

# the Bull Sheet

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

November 3 — Medinah  
Turf Clinic—guess where

November 9-11 — Penn  
State Golf Turf Conference,  
State College, PA. For more  
information, contact Peter  
Landschoot at 814-863-1017.

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

November 30 through  
December 2 — NCTE at  
Pheasant Run Resort, St.  
Charles, IL

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

On September 11 through 14, Les Rutan and Beverly Country Club hosted the Chicago Open, which drew large crowds to watch some great golf AND Michael Jordan. The course proved too much for MJ, but ex-Aurora Country Club PGA professional Bob Ackerman took first place in a down-to-the-wire finish, claiming the \$30,000 winner's purse.

The 1999 John Deere Illinois Qualifier, held at the gorgeous

White Deer Run (Joe Meier host), was again a fun getaway for MAGCS members and their assorted coworkers and bosses. The top five finishers were: 1) Midland C.C., John Wagner, superintendent; 2) Old Orchard C.C., Jerry Arden, superintendent; 3) Knollwood Club, Randy Wahler, superintendent; 4) Inverness G.C., Mike Bavier, superintendent; and 5) McHenry

C.C., Bob Lively, superintendent. The winning Illinois team from Kewanee will go to the national event at Superstition Mountain in Arizona November 11-15.

Congratulations to Brock Burton, assistant superintendent at Bryn Mawr C.C., on his recent marriage to Carrie Smoot. The couple wed on September 25, and Brian Bossert docked the groom for all days missed, being that he didn't observe the unwritten rule on acceptable wedding dates (January 32 and February 30).

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The MAGCS Annual Golf Championship was held on September 14 at Bull Valley G.C., with Ken Goodman hosting. The course, as usual, was in excellent shape thanks to Ken and his staff. The results are as follows.

Championship Flight: Tom Robinson, 76; First Flight: Mike Hubbard, 72; Second Flight: Mike Mumper, 76; Third Flight: Albie Staudt, 61 (not a typo); Commercial A Flight: Charlie Brugler, 82; Commercial B Flight: Steve Poole, 72. Also, the biggest upset of the day goes to Hammerin' Holly Gilmour, who won the long-drive contest. Congratulations to all winners!

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Local goings-on: Eddie Braunsky has been very busy lately with his fairway renovation project, which was begun at Geneva G.C. on August 16. Ed used Basamid, a granular soil fumigant, to kill off all fairway grass. After a 10-day wait, the fairways were seeded with a blend of four "low-mow" bluegrasses from Medalist. Germination was reported in seven days, and first mowing was done three weeks from seeding date. Eddie encourages all MAGCS members to catch his talk at the NCTE this November, and frets that he may not be able to speak for 25 minutes—right!

After conducting a study on the link between cancer and 2,4-D, researchers at Michigan State University have stated, "We were unable to support the conclusions reached by the National Cancer Institute concerning the relation-

ship between 2,4-D exposure and canine malignant lymphoma." Rest easy, all you golf course dogs...

Good news from the GCSAA: The most recent salary data shows that \$100K salaries are no longer rare, and are in some chapters common. Several GCSAA affiliated chapters report 10 to 25% of their member superintendents earning over \$100,000 annually.

Watch your mail for your invitation to the West Side Christmas Party, to be held on Tuesday, December 7 at Dave-n-Buster's. Details for this first-time event are forthcoming. It's never too early to start thinking Christmas!

They're taking their show on the road...Mike Bavier, CGCS, of Inverness Club and Gordon Witteveen, superintendent of Board of Trade Turf Care Centre, will

present their seminar, titled "The Magic of Greenkeeping," from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 2 at the NCTE at Pheasant Run. This is a case where the "movie" is truly better than the book--check it out.

Do you have a budding superintendent on your staff? Penn State University is accepting applications for its two-year turf program, beginning September 2000. Obtain forms by calling 814-863-0129.

For sale: Two tractor-mount blowers: 1992 Olathe, good condition, \$500. 1965 Rogers, fair condition, \$300. Contact Glen at 847-446-5268.

For sale: Neary Spin-Matic II Reel Grinder and Neary Bed Knife Grinder w/Automatic Travel. Call Bob at Dunteman Turf Farms at 630-557-2900.



Several MAGCS members (pictured above) found the lure of raging whitewater too good to pass up, and traveled to West Virginia for another exciting rafting trip down the Gauley River. As many of our members who have taken this trip in previous years can attest, it is spectacular! Although Fred Opperman could not make the trip, the "squealin' like a pig" echoing through the canyon was still present. I'd like to personally thank Joel Purpur for arranging the trip, as he has done for the last many years.