

the Bull Sheet

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Chuck Eckstein, to everyone who knew him, was an expert on golf rules. He interpreted the rules as an official at 17 U.S. Opens, 29 Western Opens and many other tournaments in his lifetime. He was a member of Ravisloe C.C. and was the club champion 13 times. In 1936, he set the course record with a 67. Mr. Eckstein was responsible for bringing Roy Nelson from Minneapolis and also Dave Ward from Racine C.C. to serve as superintendents during his time there. He wrote the Western Golf Association caddie manual that is still in use today. Mr. Eckstein was a driving force in organizing the spring CDGA Green Seminar. He would also be found at our Midwest Clinics during the '60s and early '70s. Dudley Smith recalls the time he ran into Mr. Eckstein at the National Amateur at Merion Club, and his comment to Dudley was, "Silver Lake must be closed today Dudley. Does Mr. Coghill know you are playing hooky?" This man was a firm

supporter of the game of golf and for the superintendent. He will be missed.

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Congratulations to Jennifer Joy and Luke Cella who got married on November 14, 1998. Luke is at Pottawatomie G.C.

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Ed Fischer at Old Elm Club had his three-quarter-mile service road paved this past fall. What a treat that is for all who travel it.

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Assistant needed at Boulder Ridge C.C., Lake in the Hills, IL. Please call Paul Wagner at 847-854-3003.

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Mechanic needed at Ruffled Feathers G.C., Lemont, IL. Please call Daniel Albaugh at 630-257-0163.

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Jonathan Strauss is looking for an assistant's position. Was an assistant in Louisiana and held a certified chemical applicator license there. Moved to this area recently. Call 847-223-0454.



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The Illinois Turfgrass Foundation at its award banquet on December 2 bestowed its Distinguished Service Award to Oscar Miles of the Merit Club. This is an award that is given annually to someone who has gone beyond the normal bounds in serving the ITF and the industry. Oscar has done this his entire life. Congratulations to an outstanding individual and golf course superintendent.

Party Time at Camp Randall

*Dudley Smith
Silver Lake C.C.*

On Saturday, November 21, 15 Midwest members, some with spouses, some with their sons, motored by bus from Silver Lake to Madison, Wisconsin, for the skirmish between the Nittany Lions and the Badgers. Both football teams were ranked.

After a pep rally in the Blue and White circus tent, we walked the stadium streets munching on bratwurst and sauerkraut and guz-

zling Milwaukee's finest. Unlike Ann Arbor or South Bend, where the grumpy alumni with season tickets sit in the stands criticizing their coaches' abilities, Camp Randall belongs to the students. Thousands of cheering kids in red sweatshirts or bare chested stayed until the final play.

In the second half, trombones and tubas filtered through the stands tooting "On Wisconsin." They have a tradition called the "5th Quarter." The marching band returns to the field and serenades the student body with 30

minutes of rock 'n' roll medleys. The climax was a sensational fireworks display.

Who won the game?

The Badger team returned to jog a victory lap with long-stemmed red roses clenched in their teeth. They are headed to Pasadena and the Rose Bowl.

What a fun day! 