

# the Bull Sheet

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

August 19 — MAGCS Kane County Cougars Family Picnic—more to follow.

August 22 — MAGCS monthly meeting at White Deer Run, **Joseph Meier** host.

September 14-16 — 2000 LaSalle Bank Chicago Open at Beverly Country Club, **Les Rutan** host.

September 18 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Stonewall Orchard Golf Club, **Larry Flament** host.

October 10 — ITF Fall Golf Day at Gleneagles Country Club, **Keith Fuchs** host.

Didn't Cog Hill look spectacular for the Advil Western Open last month? And what an incredible storybook finish to the tournament! Thank God the Cubs beat the Sox before the playoff began, so both could be savored. Ken Lapp and his staff seem to have the tournament prep thing (always during the worst stretches of weather Chicago has to offer) down to an art. From all of us in MAGCS, great job, guys—with the world watching, you really rose to the occasion! Ken was also featured in the "In the Spotlight" segment of July's *Golf Course Management* magazine. Check out page 146 to learn more about Ken and his preparations for the Western.

Although this is being penned before the actual event, congratu-

lations go out to **Oscar Miles, CGCS**, the entire staff at Merit Club and the many MAGCS volunteers who assisted in providing the spectacular conditions for the U.S. Women's Open last month. Take a breather, now—you all deserve it! More info on the Open and Oscar can be found in July's *Golf Course News* and a great tribute by editor Pat Jones appears in the July *Golfdom* magazine.

*Golf Business* magazine, the official publication of the National Golf Course Owners Association, named the Top 10 Most Influential People in the Golf Business to commemorate 100 years of advancement in the golf industry in the United States. They are, in order, Arnold Palmer, Donald Ross, Robert Dedman (CEO of Club Corp International), Mark McCormack (Arnie's agent—the first of a kind), Deane Beman, Robert Trent Jones, Karsten Solheim, Bobby Jones, (tie) Bill Davis (founder of *Golf Digest*) and Babe Didrikson Zaharias and Richard Tufts (Pinehurst).

I recently received an e-mail from our past editor **Fred Opperman**, who is doing wonderfully and passes along his greetings to all his friends in MAGCS. Fred would love to hear from you—e-mail him at opperman@avi-com.net—he's dying to hear some dirt.

A big thank you and congratulations to **Henry Michna, CGCS** for hosting our June meeting at Winnetka Golf Club. From the moment we entered the property, it was a truly great setting and a

perfectly conditioned golf course. The bagpiper was quite a hit, and a great touch. The 1-2-3 better-ball format for the day made it even more enjoyable—thanks to Golf Committee chairman **Mike Mumper, CGCS** of Park Ridge C.C.—and entertaining. Thanks also to Henry's wife, Lisa, for running the par-3 betting hole, and to the other staff members who ran the refreshment carts (there must have been 18 of them!).



Host superintendent Henry Michna pictured with "Rowdy Roddy" Bagpiper.

I'm sure Henry would tell you what most all past hosts of MAGCS meetings have said: It is a great experience! On that note, we are seeking out meeting sites for the months of June, July and August of 2001. Take the plunge and host a meeting—it is a great way to show off your course and your talents, and a great reason to finish up those little projects and improvements you've been procrastinating on. Call **Kevin DeRoo** at Bartlett Hills Golf Course at 630-483-4991.

While on the subject of Kevin, I once again have the opportunity to commend him for playing through pain. Those who recall an article several years ago about the MAGCS group that traveled to Niagara Falls to compete in a superintendent hockey tournament may also recall that Kevin severely dislocated his shoulder in the first of four games. Yet he

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continued to play on for the team through the agony (incurred from both from the physical pain AND the trouncings we took). It happened again, only this time it was a golf injury. While competing at the June meeting at Winnetka G.C., Kevin felt a twang during one of his many swings (I think it was on the betting hole trying to impress Lisa). He continued on to play the entire round, and discovered the next day his wrist was broken. I thought only I swung a club hard enough to break a wrist...

Congratulations to **Charlie Brugler** of BOJO Turf Supply and his wife Jodie on the June 14 birth of their son, Hunter Carl Paul Brugler. Hunter weighed in at a healthy 8 lbs., 8 oz., and mom and dad are doing great.



Mom Jodie and dad Charlie welcomed Hunter Carl Paul Brugler into the world on June 14.

Hot off the MAGCS Web site: A new superintendent is in town, and his name is Robert Joseph Kohlstedt. Born on July 3 to Robyn and **Bob Kohlstedt** (Fox Bend G.C.), the youngun weighed in at a healthy 8 lbs., 3 oz., and soon will be introduced to the wonderful world of golf. Congratulations, Bob and Robyn!

As mentioned in Dates to Remember, the MAGCS Kane County Cougars Family Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 19. This is always a fun event for the entire family. This year, the picnic will kick off at 3 p.m., followed by the game at 5 p.m.. We

The party of the year occurred on June 24 when **Brian Winkel** of Zeneca made good on his promise to marry his sweetheart Jeune (first reported here in the December 1999 issue). The wedding, held at Annunciation Church in Aurora, was a beautiful affair attended by many MAGCS members and friends, including best man **John Meyer** of Turf Partners, Inc. and ushers **Dave Blomquist**, CGCS of Naperville C.C. and **John Gurke**, CGCS of Aurora C.C. The ceremony featured a first-ever tailgate party in the church parking lot before heading to **Bob Breen's** Arrowhead Golf Club for the reception. A wonderful time was had by all in attendance, and MAGCS extends its heartiest congratulations to the Winkels.



MAGCS members in attendance were, front row, L to R: Dave and Michele Blomquist, Dave Braasch (Hughes Creek G.C.), Brian and Jeune Winkel, Debbie and Joel Purpur (River Forest C.C.), John and Jules Meyer. Back row, L to R: Jim and JoAnne Shone (Zeneca), Paul and Tiffany Yerkes (Lesco), Nora and John Lebedevs (Turf Partners), Catherine and Dan Anderson (Fox Valley G.C.), Julie Mitchell and John Gurke, Pam and John Turner (Bayer), Gayle and Gary Hearn (Salt Creek G.C.), Dr. Randy Kane (CDGA).

have the left field pavillion deck reserved for the game, which means no "outsiders" will have to endure our shenanigans. The cost per person is a scant \$12.50 and includes picnic and drinks, games for the kids (and **Eddie Braunsky**), reserved seat at the game and fireworks following the game. Deadline to purchase tickets is August 11, so hurry up!

Congratulations to **Kerry Blatteau**, CGCS of Oak Brook Hills Golf Club for being named, along with Randy Bolstad, winners of the third annual John Deere Superintendent/Employer Recognition Program. This program invites superintendents to write about their clubs' accomplishments that came as a result of cooperation between superintendent and employer, from which 12 winning

teams are randomly chosen from the qualified entries.



The brothers Hoppfan (Carl, left and Hans) celebrating Hans' retirement on June 1.

Another segment in July's GCM featured local boys—Joel Purpur, Dave Braasch and yours truly John Gurke got their mugs in the "Back Nine" column, which details their adventures in skydiving, bungee jumping, whitewater rafting and the other silly things they do to keep amused. The article, titled

“Adventure Bound,” can be found on page 179.

Check your mail this month for GCSAA’s mailing containing their recommendations for action in regard to PDI. It’s starting to get interesting, isn’t it?


Assistant superintendent’s position available. Contact **Dan Sterr** at Stonebridge Country Club at 630-898-6139 for details.

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