

the Bull Sheet

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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

October 19 — University of Illinois Turf Alumni Golf Outing, Olympia Fields Country Club, **Dave Ward**, CGCS host.

October 26 — GCSAA's "Managing On The Job Behavior" seminar (0.7 CEUs) in Rockford, IL.

October 30-31 — Illinois Arborist Association's 18th Annual Seminar/Trade Show at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL—more info to follow.

November 9 — MAGCS 48th Midwest Turf Clinic and Annual Meeting at Medinah Country Club, **Dan Quast**, CGCS host.

November 29 — Second Annual U of I Alumni Breakfast at NCTE.

January 17-18, 2001 — GCSAA's "Managing People For Peak Performance and Job Satisfaction" seminar (1.4 CEUs) in Oak Brook, IL.

Congratulations to **Dave** (Junior) **Braasch** of Hughes Creek Golf Club, whose June feature article, titled "Be a Lifesaver! Basic Medical Procedures You Should Know," was reprinted in the August issue of *The Green*

Breeze—the publication of the Greater Cincinnati Golf Course Superintendents Association. It's always nice to see our members—ESPECIALLY those who contribute to this magazine—published elsewhere. *Green Breeze* previously has reprinted articles originally seen in *On Course* by **Don Ferreri** of Seven Bridges Golf Club and **Mike Mumper**, CGCS of Park Ridge Country Club. Your dedication to this association and its publication are being recognized, guys.

Paul Voykin of Briarwood Country Club, featured in September's "Ask the 'Expert'" column so eloquently penned by **Brad Anderson** of Midlane Country Club, recently gave a presentation on the importance and value of teamwork in an organization in—of all places—Acapulco, Mexico. Most of us are happy to be invited to O'Hare In-Focus for a market research panel discussion.

As mentioned in Dates to Remember, the Illinois Arborist Association's 18th Annual Seminar/Trade Show will be held at the end of this month at Pheasant Run in St. Charles (home of the NCTE). The two-day conference will feature numerous talks by noted experts in the field of arboriculture, sessions for the new tree worker certification (also in Spanish), and an expanded trade show (from the previous 6,000 square feet to 33,750 square feet). Contact April Toney toll free at 877-617-8887 for details.

Listen up, all you Penn Staters—you now have a Web site for turf program information. The site contains educational program information, research reports, outreach activities, and faculty, staff, and graduate student contact information. The address is turf.cas.psu.edu/.

A newly published bulletin, entitled *Factors Affecting Green Speed*, is now available to golf course managers and golfers alike. The four-color publication by the Ohio State University and Penn State University covers management practices that affect ball roll on putting greens. Written by Patty Sweeney, George Hamilton (great smile, always tan) and Karl Danneberger, it is available FREE by contacting your USGA Green Section office.

The 2000 GCSAA Legacy Award winners have been announced, and among them is Sean A. Mogle, the grandson of **John C. Ebel**, retired golf course superintendent from Barrington Hills Country Club. Sean attends the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana majoring in comparative literature and economics. Congratulations to both Sean and proud grandpa John.

MAGCS sends out its deepest condolences to **Brian Green**, CGCS of Sunset Valley Golf Club and his family on the loss of Brian's mother.

Congratulations to **Verlyn Strellner**, CGCS of Glencoe Golf Club, who took advantage of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund's early retirement incentive and did just that after 30 years of contributing to the fund. Word on the street has it that Verlyn will embark on a second career with the World Wrestling Federation's fledgling Senior Tour. Best of luck to you

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and your family from all of us at MAGCS, Verlyn!

The August 22 MAGCS meeting at White Deer Run (Joseph Meier host) turned out wonderfully from every aspect. To start things off, the well-attended education portion of the event featured Dr. Don Hey, who gave a very enlightening talk on wetlands and their roles in golf courses. Dr. Hey provided some very interesting history of our area, including specifics on the vast populations of beaver that once inhabited it (you don't miss them 'til after they're gone). The golf event—the annual college championship—was bitterly fought to the end (and bitterly disputed afterward), and found a couple of “new kids on the block” taking honors: First place went to the team from Michigan State (Chad

Ball, CGCS, Conway Farms G.C.; Paul Bastron, CGCS, Glen Flora C.C.; Scott Armstrong, Conserv FS; and Brad Krolik, Mistwood G.C.). Second place was nabbed by newcomer Joliet Junior College (Rich Daly, Water Management and Design; Don Ferreri, Seven Bridges G.C.; Jeff Smith, Springbrook G.C.; and Dave Gelino, Seven Bridges G.C.). Third place was occupied by the team from Penn State, whose team of Greg Coyne, Kankakee C.C.; Jay Druhan, Palos Hills Municipal G.C.; Mike Sauls, CGCS, Butler National G.C.; and Dave Louttit, Scotts, barely squeaked by always-the-bridesmaid-never-the-bride Illinois (Randy Wahler, CGCS, Knollwood Club; Al Pondel, CGCS, Deerfield G.C.; Carl Hoppfan, ITF; and Tom Healy, Layne-Western). After golf—and a slight rain delay—we were treated to an outstanding array of food, compliments of Chef Victor. I doubt many attendees ate dinner once they got home . . . MAGCS thanks Joe Meier and his grounds staff for a great course, and White

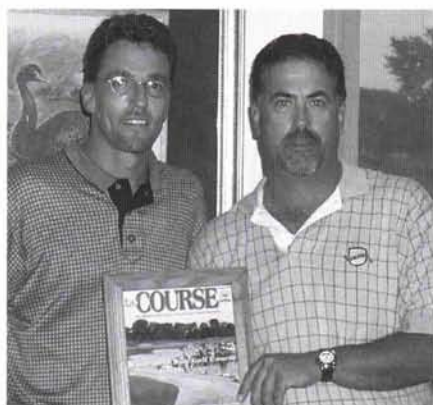
Deer Run for its wonderful hospitality throughout the event—great job, folks!

Lastly, there is nothing new to report about Oscar Miles, CGCS, Merit Club...

For those of you into turf IPM and the Internet, check out www.InteractiveTurf.com, which is now up and running while under construction. Interactive-Turf is the pest-monitoring/forecasting program being developed by Drs. Hank Wilkinson at the U of I and Randy Kane of the CDGA. Also, watch your mail/e-mail for program updates and subscription information for fiscal 2001.

Steve Partyka at White Pines Golf Course has about 700 Toro irrigation heads for sale at \$20 apiece. All 650s, 670s, and 690s are in good condition. Also for sale are two Gould pumps and two Worthington pumps and motors. Call Steve at 630-766-9579 for details.

Assistant superintendent position open: Deer Valley Golf Course in Deer Grove, IL. Course description: Daily fee/public, 27 holes, under construction. Requirements: degree/certificate in turfgrass management or related field. Experience: two years in golf course management—irrigation repair, fertilizer and pesticide application; construction experience a plus. Must possess ability to obtain Illinois pesticide applicator license. Salary: commensurate with experience. This is an excellent opportunity for grow-in experience at a quality facility in northwest Illinois. Apply to Troy Evans, golf course superintendent, c/o Deer Valley Golf Course, 3298 Hoover Road, Deer Grove, IL 61243.



Host Joe Meier receives the treasured framed On Course cover from yours truly, John Gurke. Side note: You, too can have one of these things—just host a meeting!



Chef Victor and food and beverage manager Chrissi pulled out all the stops, including this beautiful ice sculpture of the MAGCS logo.