

# the Bull Sheet

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

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 17 — MAGCS monthly meeting and Annual Championship at Barrington Hills Country Club, **Mark Bobb** host.

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

September 24 – November 16 — Penn State Turfgrass and Agricultural Equipment Service Technicians Certificate Program at Penn State University, University Park, PA.

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.

October 17 — ITF Fall Golf Day and MAGCS College Team Championship at Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park, IL, **Dudley Smith** host.

First and foremost, an apology from your contributing editor (me): The cardinal rule of journalism involving checking one's resources before going to print was broken when it was reported in the August issue that **Dave Groelle** was the new superintendent at Kemper Lakes. **Dan Tully**, formerly of White Hawk Country Club, is the one to be congratulated on taking over at Kemper. My sincere apologies to both gentlemen for the error. Good luck in your new position, Dan.

**Mike Mumper, CGCS** at Park Ridge Country Club has been very busy lately. The club is undergoing a minor renovation, including the gassing and regrassing of greens and fairways. Methyl bromide was used on greens (after some eleventh-hour negotiations with the city regarding its use), and Basimid was the choice for fairway death (while I used the less-expensive July/August method to accomplish this). Greens will be regrassed with L 93, and fairways with Penneagle. Good luck with the project, Mike.

The hit-and-miss severe storms of early August, which ushered in a break from the stifling heat wave, did not miss MAGCS member **Brian Baker** of Simplot Partners. While driving in Naperville, Brian's truck was fairly well crushed by a large falling limb to the tune of about \$9,000. Brian came out of the ordeal like a James Bond martini—shaken, not stirred—but his truck, which was probably loaded down with Banol and seed, did not fare as well. Look for Brian and his new vehicle at a shop near you soon.

Past MAGCS president **Don Ferreri** of Seven Bridges Golf Club is a local celebrity. Don was recently seen on CLTV's "Golf Extra" getting the word out about our recent weather difficulties and how they have affected conditions in the greater Chicago area. The alert viewer may have noticed another MAGCS member making an "appearance" on the show—Brian from Evanston—who called in to ask about hand-watering. Could that have been **Brian Bossert**? Great job on informing the people who use our facilities of the many trials and tribulations we encounter, Don.

Speaking of public relations, GCSAA recently sent out very heavy boxes of complimentary booklets titled, "Get a Grip!"—a *Reader's Digest*-esque condensed version of the book by the same name. The booklet is a collection of golf jokes and anecdotes ("In golf, some people tend to get confused with all the numbers—they shoot a six, yell 'fore,' and write five." and "If you have regripped your golf ball retriever more than once, you might question if this game is really for you" are but a couple of the ditties) with an introduction from Tommy Witt, CGCS, president of GCSAA and Jack Connelly, president of the PGA of America. These booklets are a big hit in the pro shop where they are given out to anyone desiring a copy—nice touch by GCSAA. (I wonder what it cost to mail all these things out?)

Congratulations also to **Steve Cook, CGCS** of Oakland Hills C.C. in Michigan, who recently attained the title of Master Greenkeeper through the British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association (BIGGA). Steve is one of only 12 Americans to hold the prestigious title (at the time of this writing, and according to BIGGA's Web site).

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The August issue of *Golfdom* could not have been more timely, with the cover story titled, "Skin Cancer Can Kill." Remember to use that sunscreen and wear a hat—the sun is NOT our friend when it's 90-degrees-plus and we are dragging hoses around our courses for hours on end. Does *Poa annua* die from skin cancer, and would spraying SPF-30 keep it alive?

The August 3rd issue of *Golfweek's Superintendent News* had a fine tribute to **Tod Hoppman** written by Jim Capek, the general manager of Elgin Country Club. For that kind of friendship to develop between the two is further evidence of what a great guy Tod was.

Once again, *On Course* articles have been reprinted in another association's newsletter: **Peter Vandercook's** insight from our July issue, "The Secret World of the Night Water Man," and **Henry Michna, CGCS's** article, "Morale and Leadership: Buzzwords for the 21st Century" from our June issue were both featured in *The Green Breeze*, the official publication of the Greater Cincinnati Golf Course Superintendents Association. Congratulations, Peter and Henry.

Arthur Clesen, Inc. is seeking a golf course service technician. This position involves custom-application of fertilizers and pesticides to golf courses in the Chicago metro and northwest Indiana areas. The qualified candidate will have the ability to drive a tandem-axle truck pulling a trailer and state-of-the-art truck-mounted granular spreader. An associate's degree in agronomy or turf management is preferred. For more information on the position, salary and benefits, call Arthur Clesen at 847-537-2177 and submit a resume to Arthur



L to R: Hosts Dave Braasch and Dave Meyer with sponsors Holly and Mark Gilmour made the day a huge success.

The 1st Annual John Buck Memorial Open, held on August 14 at Hughes Creek Golf Club (**Dave Braasch** and **Dave Meyer** hosts), is in the books, and proceeds from the event will benefit two scholarship funds: one, the MAGCS Scholarship Fund, thereby enabling the awarding of a third MAGCS scholarship to a son or daughter of a MAGCS member, and two, an agriculture-related foundation's fund. This event promises to get bigger each year and honors our great friend John Buck.

Clesen, Inc., Attn: Patti Lemus, 543 Diens Drive, Wheeling, IL 60090.

Assistant position wanted: Tony Bullis, a Class A superintendent from Florida and nine-year GCSAA member, is relocating to Lisle, IL, where he would like to remain in the business and learn about northern grasses. Tony can be reached at 630-637-0108 if you are interested. Any assistance he might get would be greatly appreciated.

Assistant superintendent wanted: Sunset Ridge Country Club is

seeking a qualified assistant superintendent to start in the fall of this year. Requirements include a two- or four-year degree or certification in turfgrass management/agronomy, two years' maintenance experience, computerized irrigation skills and ability to obtain Illinois State Pesticide License. For more information, contact Dennis Wilson, golf course superintendent, at 847-466-5268, or send resume to Sunset Ridge C.C., 2100 Sunset Ridge Road, Northfield, IL 60093, Attn: Dennis Wilson.