

the Bull Sheet

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DATES TO REMEMBER

July 19 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Crystal Lake C.C.

July 27 — 1999 Midwest Regional Turf Field Day at Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

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

August 17 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Odyssey G.C.

August 18 — 1999 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.

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

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

Contributing editor's update: Disregard the fax number printed in the May *Bull Sheet*—all *Bull Sheet*—related information can be directed to me in the following manners: 1) E-mail to Boomding@aol.com. Don't ask about the address—suffice it to say that just about every possible combination of Bull and Sheet,

along with some interesting variations thereof, have been taken; 2) Mail any photos or written material to me at 1218 Ridgeway, Aurora, IL 60506; 3) Call me either at the office during my work hours of 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., or at my home office during my leisure hours of 7:03 p.m. through 9:00 p.m.; 4) Fax me at (630) 892-7447—attn.: John

Gurke; or 5) Just tell me when you see me. You'll still have to use one of the previous four methods, as my short-term memory isn't what it used to be.

A big "high five" goes out to the GCSAA's public relations department for the insert recently published in *Golf* magazine and several other publications. The insert pertains to the golf course superintendent's image. If you haven't seen it, check it out—the use of humor is refreshing, and makes for very interesting reading to both folks in the business and those who use our facilities.

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On Wednesday, May 19, our distinguished past editor, Fred Opperman, was honored at a going-away party held at Seven Bridges G.C. with Don Ferreri serving as host. Many MAGCS members joined in sending Fred off in style to his new Montana digs while enjoying the fine hospitality provided by the folks at Seven Bridges. Word has it that Fred is leading the list for the starring role in the sequel to *A River Runs Through It*, as the MAGCS outfitted him with a complete fly-fishing package. Now he just has to learn how to fly-fish. Again, BEST OF LUCK, FRED!



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Another local superintendent made it to the big leagues by getting some flattering press in a recent edition of the *Daily Herald*. Gregg Rosenthal, new superintendent at Kemper Lakes, was credited with the fine conditions at his course by several local PGA pros, including Jim Sobb and Emil Esposito.

Happy note: Congratulations to Tony and Marge Meyer who celebrated their 60th—yes, 60th—wedding anniversary on May 20. This gives one pause to think—60 years of marriage is an amazing accomplishment. Extrapolating my own personal marital statistics, my 60th anniversary will be celebrated with my 20th wife. Congrats again, Tony and Marge!

More happy news: Jeff and Marcy Luezingler had quite a surprise on May 29—they are the proud parents of a daughter who was born three months premature, weighing in at one pound, ten ounces. At press time, mother was recuperating and improving; baby was well and will remain at Lutheran General for some time; dad was busy with not only the baby, but also moving the household to a new home; and grandpa was on the phone all day bragging. Congratulations to the entire Luezingler clan!

Sad note: The MAGCS extends its heartfelt condolences to Ken Lapp and family on the loss of his wife Betty on May 5. You are in our prayers.

More sad news: The grounds department at Prestwick C.C. suffered a tragic loss on Saturday, May 29, when, while on their way to work, two employees were killed in an automobile accident. Manuel Del Toro, 59, was a seven-year groundsman who left

The ITF Combined Golf Day held May 3 at Mount Hawley C.C. and Weaver Ridge G.C. was a huge success, with both courses receiving rave reviews from those in attendance. Many of our MAGCS members took the opportunity to get away and enjoy some great golf and camaraderie, as well as to experience the world-famous Peoria nightlife.



L to R: Jim McNair, Harry Lovero, Lynn Wesson, Dan Sterr (far right, scratching self)



L to R: Eric Forester, Jay Druhan, Dave Louttit, John Turner

behind a wife, children and grandchildren. Manuel Salinas had just begun his career at Prestwick, and had recently celebrated his 18th birthday. Both men, according to Tim Anderson, golf course superintendent, were great employees and great friends. Heartfelt condolences go out to the families of both, as well as to everyone at Prestwick. "Descansen en Paz, Amigos."

The area's annual pro-superintendent event was held on Thursday, May 13 at Mission Hills C.C., where superintendent John Otis had the very TIGHT track in superb shape. The weather once again was a factor, which seems

to be the norm for this fun event. Thanks go out to the IPGA and E Z Go for their hard work in making this another memorable day.

Parting thought: The flowers are finally planted! This time of year is always fun—putting the seemingly infinite number of trays of annuals in the ground, and hoping against hope they grow together by Memorial Day. My question is: Is broken glass an integral component of mushroom compost, or was it put there for some other reason? 