Bull Sheet

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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 6 — J.W. Turf Annual Consignment Sale Auction in Hampshire, Illinois. More details below. Call for details, or if you received this after the 6th, call to see how it was. May 7 — ITF Combined Golf Day at Kishwaukee Country Club, Phil Zeinert, CGCS host. May 10 - Annual Pro-Superintendent Tournamentlocation unknown, but bring a pro. June 11 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Point O Woods Golf & Country Club, Ron Fox host. July 2 - MAGCS monthly meeting at Orchard Valley Golf Course, Jim McNair, CGCS host.

For starters, we have some movement to report: Les Rutan, formerly of Beverly C.C., has accepted the vacancy left by Tom Brodeur at Crystal Tree C.C. Vince Dodge, CGCS has crossed the street to fill the large shoes left by Gene Thompson at Indian Lakes Resort, while Ben Exline, former assistant superintendent at Nordic Hills G.C., has taken the reins from Vince. Last but not least, Parin Schmidt is the new superintendent at Naperbrook G.C. Congratulations and best of luck to all these gentlemen in their new positions.

"Where does our money go?" If you've ever pondered this question with regards to the dues we MAGCS members pay, Dudley Smith of Silver Lake C.C. offers the following description of one of the many charitable contributions MAGCS makes: The MAGCS annually supports the Musser International Turf Foundation. Dudley, Mike Bavier, CGCS of Inverness G.C. and Bruce Williams, CGCS of Los Angeles C.C. are directors of this organization. This year, the 2001 Musser Award of Excellence was given to Stacy Bonos. Stacy received her M.S. degree from Rutgers University and her B.S. in biology from Gettysburg (PA). She also was a student of our own Dr. Bill Meyer, whose brother Dave and father Tony are longtime MAGCS members. Miss Bonos' study on developing varieties of creeping bentgrasses immune to dollar-spot disease

earned her the \$18,000 prize awarded annually. Stacy will pursue a career in turfgrass management teaching. Congratulations to Stacy, and thanks to Dudley for the important information.

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This aside was provided by a MAGCS member who's a CGCS, works in Elmhurst at a country club with many Rivers and Forests, flies a plane, skis, whitewater-rafts, skydives, bungee jumps and was a past president of this Association who wishes to remain anonymous: "During recent course renovations, we needed to restrict carts on ONE of the holes we were working on. We placed no fewer than 12 "KEEP CARTS ON PATH" signs all along the second hole. After witnessing group after group of members driving right down the middle of the fairway, I began to interview them to hear their lame excuses. Here they are: #5 - I cut over before the first sign.

#4 – You need to put out bigger signs.

#3 – You should put up ropes. (continued on page 33)

The MAGCS March meeting was held on the 20th at Schaumburg Golf Club with **Nick Hongisto** hosting over 70 members. The education portion featured a dynamic presentation by Mike Jousan of Clear Communication Company titled, "Don't Let the Messenger They Shoot Be You!" The hands-on session provided invaluable pointers for mastering the art of communication. MAGCS sends a warm thank-you to Nick and the fine folks at Schaumburg G.C.



Mike—not Bob Barker and not Marcus Welby—Jousan entertains and informs at Schaumburg Golf Club.



Host Nick Hongisto (L) receives the customary symbol of our thanks from Kevin DeRoo of Bartlett Hills G.C.

Although this item is a tad dated, I'd be remiss not to mention the gala bon voyage party held in honor of retired superintendent **Dan Quast, CGCS** at Bartlett Hills G.C. on February 24. Most of Dan's former students were in attendance, along with a host of other well-wishers. The evening was the prefect way to say so long and thanks to the honored guest.

> The man of honor demonstrates how big the muskies get up in Wisconsin.

and Pam Turner.



Many of Dan's former and current pupils showed up to honor their teacher.



The MAGCS First Family: Brian Bossert, CGCS with wife Pam and daughter Bailey Lee.



Chad Ball, CGCS of Conway Farms G.C. (L) with Wayne Otto.



Kevin DeRoo (L) of Bartlett Hills G.C., John Turner of Bayer Corp. and Joel Purpur, CGCS of River Forest C.C. mug for the camera.



