

# the Bull Sheet

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

June 11 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Point O' Woods Golf & Country Club in Benton Harbor, Michigan, **Ron Fox** host.

June 13 — Pro-Superintendent Tournament at Bittersweet Golf Club in Gurnee, IL, **John Kuehne** host.

June 22 — Plant Identification Workshop at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle, IL. Contact Julie Nicoll at 630-472-2851 for details.

July 1 — Deadline for nominations for GCSAA director candidates. Call Don Bretthauer at 1-800-472-7878, ext. 418, with your nomination.

July 2 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Orchard Valley Golf Course in Aurora, IL, **Jim McNair, CGCS** and **Harry Lovero** hosts.

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

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

The April MAGCS meeting was held at Ruffled Feathers Golf Club with **Dan Albaugh, CGCS** serving as our generous host. The course was in fine condition for the large

group of hearty MAGCS members who braved the crazy day of weather, which seemed to change dramatically with each hole played. This year's scramble was truly that (scrambling to get out of the rain, scrambling to get done, etc.), and the following teams showed their foul-weather prowess by taking their prizes: Gross Division—1st place with 63, **Bob Kronn, Tom Robinson, Chad Walk and Brad Krolik**; 2nd place with 64, **Paul Schaefer, CGCS, Steve Van Acker, CGCS, Bob Lively and Paul Yerkes**; 3rd place with 65,

**Brad Johnsen, Al Pondel, CGCS, Jim Knulty and Randy Wahler, CGCS.** Net Division—1st place with 55, **Dave Holler, Kurt Sams, Dave Field and Jeremy Turton**; 2nd place with 61, **Bob Kohlstedt, Scott Kuebel, Brian McGuffin and Eric Swanson**; 3rd place with 61, **Kevin DeRoo, Holly Gilmour, Mike Bavier, CGCS and Nick Hongisto.** Other prize winners were **Ed Kruse** with closest to the pin on no. 3, **Kathy Newyear** with closest to the pin on no. 11, **Bill Johnson** with longest drive on no. 18 and **Craig Joscelyn, CGCS** with closest to the line on no. 9. MAGCS thanks our host and the staff at Ruffled Feathers, along with our University of Illinois contingent who provided the education session.

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*Dad Julius and host Dan Albaugh enjoy the elements.*



*Randy Wahler, CGCS of Knollwood Club and Dr. Bruce Branham. Bruce, Dr. Tom Fermanian and Dr. Tom Voigt made the long drive up from Champaign to update us on the current experiments at the University of Illinois.*



*Dave Braasch of Hughes Creek G.C. admires his tee shot into the gale. Dave's legs later were amputated due to frostbite.*



*Joel Purpur, CGCS of River Forest C.C. and John Turner of Bayer snuggle up during one of the brief warm spells.*



*Paul Yerkes of Lesco, Paul Schaefer, CGCS of Prairie Isle G.C., Steve Van Acker, CGCS of Crystal Lake C.C., and Bob Lively of McHenry C.C. prematurely flash the "We're number one" signs, but had to settle for second place in the Gross Division with a 64.*



Congratulations to **Bret Collins** of Bloomingdale Golf Club and his wife Marian on the birth of their bouncing new baby.

Also congrats to Bryn Mawr Country Club for their recent FULL certification in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary program. Credit **Bryan Widmer**, first assistant, for the hard work and his ingenuity in jumping through all the paperwork hoops.

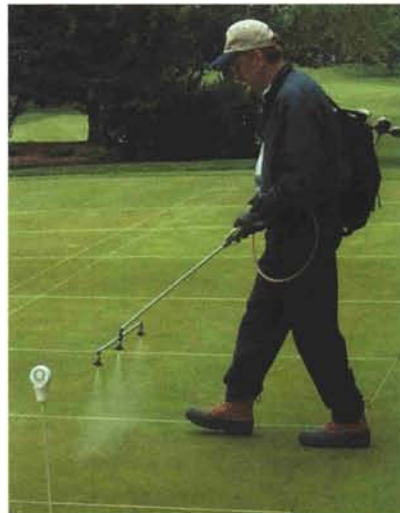


Our past editor, **Fred Opperman**, and his wife **Judy** have been keeping their travelling show on the road recently. Show here is **John Ebel** (retired, Barrington Hills C.C.) with **Fred and Judy** during their visit to **John and Juanita's** home in Sun City, Arizona.

And the "Gerald Ford Past President's Pratfalls Award" goes to . . . **Kevin Czerkies**, CGCS of Sportsmans C.C. (MAGCS president in 1998) for completely tearing his right bicep away from the bone while helping some employees lift a tent awning onto a truck. Kevin got to spend his 41st birthday having surgery to repair the tear, and won't be able to golf for several months (if he plays like Gerald Ford, this is good news to anyone nearby when he's hitting). Best wishes for a full recovery, Kevin, and while you are recuperating, check out the library for a book on delegation of work . . .

**Dr. Randy Kane** is at it again—Randy has begun year two of his *Poa annua* seedhead suppression study at Chicago Golf Club (**Jon Jennings**, CGCS), Fox Valley

Golf Club (**Dan Anderson**, CGCS) and Aurora Country Club (**John Gurke**, CGCS). Look for the results of this year's study in a future issue of *On Course*.



