

the Bull Sheet

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DATES TO REMEMBER

August 2 — U of I Field Day in Urbana, IL. Registration was at 10:00 a.m.

August 14 — John Buck Memorial Golf Outing at Hughes Creek Golf Club, **Dave Braasch** and **Dave Meyer** hosts. More below.

August 15 — MAGCS monthly meeting at White Hawk Country Club in Crown Point, Indiana, **Dan Tully** host.

August 18 — MAGCS Kane County Cougars outing at the old ball park in Geneva, IL.

September 13 - 20 — Chicago-Area Conference on State and Federal Personnel Laws. Sites as follows: 9/13-14—Radisson Suites in Chicago; 9/17-18—Hyatt Regency Oak Brook; 9/19-20—Schaumburg Golf Club. Call 800-601-4636 to enroll.

September 24 — 2001 John Deere Championship at Boulder Ridge Country Club in Lake in the Hills, IL, **Paul Wagner** host.

October 1 — MAGCS Scholarship Fundraiser at Geneva Golf Club, **Ed Braunsky**, CGCS host.

October 12 — Illinois PGA Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at the Glen Club in Glenview, IL.

Congratulations to **Mark Stephan** of Rob Roy Golf Course on becoming a Certified Golf Course Superintendent as of May 12 of this year. Time for new business cards, Mark.

Congrats also go out to two MAGCS members—the first being our friend **Luke Cella**, formerly of Pottawatomie Golf Course and the University of Illinois. Luke is the new superintendent at Tamarack Golf Club, replacing **Steve Schendel**, who is the new superintendent at Ruffled Feathers Golf Club, replacing **Dan Albaugh**, CGCS. Best of luck to Luke, Steve and Danny—may your roads be smooth and your futures bright.

As mentioned in Dates to Remember, the John Buck Memorial Golf Outing will be held on Tuesday, August 14 at Hughes Creek Golf Club. This outing, with an 11:00 a.m. shotgun start and dinner at 6:00 p.m., was arranged to benefit the newly-formed John Buck Scholarship Fund. Through John's generosity, a third scholarship (along with the two MAGCS scholarships) will be awarded via the same parameters as the MAGCS Scholarship. For information on the outing or the scholarship, contact J.W. Turf at 847-683-4653.

Before I move into the monthly meeting highlights and golf results, it is OBVIOUSLY time to mention this again: PLEASE turn off all cell phones, pagers, alarm clocks and other such nuisance noise-makers, and remove your hats before entering an education

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Several MAGCS wives recently participated in the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day—a 60-mile walk from Kenosha, WI to Montrose Harbor in Chicago—to help raise money to fight breast cancer. The annual event, held this year on June 15-17, had 3,200 walkers and raised a whopping \$6,000,000 for the cause. **Kristin McKone** (Erwin—River Forest C.C.), **Michele Blomquist** (Dave, CGCS—Naperville C.C.), **Tiffany Yerkes** (Paul—Lesco, Inc.) and **Gerri Ferreri** (Don—Seven Bridges G.C.) were among the horde who spent weeks training for the walk. The six ladies shown here raised over \$15,000 to benefit the women stricken with this insidious disease. Congratulations on a noble endeavor, ladies!



Kristin McKone, Michele Blomquist, Erin Reichert, Tiffany Yerkes, Suzi Straffon and Vivian Floyd shown after their 60-mile trek for the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day.

session or business meeting. We are professional ladies and gentlemen, and our hosts and guest speakers deserve our good manners. Great—I just fell off my soap box, and I can't get up . . .

The Chicago District Golf Association and Dr. Randy Kane are seeking a qualified individual to take over the IPM coordinator position for the Interactive Turf

Pest Management Program. Interested parties can visit the CDGA Web site (www.cdga.org) and click on the link for more information.

The Advil Western Open is now in the books, and anyone who had the opportunity to get out to Cog Hill Golf & Country Club's Dub-spread course for the tournament was treated to near perfection.

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Education speaker Dr. Joe Vargas of Michigan State University (L) and host superintendent Ron Fox.



The beautiful ninth hole at Point O' Woods, where Dave Holler of Arthur Clesen, Inc. put it closer to the hole than anyone else.

