

# the Bull Sheet

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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—more below

First and foremost, I would like to congratulate Dan Quast and his staff for their EXCELLENT work in preparing Medinah Country Club for the PGA Championship. Most of us were able to get out to Medinah during the tournament, and I for one was in awe of the conditions. You guys did us all proud!

Second and...secondmost(?), a pat on the back for Brian Bossert, Web site coordinator, for his fine work on the new MAGCS message board. Everyone should have received a notice about this new feature (similar to Turf Talk), and I encourage all with the means to do so to check it out at magcs.org. Nice job, Brian.

On August 17, Ray Schei hosted the MAGCS Annual College Championship at Odyssey Club. The winning team was Penn State with a gross score of 132. The two two-man teams that combined for that score were Bob Kronn and Ed Fischer, 64 (score, not age), and Dave Blomquist and Joel Purpur, 68. Seems Joe-Pa's strong ground attack was too much for the run-and-shoot-oriented Danville Community College boys, who finished a close second with a 135 posted by the teams of Blatteau/Dohman, 67, and Bossert/Buck, 68. Perennial doormat Illinois, with its mistake-prone freshmen, did show some promise for the future by tying for third with Purdue; Michigan State finished fifth; Joliet Junior College, sixth; and Barry (Clemenza) Alvarez's Badgers once again fell short of their lofty expectations by landing the Wisconsin team in seventh place. A big hand goes out to Ray and his crew who had the course in terrific shape.

The North Central Turfgrass Exposition (NCTE) will again be held at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles from November 30 through December 2. The

trade show, with over 100 firms represented on the floor, will be open on Tuesday, November 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, December 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Look for further information in your mail soon.

Mrs. Wilhemina Fuchs, widow of Walter, called to express her heartfelt appreciation for all those who extended sympathy and for those who attended the memorial for Walter. She apologizes that she could not thank everyone in person, and appreciated the article in *On Course*.

From the "Local Boy Makes Good" file—Tim Scott, CGCS, of Stony Creek G.C. has had a very busy summer. Not only did he post a top-10 finish in the Illinois Open at Fox Bend (on the hottest weekend since a hotter one), besting a veritable who's who list of professional golfers, but he also qualified for the U.S. Amateur Open Championship at Green Garden G.C., and went on to compete at Pebble Beach for that national title in August. Tim reports that the course was beautiful—5" rough and all! The highlight for Tim was being paired with David Jacobsen (brother of PGA-er Peter), who, ironically, sells Jacobsen turf equipment. Nice going, Tim.

This news from the desk of Jim Latham, former USGA agronomist in our neck of the woods. Jim Holmes, the first USGA regional agronomist in the upper Midwest, succumbed to a heart attack at his home in Weaverville, CA on September 19, 1998. Jim was 71, and is survived by his wife, Ann, and children Jim and Kathy. Jim opened the USGA office in spring of 1957, and was a strong proponent of the Green Section method of green

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construction, helping to supervise the building of the first two "USGA" greens ever at Orchard Lake C.C. and Oakland Hills C.C. in Michigan. In the mid-'60s, he joined Dr. Marvin Ferguson and Herman Johnson to found Agri-Systems of Texas, and later started his own golf course construction company. His last project was Teal Wing G.C. at Ross' Teal Lake Lodge near Hayward, WI a few years ago.

As you may have read in the Dates to Remember column, June 24, 2000 is the day of World Shotgun 2000. The goal is to have as many golfers as possible around the world strike a shot at the same time, with play coordinated by a shotgun start at the Royal and Ancient at St. Andrews, Scotland. For more info, check out [www.worldshotgun2000.com](http://www.worldshotgun2000.com) or e-mail [enquiries@worldshotgun2000.com](mailto:enquiries@worldshotgun2000.com).

For those who did not know, Julius Albaugh spent a little time in the hospital this summer. After a visit in May revealed some problems, Julie had some things removed, some things replaced and a couple of things—including his desire to get back to the golf course—left as is. His son Dan reports he is as ornery as usual and back to a full schedule (to the chagrin of his crew). Julius and his wife will be taking a trip

to Germany this winter, compliments of the Club, in recognition of his 35th anniversary on the job. Congratulations, Julius, and enjoy your trip!

Your MAGCS Nominating Committee, composed of chairman Kevin Czerkies and regular guys Mike Bavier, Ed Braunsky, Don Cross and Alan Fierst, have announced the slate of candidates for the upcoming Annual Meeting: for president...Don Ferreri; vice president...Brian Bossert; secretary/treasurer...Luke Strojny; for directors—three to be elected to two-year terms, and one to be elected to a one-year term—Fred Behnke, Tom Fahey, John Gurke, Jeff Luezinger, Mike Mumper and Phil Zeinert. Kevin DeRoo and Greg Thalmann have one year remaining on their terms. Dan Anderson and Jim McNair will be leaving the Board after the Annual Meeting.

Local goings-on: Lynn Wesson, superintendent at Phillips Park G.C., has been very busy lately. The back nine at the municipal course where many Aurorans learned to play golf and still enjoy playing is undergoing major renovations, including enlarged greens and tees and improvements to fairways. Following completion of the back nine, the front nine will be totally rebuilt and will include a driving range, three youth holes and a new clubhouse facility. Martin Design is the architect,

Glen Bowlin the irrigation designer and Wadsworth Construction is the contractor.

Don't file it "circularly": Look for a mailing from MAGCS some time prior to the Annual Meeting in regard to bylaw changes. Thirty-eight bylaw changes will be proposed at the Meeting, and knowing a bit about them in advance can certainly be helpful.

The suspense is over—we now know the winner of the 2000 Old Tom Morris Award. It's Nancy Lopez. Now we can all finally get some sleep.

Last, but not least, I found this item in the November, 1949 issue of *the Bull Sheet*—50 years ago next month: "HOW THE MIDWEST BULLETIN GOT ITS NAME" – About two years ago, when *the Bull Sheet* was still only an idea, the editor called one of our superintendents and said, "We are all set for the new publication except that we need a name for it," whereupon the superintendent replied, "Your worries are over, just call it *THE BULL SHEET*." In order to clear up the mystery for the benefit of our readers, it is a pleasure to reveal the name of the member who submitted the appropriate title for the bulletin, Mr. Bob Williams, Beverly C.C. Fifty years ago.



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