

the Bull Sheet

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DATES TO REMEMBER

December 1, 8 & 15 — Turfgrass Management and Pesticide Use Bilingual Training Programs at the Palatine Community Center. Call 847-705-5738 for details.

December 5 — “Writing the Employee Handbook in Illinois” seminar presented by Lorman Education Services at the Four Points Barcelo Hotel in Oak Brook Terrace, IL. Call 715-833-3959 for details.

December 10 — Somethingth Annual West Side Holiday Party at Dave & Buster’s. Watch your mailboxes for the official invite.

December 24 — Mid-West Greenkeeper’s Association (forerunner of MAGCS) was founded, 75 years ago today.

January 15-16, 2002 — GCSAA Seminars (Lake and Aquatic Plant Management; Golf Course Drainage: Application and Design) at Oak Brook Hills Resort, Oak Brook, IL.

Jan. 21 – Feb. 8, 2002 — The Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Call 732-932-9271 for details.

January 22, 2002 — Gypsy Moth Threat Symposium, Oak Meadows Golf and Banquet, Addison, IL. Call Jayne Bohner at 630-871-6403 for further details.

First off, welcome to the 75th-anniversary issue of *On Course*. On Christmas Eve in 1926, our founding fathers established the Mid-West Greenkeeper’s Association, an organization of 16 dedicated men brought together for a common goal—that of unifying the district greenkeepers. Today, the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents boasts a membership of over 700 professionals with the same goals as those held by our founders. Happy Anniversary, MAGCS!

Those who have visited the MAGCS Web site recently may have noticed several changes. We now have a “Members Area” link in the left column of the main page. To access the Message Board, you first click on “Members Area,” and then enter the name and password in the appropriate boxes. Once you are in the Members Area page, you can click on “Message Board” to enter and participate. While you are waiting for your two-year-old dinosaur of a machine to log you in, try not to become mesmerized by the spinning golf balls—they just spin . . . and spin . . . and spin . . .

Congratulations to **Bob** and **Lorraine Lively** (McHenry C.C.) on the Halloween birth of new baby boy John Robert. Though this author protested, the parents will be calling their new bundle of joy “Jack.” Best wishes to the happy family.

A few months ago it was reported here that MAGCS had purchased seven commemorative bricks to be placed at GCSAA headquarters in Lawrence, Kansas

to acknowledge our national association’s 75th anniversary. I am happy to report that the bricks are in their chosen home, and the names of the six men from our ranks who served as president of both MAGCS and GCSAA are now permanent fixtures in the courtyard. The seventh brick commemorates our Association’s own 75th birthday, assuring the MAGCS name will be trodden upon by future generations of golf course superintendents and brick sweepers.



The 75th Anniversary Fall Dinner Dance was a smashing success, thanks in large part to **Brian** and **Pam Bossert** and the good people at Bryn Mawr Country Club. For a closer look at what you missed (or at what you did, if you’ve forgotten), there’s a complete recap and photo album in this very issue.

Similarly, you will also find complete coverage of the ITF Fall Golf Day and College Team Championship at Silver Lake Country Club on page 39 of this issue (thanks to **Jim Shone** of Syngenta). Big thanks to **Marsha Trayes** and **Patti Thorson** from Illinois Lawn Equipment for again handling the photography and betting hole. A little bird tells me there were some complaints about the method of awarding of prizes. Let’s remember why it is we get together for these monthly meetings—some fun, some

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camaraderie, a chance to give some much-needed money to a great cause, and a little friendly competition; NOT to go home with the neatest chotchky.

Our own **Luke Cella, CGCS** (Tamarack Golf Club) and **Tom Voigt, Ph.D.** (University of Illinois) are now famous authors, as their article, "The Perfect Lie" detailing the research they completed using the Lie-N-Eye (and Lie-N-Eye II, by golly) appeared in the November/December issue of *USGA Green Section Record*. Take a look when you get the chance.

The 2001 University of Illinois Turf Alumni Golf Outing took place on October 22 at the St. Charles Country Club, with **Jim Keith, CGCS** hosting. A total of 35 alumni, students and faculty attended the event, which was threatened by rain early. Mother

Nature saw fit to comply, though, and the annual outing went off without a hitch. After expenses, the event raised more than \$1,000 for turf students at the U of I to attend the GCSAA International Conference and Show in Orlando in February. Thanks to Jim and everyone at St. Charles C.C. for the fine day.