The June MAGCS meeting was held at Point O' Woods Golf and Country Club in Benton Harbor, Michigan with **Ron Fox** serving as our host. The day was steamy hot and damp, and the course was outstanding! Dr. Joe Vargas gave a fine educational presentation (replete with various electronic rings, beeps and yes, even silly songs from the devil cell phones), followed by a beautiful day on the course. Ron and his staff did an amazing job of getting the course ready after a torrential downpour the previous night. Thank you for the effort, Ron, and thanks to all the MAGCS members who made the trip—it was well worth it! The golf results were as follows: In the gross division, the team of **Brad Johnsen** (Klein Creek G.C.), **Bob Kronn** (LaGrange C.C.), **Al Pondel**, CGCS (Rockford C.C.) and **Jim Knulty** (Big Foot C.C.) took first place in a scorecard playoff with a 145, beating out **Dave Kohley** (Silver Lake C.C.), **Tim Scott**, CGCS (Stony Creek G.C.), **Don Ferreri** (Seven Bridges G.C.) and **Rick Wilson**, CGCS (Glenview Park District). In the net division, first place was grabbed by (go figure this one) **Steve Van Acker**, CGCS (Crystal Lake C.C.), **Paul Schaefer**, CGCS (Prairie Isle G.C.), **Bob Lively** (McHenry C.C.) and **Tom Lively**, CGCS (Medinah C.C.) with a scorching 118. Also of note was the betting hole, which raised \$200 for the MAGCS Scholarship fund. Congratulations to all the winners (or, in Oscar-speak, all of those to whom prizes were given), and thanks again to Ron Fox and the great people at Point O' Woods.

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Once again, **Ken Lapp** and his staff done outdid themselves. The record-low scores reflected how true the greens were, how playable the lies were and generally how nicely-conditioned the course was. Great job, Ken—MAGCS appreciates the exposure to the fine conditions throughout the Chicago area that this tournament and your hard work provide.

Hats also go off to **Dave Groelle**, new superintendent at Kemper Lakes Golf Club, who recently replaced **Gregg Rosenthal**, CGCS in time to host the SBC Senior Open. Another fine Chicago golf course was featured on national television and further demonstrated the excellence in golf course management that MAGCS members provide their clientele.



Education speaker Rich Kozlowski, vice president of Alliance Capital, Inc., gave a fine talk on college funding.



Dom Grotti Award winners Mike Alsdorf (L) and Ron Dohman, CGCS of Pontiac Elks C.C.



Bob Kronn of LaGrange C.C. shows off his trophy—the Elmer Bertucci Cup—for winning the 2001 MAGCS Senior Championship.

This is a treat—two monthly meetings to recap in one *Bull Sheet*. The July meeting was held at Orchard Valley Golf Course, with **Jim McNair**, CGCS and **Harry Lovero** hosting. Those in attendance were treated to a perfect day on a perfectly-conditioned golf course. The very informative education portion was provided by Rich Kozlowski of Alliance Capital, Inc., who spoke on college funding options. Another highlight was the presentation of the first MAGCS Scholarships to Brenda Ferreri, daughter of Don and Geri, and Eric Fischer (who was unable to attend), son of **Ed Fischer**, CGCS (Old Elm Club) and Jan. On the golf course, several events took place: the MAGCS Senior Championship and the Dom Grotti Award competition. Seventeen superintendent/assistant teams vied for the Grotti, with winners **Ron Dohman**, CGCS and **Mike Alsdorf** of Pontiac Elks C.C. walking away with the prize with a 159. The Elmer Bertucci Trophy for Senior Champion went to **Bob Kronn**, while **Kerry Blatteau**, CGCS of Oak Brook Hills Resort took the net division with a 70. Super Senior gross division winner was Albie Staudt, and net winner was James Meyer, who won in a scorecard playoff over **Ray Schei** of Odyssey G.C. A great time was had by all, and our hats go off to Jim, Harry and the fine staff at Orchard Valley for a great job.



MAGCS 2001 Scholarship winners Brenda Ferreri and Eric Fischer.

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