

# the Bull Sheet

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

November 7 — 49th Annual MAGCS Turf Clinic and Annual Meeting at Medinah Country Club, **Tom Lively, CGCS** host.

November 4-16 — “Management Skills for the New or Prospective Manager” seminars. These are two-day seminars offered by SkillPath in the following locations: Arlington Heights, Chicago, Schaumburg, Naperville, Oak Brook and Oak Lawn. Call 1-800-873-7545 for details.

November 13-14 — 36th Annual Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium dedicated to the memory of O. J. Noer at the American Club in Kohler, Wisconsin.

November 27-29 — North Central Turfgrass Exposition at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, Illinois.

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

Don't forget that November 7 is the 49th Annual MAGCS Turf Clinic and Annual Meeting at Medinah Country Club. Education director Gary Hearn has a great day chock-full o' entertaining and informative speakers, and we know

what to expect from the excellent staff at Medinah as far as hospitality goes. This will also be your chance to help decide who will run your Association by voting in the election and letting your voice be heard. Be there or be blowing out your irrigation systems . . .

A fine golf event—the 2001 John Deere Team Championship—took place on September 24 at Boulder Ridge Country Club with **Paul Wagner** serving as host. Results of this year's event from 1st to 10th place were as follows: Lake View G.C. (57); Midlothian C.C. (58); Orchard Valley G.C. (59); Inverness C.C. (59); Oak Club of Genoa (61); Bryn Mawr C.C. (61); Green Acres C.C. (62); Glen Oak C.C. (62); White Deer Run (62); and Crystal Lake C.C. (62). Congratulations to all teams who took some greenery home, and to their wives and significant others who spent it.

As long as we're on the subject, there was yet ANOTHER golf event in the recent past—the First Annual MAGCS Scholarship Fundraiser held October 1 at Geneva Golf Club. Host **Eddie Braunsky, CGCS** (a.k.a. Basamid Boy) put on a great show for all in attendance (including his schtick during intros and prize-giving). The cause raised over \$2,800 for our scholarship fund, ensuring that future winners will not have their checks bounce. Aside from the money generated by the registration fee, the betting hole raised \$260, and \$200 was donated by the Turf Equipment Technicians Association (TETA). Big thanks to the many sponsors who donated the prizes, carts, food and drink;

and to the people at Geneva Golf Club for the use of their beautiful facility. By the way, Geneva and Eddie, along with longtime MAGCS member and past superintendent **Albie Staudt**, were featured in *Golf Course Management's* “Back Nine” segment in its October 2001 issue. The article, titled “A Diamond in the Rough,” focused on the family-type environment at Geneva G.C., and even made Eddie look good. Those who played in the fundraiser can attest that, although no diamonds were found, MANY golf balls did find their way into that now-famous rough.



Ed Braunsky models one of the MANY fine prizes given out at the fundraiser.

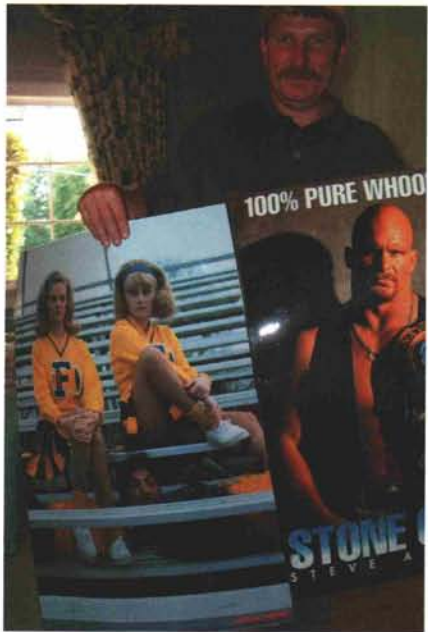


Brian Bossert accepts TETA's contribution of \$200 from Tim Johnson.

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Don Ferreri and Ed Braunsky yuk it up. Don's daughter Brenda was one of this year's scholarship winners.



Mark Gilmour was a big winner.



Shane Kissack's new bride bears a scary resemblance to Paul Yerkes in certain lighting . . .

Finally, a couple more notes of congratulations go out to some deserving MAGCS members: **Shane Kissack** of Riverside Country Club was finally married to his longtime sweetheart Jill Einfeldt on September 22 in Baroda, Michigan. The ceremony took place at a local winery, and the table of MAGCS members in attendance did its best to run the joint out of stock. Also, **Ryan (Brock) Burton**, assistant superintendent at Skokie Country Club, and his wife, Carrie, welcomed their first child into the world on September 20. Mason (a boy) weighed in at 7 lb., 13 oz. Great news for both gentlemen and their spouses.