John Meyer (L) of Simplot Partners and Dave Radaj of Green Acres C.C. #2 – I didn't know that was in effect TODAY. And the #1 response was . . .

there isn't a path near my ball.

Although the critics at GCSAA may not think much of the name, "Bull Sheet" has its proponents as well. **Ed Braunsky, CGCS** of Geneva G.C. sent this press sheet from a recent Bulls game he attended (I only hope the tickets were freebies) that bears the great name of this very column. Imitation IS the sincerest form of flattery, so thank you Mr. Reinsdorf. Hopefully, **Bob Williams** received royalties for sharing his Bull Sheet name with Da Bulls.



This from Sleeping Bear Press: Ann Arbor Press announces the publication of three new books of high interest to members of the golf course maintenance industry. The Color Atlas of Turfarass Weeds by best-selling authors McCarty, Everest, Hall, Murphy and Yelverton; Turfgrass Maintenance Reduction Handbook by Doug Brede; and Golf Greens and Green-Keeping by Horace G. Hutchinson are available through Sleeping Bear Press.

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Congratulations to **Scott Speiden** of Itasca C.C. on becoming certified with the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System, and for the fine write-up in the March 19 *Chicago Tribune* by Lynn Van Matre.

It is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye to **John Buck** of J.W. Turf. John passed away on March 26 after an extremely difficult battle with cancer. MAGCS sends its deepest sympathies to the family and MANY friends of John.

This in from Big Sky country where Fred Opperman, former editor of this very magazine, is keeping close tabs on us city folk: Don Gerber, formerly of Chicago Golf Club, called Fred to inform him that his father, Ray Gerber (another former editor of this magazine, and the man who inspired the Ray Gerber Editorial Award given each year to the superintendent who writes the best article published in On Course), will be inducted into the IPGA's Illinois Golf Hall of Fame on October 12 at the new headquarters at the Glen Club (Tom Prichard superintendent). Ray will join some very elite company, and will be one of only two superintendents to hold the honor (the other being Bob Williams, formerly of Bob O'Link G.C.). Three other men will be inducted at the same ceremony-Tommy Armour, Bill Shean and D. A. Weibring. Don Gerber will accept the honor on his father's behalf. Congratulations to the entire Gerber family on this auspicious occasion.

Congratulations to **Russ Stachlewitz** (formerly of Prestbury G.C.) and his longtime significant other Jenny Dalton on their recent engagement. The couple is planning a July, 2002 wedding. I suppose this would be an appropriate juncture to congratulate myself on my own recent knot-tying—putting it in print makes it seem so official! My bride Julie and I were accompanied by **Shane Kissack** of Riverside C.C. and his fiance Jill (not Beth) Einfeldt, and **Mike Mumper** of Park Ridge C.C. at the Flamingo in Las Vegas on March 16 (which, coincidentally, happened to be during the height of March Madness). One thing I can attest to: Marital bliss makes one place very stupid wagers.



Mike Mumper, Julie and John Gurke, Shane Kissack and Jill Einfeldt share a post-wedding toast before heading back to the Sports Book for the evening games.



Mike Mumper shares an intimate moment with his "date" after the ceremony.

ON THE BLOCK ...

John Otis of Mission Hills C.C. has ABCH-registered border collie pups for sale. Call John at 847-498-3212 for details.

Ray Schmitz, CGCS of Flossmoor C.C. has the following items for sale: 1986 Toro Sand Pro in fair condition; 1985 Jacobsen HF-5 in fair condition—buy one, get another one free; 1994 Terra Topper in good condition; 1986 Dedoes 4' aerator in poor condition; and a Ryan topdresser for Cushman with PTO in good condition. Call Ray at 708-798-4700, ext. 241, for details.Mark Stephan at Rob Roy G.C. has the following items for sale: 1986 Terra 200 with electric lift in almostnew condition; and a 1993 Turfco Meter Matic II 22-cubic foot capacity, tow-behind unit in excellent condition. Call Mark at 847-253-2552 or e-mail him at markrobrov@juno.com. Finally, with spring upon us and the new season underway, this bit of wisdom from Jack Benny: "Give me golf clubs, fresh air and a beautiful partner, and you can keep my golf clubs and the fresh air."

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