**Dr. Kane** auditioning for *Ghostbusters III* on the putting green at Aurora C.C. Speaking of **Dr. Kane**, for those who missed the tour of the new Midwest Golf House before the April monthly meeting, he is happy to report that they are open for business. The CDGA can be reached at its main line at 630-257-2005, or by fax at 630-257-2088. Randy's direct line is 630-257-8126, and all future mailings can be sent to Midwest Golf House, 11855 Archer Ave., Lemont, IL 60439. Another big event at Golf House recently took place with the groundbreaking for the new par-three youth golf course being built by Wadsworth Construction. If you are in the neighborhood, stop on in and take a look around—the facility boasts a state-of-the-art theater/meeting room, a museum of memorabilia from the associations housed there, and a nice golf course across the street to kick it around afterward.

This just in from GCSAA: Through March 1 of 2002, superintendents and assistants

joining GCSAA for the first time can do so for \$75. This also applies to supes and assistants who've let their memberships lapse for at least two years. Also, key staff members at your course can join as associate members for \$125, with all member privileges but voting.

Great news about an old friend—**Tony Rzasdski**, CGCS, formerly of Woodside G.C. in Colgate, Wisconsin, has a new gig. TR has accepted the golf course superintendent's position at The Bull at Pinhurst Farms in Sheboygan (the bratwurst capital of the world), a Jack Nicklaus design with housing development. Good luck, Tony, and keep us flatlanders updated.

The new list is in! The new list is in! *Golf Digest's* 2001-2002 "America's 100 Greatest Golf Courses" list—more anticipated than the *Sports Illustrated* swimsuit issue—is officially out, and no fewer than nine MAGCS members are tending to these beauties. Oakland Hills C.C. South Course (**Steve Cook**, CGCS) was 10th, Medinah C.C. No. 3 (**Tom Lively**, CGCS) was 14th, Los Angeles C.C. North Course (**Bruce Williams**, CGCS) was 22nd, Olympia Fields C.C. North Course (**Dave Ward**) was 30th, Chicago G.C. (**Jon Jennings**, CGCS) was 43rd, Butler National G.C. (**Mike Sauls**) was 58th, Cog Hill G & C.C. (**Ken Lapp**) was 64th, Point O' Woods G & C.C. (**Ron Fox**) was 80th, and Shoreacres Club (**Tim Davis**) came in at 87th.

Call for volunteers: **Gregg Rosenthal**, CGCS, of Kemper Lakes G.C. is seeking assistance during two upcoming events—the Women's Amateur Public Links (WAPL) runs June 15-22,

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while the SBC Senior Open runs July 16-23. If you'd like to share your time and expertise in exchange for a great experience, call Gregg at 847-540-7209.

Mechanic wanted: McHenry Country Club is looking for a full-time mechanic to start ASAP. Benefits include insurance, meals, 401(k) and uniforms. Salary commensurate with experience level. Contact Bob Lively at 815-385-0635, or at rbl35@juno.com

Irrigation technician wanted: Heritage Bluffs Golf Club in Channahon is accepting applications for this position. Salary range is \$23,000 to \$26,000 and includes a benefit package. Interested parties contact Chuck Anfield at 815-467-1665.

- Strive for self-improvement through constant self-evaluation.
- Enthusiasm, fairness, moral and physical courage are the four most important aspects of leadership.
- The essence of leadership is integrity, loyalty, caring for your people and doing the honorable thing.
- Have consideration of others.
- Food is very important.
- Showmanship is a vital technique of leadership.
- Never be satisfied; how can it be done better? Strive to do small things well.
- Don't over-inspect or over-supervise.
- The harder they work, the more they brag.
- Keep troops informed; tell them what, how and why. It builds confidence.
- Maintain discipline and command respect.
- Give encouragement. Be diplomatic.
- The ability to speak and write well are two essential tools.
- There is a salient difference between profanity and obscenity.
- Yelling distracts from your dignity; take it aside.
- Stay calm and show little emotion in distress.
- Don't cry to staff. Be a resolute island in all the insanity.
- An organization does well only those things the boss checks.
- Stay ahead of your boss. Your boss is always right.
- Discuss and argue your point of view until a decision is made and then support the whole decision heartedly.
- Learn it right and you'll do it right the rest of your life. Learn it wrong and you'll spend the rest of your life learning how to do it right.
- Morale is a state of mind. It is steadfastness, courage, hope, confidence, zeal, determination and loyalty.

Esprit de corps . . . 

somebody from Purdue University. I would like to run some seminars that are funded by the MAGCS: Spanish classes in the fall and a CPR class with training on defibrillators in the spring. Next January (2002), we'll be able to partake of two GCSAA seminars, one on drainage and the other on lake and aquatic management. We had a really good turnout for the March session and would like to repeat this next year.

Medinah C.C. will once again host the Midwest Turf Clinic on November 7, and by now you should all surmise what the theme will be: our 75th anniversary. Just a quick synopsis of the event (nothing is set in stone): a history of the MAGCS, evolution of equipment, statesmen

and mentors, keynote speaker, history of the *Bull Sheet/On Course*, science/ research speaker, and our Association's future.

Also, we are working on compiling a "Midwest Family Tree." Brad Anderson of Midlane C.C. brought this idea, originally conceived by Mr. Bob Williams, to my attention. You should already have received the flyers on this particular topic. The form is pretty self-explanatory; the top section is rather easy and focuses on your club, the bottom section will require you to do some digging. Ask members and long-time employees for information on past superintendents. Try to get accurate dates and spelling of names. Then mail or fax these forms to George Minnis, Brad

Anderson or myself. We will compile the forms, sort them and put them into some kind of binder. Every seven to ten years, we'll update the list. If you have any questions, please feel free to call any of us mentioned above.

I certainly hope you all come to at least one monthly meeting to enjoy the gorgeous golf course, the great food and spirits, and the lovely beverage ladies; may the educational speakers get your undivided attention, too! If anybody has any ideas for education programs or wants to speak at a monthly meeting, please contact me. Enjoy your season! 