Another local course whose superintendent and architect are longtime MAGCS members was featured in the press recently—*Chicagoland Golf* had a great write-up on Phillips Park G.C. and the fine work architect **Greg Martin** and superintendent **Lynn Wesson** have done to give the old muni course a fresh new look. Check it out in the September issue.

Looks like **Tom Lively**, CGCS of Medinah Country Club will have his hands full next fall. Medinah's No. 3 course will undergo a \$3.5 million renovation, including a new irrigation system, repositioning and deepening of bunkers, and seven new green surfaces including the moving of no. 17 green back down by the water and to the right. Rees Jones is the architect who will oversee the project, which will begin in July of next year. Good luck with the exciting project, Tom—the PGA is only five years away!

This was passed along to me by a military person, and it has some eerily strange similarities to our own profession. If you substitute "assistant" for "lieutenant," "superintendent" for "colonel," and "cart" for "jeep," you'll see what I mean: During training exercises, the lieutenant driving down a muddy road encountered another car stuck in the mud with a red-faced colonel at the wheel. "Your jeep stuck in the mud, sir?" asked the lieutenant as he pulled alongside. "Nope," replied the colonel, coming over and handing him the keys, "Yours is."

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Cary Country Club has the following equipment for sale: 1988 Toro Sand Pro 14 with three-year-old Kohler 14 HP motor—\$600. Two (2) 1995 National 84 Triplexes with anti-scalping reels (needs starter)—\$1,200 apiece or both for \$1,600. Call **Dean Tomaselli** at 847-639-2545 for details.

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Blackberry Oaks Golf Course has a 1992 Befco 15-foot PTO Cyclone Flex mower for sale for \$500. Call **Steve Holich** at 630-553-5106 for details.

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Aurora Country Club is looking for two Toro Series IV greens mowers (topdressing mowers) in decent condition and a set of Jacobsen Greens King cutting units in working condition (same use). Call **John Gurke** at 630-892-3600 if you want to get rid of your junk.



Host Mark Bobb is noticeably thrilled to receive his framed On Course from Mike Mumper.



Our annual tournament winners are: back row, L to R, Don Cross, Steve Van Acker, Dave Louttit and Dave Mayzel. Front row, L to R, Ted Fist and Tim Scott.



Dan Golden of Barrington Hills with Patti Thorson of Illinois Lawn and Old Glory.



Ed Fischer, Dave Kohley, Dave Blomquist and Chuck Anfield comprised the "woulda shoulda coulda" foursome.



Randy Wahler, Tim Scott, Bob Kronn and Al Pondel comprised a tough foursome.



Wally Fuchs shows off his Tiger Woods form and his Stevie Wonder eyesight—no, this was NOT a practice swing . . .

September's MAGCS monthly meeting and annual championship was held on the 17th at Barrington Hills Country Club with **Mark Bobb** acting as our gracious host. The golf course, service and amenities were wonderful, thanks to Mark and the folks at BHCC, and the tournament brought out the best in everyone who competed. Results of this year's tournament are as follows: Championship Flight—**Tim Scott**, CGCS (Stony Creek G.C.) and **Al Pondel**, CGCS (Rockford C.C.) with 74. First Flight—**Ted Fist** (Wynstone G.C.) gross with 75 and Mark Bobb net with 68. Second Flight—**Steve Van Acker**, CGCS (Crystal Lake C.C.) gross with 85 and **Brad Johnsen** (Klein Creek G.C.) net with 66. Third Flight—**Don Cross**, CGCS (Skokie C.C.) gross with 100 (yeesh!) and **Hans Hoppman** net with 69. Commercial A Flight—**Dave Mayzel** (Eagle One) gross with 84 and **Dave Nadler** (Nadler Golf Car Sales) net with 77. Commercial B Flight—**Dave Louttit** (The Andersons) gross with 84 and **Jim Trzinski** (Waupaca Sand and Solutions) net with 70. Individual hole prizes were awarded to Dave Nadler for his longest putt of 65 feet, **Eric Foerster** (Simplot Partners) for closest to the pin and Ted Fist for longest drive. Congratulations to all competitors, and many thanks to Mark Bobb and the staff at Barrington Hills for a great day.

