

the Bull Sheet

John Gurke
Contributing Editor

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 13 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Dave & Buster's.

March 16, 2000 — CDGA Green Seminar at Butterfield Country Club, Oak Brook.

April 24 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Elgin Country Club—**Tod Hopphan** host.

May 15 — ITF Combined Golf Day at Silver Lake Country Club—**Dudley Smith** host

June 24, 2000 — World Shotgun 2000

2003/2004 — RoundUp-resistant bents and blues available

Congratulations to Indian Hill Club's own **Dave Schlagetter**, who gets a big CGCS after his name from now on. Dave passed the entire exam the first time through—quite a feat if you've ever taken it.

Jim Keith of St. Charles Country Club also gets to don the CGCS designation after his name—nice going, Jim.

Overheard at the GCSAA regional seminar on soils at Oak Brook Hills in January: If, while probing, you encounter penetration resistance, you probably need to aerate more frequently.

More congratulations are in order: **Dan Marco**, formerly of Riverside Country Club, has left Illinois for the Country Club of Detroit in Grosse Pointe Farms,

MI. Dan started on February 7 at his new course—a 1917 Colt/Allison design with newly rebuilt A-4 greens. Congratulations, Dan, and keep in touch with all us flatlanders.



After signing a five-year extension to keep him at Penn State until he's 146 years old, **Joe Paterno** stopped by to wish **Dan Marco** good luck in Detroit.

Still more congratulations to pass along: **Tom Hildreth** is the new superintendent at Orchard Country Club, replacing retired icon **Peter Voykin**. MAGCS wishes both men the best for their futures.

(continued on page 36)

The MAGCS meeting at Arrowhead Golf Club (**Bob Breen** host) was extremely well-attended with 130 members present. **Tim Kelly** gave an update/informational talk on GCSAA's Professional Development Initiative (PDI), sparking much discussion amongst those gathered. Tim did a fine job of explaining the goals of the program and fielding questions about its complexity. The "Have You Hugged Your Certified Golf Course Superintendent Today?" bumper sticker program is set to kick off in May. A sample straw poll was taken, with 70 percent of attendees voting to move forward with PDI, and 30 percent voting to discontinue it now. **Carl Hopphan** took a few minutes to explain the ITF's "Survey of the Green Industry in Illinois," which will be coming soon to a mailbox near you. Expect to receive five sections—each of which will pertain to a specific related field—and the more responses we send in, the better ITF can serve all of us in the green industry. Doctors **Randy Kane** and **Hank Wilkinson** finished off the day with a



l-r: Dr. Randy Kane, Tim Kelly, Carl Hopphan and Dr. Hank Wilkinson at Arrowhead G.C.

presentation on their proposed Interactive Turf program. The program will use the Internet to assist superintendents and sod farms with their turf problems. More information on this may be obtained by contacting Randy at CDGA.

the Bull Sheet

(continued from page 34)

While on the subject of retiring icons, word on the street is that **Jim Burdett** is officially really absolutely completely retiring! Look for more information on this momentous occasion in April's issue.

For those who have not heard, **Harold Michels**—former superintendent of McHenry Country Club—passed away on New Year's Eve at the age of 73. MAGCS sends condolences to the Michels family and to H's friends.

MAGCS wishes to express its deepest sympathies to **Dave Louttit** on the loss of his mother on February 5. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Dave.

A big welcome to **Dave Radaj II** (pronounced rad-eye) who is the new superintendent at Green Acres Country Club. Dave is an MAGCS member who hails from the Wakonda Club in Des Moines, Iowa. Congratulations on your new position, Dave, and welcome to Chicagoland.

Three MAGCS members are 2000 Environmental Steward Award winners (no, not Tim Kelly)—**Dan Dinelli** (future skydiver) of North Shore C.C., **Mark Petitgoue** of Thunderhawk G. C. and **Kerry Satterwhite** of City of Bloomington were the honorees for this prestigious award. Well done, guys.

50 years ago this month: **Ray Gerber** was elected president of NGSAA (precursor of GCSAA) at the annual turf conference in Boston. Fifty years ago next month they decided never to hold a conference in March in Boston again.

40 years ago this month: **Roy Nelson**, superintendent of Ravisloe Country Club, was elected director of GCSAA at the conference in Houston.

30 years ago this month: **Roger LaRochelle**, superintendent at Woodmar Country Club, took over as *Bull Sheet* editor. Also, GCSAA announced the formation of a special committee to develop a tentative certification program. They're still working out the bugs, but at least it has a new name...

20 years ago this month: **Mike Bavier** of Inverness Country Club was elected vice president of GCSAA at the conference in St. Louis.

10 years ago this month (this stuff I actually remember): *Golf Digest* named Cantigny its Best New Course for 1989; **Dan Murray** reported that Settler's Hill was beginning construction on the second nine; and St. Charles Country Club completed the final phase of the property transfer with Arthur Anderson, which included **Pete Leuzinger's** moving out of the house on the property of the old St. Charles C.C.

If you get the chance, check out the February issue of *Golf Course News*. **Pete Blais** wrote an article with the results of a "most influential superintendents of the 1900s" survey, and the list includes a virtual who's who of great Chicagoland superintendents, both past and present. **Warren Bidwell** tied with **Sherman Moore** for THE most influential super of the millennium, and others who've made indelible impressions on the national scene with Chicagoland backgrounds include **Bob Williams, Andrew Bertoni, Ray Gerber, Norm Kramer, John McGregor, Roy Nelson, Paul Boizelle, Adolph Bertucci, Art Benson, Sr., Tom Burrows, Paul Voykin, Bruce Williams, Ted Woehrle, Mike Bavier and Oscar Miles**. Kinda makes a guy proud to be a small part of such an impressive group.

HELP! WANTED

Bittersweet Golf Club in Gurnee is seeking a mechanic. Salary and benefits will be based on experience and salary history. Please submit resumes to John Kuehne, Superintendent, Bittersweet G.C., 875 Almond Road, Gurnee, IL 60031.

MORE Y2K SALES:

For sale: 45-plus Rainbird SC1260 and two MC3S Masters. Make any offer! Call Henry Michna at 847-501-2056.

For sale: 1993 Jacobsen 1684D Triplex w/ Kubota 16.5, 5-bladed reels, 1,900 hours in good condition and WITH maintenance records. Call Tim Scott at Stony Creek G.C. at 708-857-2436.

For sale: Two Kawasaki Mules, two Club Car Carry-Alls, one Vicon Spreader and one John Deere 935 Rotary. Contact Pat McDonagh at RedTail Golf Club at 815-459-1589.

For sale: 1981 300-gallon FMC single-axle sprayer with 1995 Chem Pro 20' boom with electric controls; 1989 Toro Greens Aerator—excellent condition; 1983 Jacobsen Greensking IV Triplex (9-blade reels) with three extra cutting units—good condition. Call Kurt at Exmoor at 847-433-1177 for info.

For sale: One Modern reel grinder, one Modern bedknife grinder, two Foley lawn mower sharpeners, one Toro Greensmaster mower with extra heads. Contact Carl Gustafson at 202 S. Chestnut, Princeton, IL 61356.