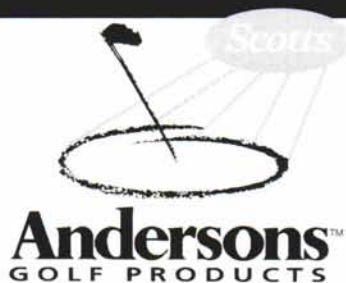
Again this fall, some of our more (fool)hearty members competed in the Chicago Marathon, a 26.2-mile test of their endurance and pain threshold. **Jon Jennings, CGCS** (Chicago Golf Club) ran the course in 3 hours, 17 minutes, 14 seconds, taking 2,148th place in the field of 28,760 racers. **Scott Adams** of Reinder's also took part, completing the course in 3 hours, 58 minutes, 9 seconds. Meanwhile, **John Leibold** (Leibold Irrigation) stayed out west to compete in the Twin Cities Marathon. Con-

gratulations to Jon, Scott and John on their accomplishments.



Jon Jennings.

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A hearty (and tardy) welcome to new MAGCS members **Josh Sohn** and **Jeff Friedle** of Villa Olivia Country Club. Hope to see you at all the great functions your new Association has to offer.

Congratulations to **Phil Zeinert, CGCS** on his new position as superintendent of Elgin Country Club. We all wish Phil well in this challenging new endeavor.

Kudos to GCSAA for their swift action following the September 11 atrocities. Plans for a 75th-anniversary celebration were immediately cancelled in light of the tragedy, and \$50,000 was appropriated to the relief efforts of the American Red Cross. To find out how you can help, log onto www.gcsaa.org/relief.html for information.

Our recently-departed president, Brian Bossert, CGCS, shares some great ideas about public relations in October's *NewsLine*. The article, titled "PR Toolkit," highlights the many extra lengths the staff at Bryn Mawr C.C. go to for their "Tough Course Day" event each September. Beyond just making the course extremely difficult, many informational signs and brochures are placed throughout the course to raise members' awareness to golf course issues and the profession we have chosen. Nice feature, and thanks for the ideas, Mr. President Emeritus.

Another of our members was recently in print (when isn't he?)—**Dan Dinelli, CGCS** of North Shore C.C. offered his perspective on environmental stewardship in October's *Golfweek's Superintendent News*. Another nice bit of national exposure for Dan and all members of MAGCS.

Assistant superintendent's position sought: Ryan Kepler, a 2000 graduate from Purdue University (four-year agronomy degree) seeks an assistant's position in the Chicago area. Currently assistant at The Country Club of Castle Pines in Colorado since graduation. Completed internships at Olympia Fields C.C., Purdue Turf Research Center and The Country Club at Castle Pines. Eight years' experience in the industry, and wishing to relocate here. Interested parties can contact Ryan at 303-470-3263.

Cinder Ridge Golf Course in Wilmington, Illinois has an immediate opening for its golf course superintendent position. For information, call George Kapos at 815-476-4000. Resumes can be sent to Cinder

Ridge Golf Course/Attn: George Kapos, 24801 Lakepoint Dr., Wilmington, IL 60481.

Equipment for sale: three Jacobsen 26" walking tee mowers, all in good condition at about six years old; and a Jacobsen LF-100, 10 years old, in good condition. Call **Dave Schlagetter** at 847-251-2414 for details.

The Ivanhoe Club has the following items for sale: 1996 TurfCo Meter-Matic topdresser, 1993 Brower 376 Triplex in great condition, 1984 Ryan GreensAire II aerator, 1977 Ryan GreensAire aerator, and a 1990 Brutus power roller used for tennis court maintenance. Call **Pete Leuzinger** at 847-566-2050 for details.



GCSAA Education

LAKE AND AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT

Tuesday, January 15, 2002
8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Oak Brook Hills Resort
Oak Brook, IL

Member Fee: \$120
Nonmember Fee: \$180
CEUs: 0.7; Code: 02RS034-02

GOLF COURSE DRAINAGE: APPLICATION AND DESIGN

Wednesday, January 16, 2002
8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Oak Brook Hills Resort
Oak Brook, IL

Member Fee: \$120
Nonmember Fee: \$180
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