack Nicklaus' firm. Any MAGCS members who had the pleasure of working with Bruce will attest to his dedication to his profession as well as his family. He was excited about the idea of returning to Chicago some day to strike up old acquaintances and do some work. He will be missed.

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Atta boy, Mike! Mike Bavier, CGCS, of Inverness Golf Club has been selected as one of this year's GCSAA Distinguished Service Award recipients. This is a huge accomplishment for

someone who is more than deserving, and we as MAGCS members should feel proud to be associated with Mike.

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News from the North: Our old buddy Tony Rzxcadzcsxvski (I prefer TR for simplicity's sake), formerly of Cantigny, is at it again—he's building his third course. Tony was fortunate enough to get the gig just 15 minutes from his home, and it sounds like a doozy—the owner is a sewer contractor who knows little to nothing about golf courses, has all the equipment for a total in-house construction project, and, best of all, listens to Tony! Congratulations, TR, and keep us informed.

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Another word about the MAGCS Web site. I have failed to mention the one person we are most indebted to for getting this thing going and updated so proficiently—Ken Gilliam of Mynex. We sincerely appreciate Ken's work, and I again encourage all members to check it out at magcs.org.

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Condolences go out to Mark Karczewski and his family on the passing of his father. Mark is the "man behind the scenes" at *On Course*—our graphic designer who puts it all together each month in such professional fashion. Our thoughts are with you, Mark.

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Another MAGCS member has hit the national press—Doug Davis was quoted in the October issue of *Golfdom* regarding the newly discovered and yet-to-be-named turf disease with a copper spot-like appearance.

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News around town: Ed Fischer of the Old Elm Club has been busy this fall with a bunker ren-

ovation project. After consulting with Brian Silva (known for his thorough knowledge of Donald Ross courses), the project began on September 13 with the stripping of sod and sand removal from all bunkers. Next, some reshaping, fine grading, edging, resodding and new drainage where necessary was done. The final step will be the addition of new Thelen's #1 mason sand. The goal was to have new sand with better drainage, and to remove some of the flashing that had occurred over time.

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 For sale: 1 - 1987 Toro 216 2WD with 8-blade reels;  
 1-1988 Toro 216 2WD with 8-blade reels; 2 - late '70s Toro

Professional 70 Reel mowers;  
 1-2-ton PTO rotary spreader;  
 1-Gravelly Pro Vac 1050. If interested in prices or more information, contact Tod Hoppman at Elgin Country Club at 847-741-1681.

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 For sale: 1993 Toro Hydroject w/152 hours, includes prefilter, good condition. Call Chuck Anfield at Heritage Bluffs for information at 815-467-1665.

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 Another one bites the dust . . . Our old friend Brian Winkel has finally fallen. Brian reports that on Halloween night in Cancun, Mexico, he proposed to his longtime sweetheart Jeune, and—miracle of miracles—she

accepted! Further breaking news will be forthcoming as the groom-to-be realizes the magnitude of his impending good fortune. Congratulations to the lucky couple!

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 News from the Serious North: Fred Opperman and wife Judy are doing great in their new home, where they've been since the beginning of October. Fred says he's been busy working on his kitchen as well as working for Habitat for Humanity, building two homes. All MAGCS skiers are on notice: Big Sky is in his backyard, and you need to fly into Bozeman to get there, so the first round is on him!



*The view from Fred Opperman's backyard, looking northeast towards Bozeman. They just stack the houses one on top of the other out there, don't they?*