

the Bull Sheet

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DATES TO REMEMBER

August 1 — 2002 University of Illinois Turfgrass and Landscape Field Day at the Landscape Horticulture Research Center and Hartley Selection Gardens in Urbana, IL.

August 5-7 — 53rd Illinois Open at The Glen Club in Glenview, IL, **Tom Prichard** host.

August 5-11 — Buy.com Tour's LaSalle Bank Open at Kemper Lakes Golf Course, **Dan Tully** host.

August 7 — Illinois Landscape Contractors Association's 41st Annual Summer Field Day in Hampshire, IL. Host for the day is Wilson Nurseries, Inc. and Wilson Nursery Supply, Inc.

August 17 — MAGCS Kane County Cougars Family Picnic at Elfstrom Field in Geneva, IL.

August 26 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Green Acres Country Club, **Dave Radaj**, CGCS host.

September 24 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Pine Meadow Country Club, **Tom Savage** host.

October 7-December 13 — The Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School's Two-Year Certificate Program at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ. Call 732-932-9271 for info.

I don't mean to sound like a broken record in each August issue, but **Ken Lapp**, his staff and everyone at Cog Hill Country Club just keep outdoing themselves. The Advil Western Open was held on the venerable Dubsdread course once again (July 4-7), and once again the

course was in magnificent condition, despite Mother Nature's interference. Thank you, Ken and crew, for another fine advertisement to the golf world on how to prepare a course for tournament play. Now cut it out—our golfers are wondering why they can't have a course like that . . .

The MAGCS Kane County Cougars Family Picnic is just around the corner, and you really shouldn't miss it. This is the perfect opportunity to pay your family back for all the time you've been away (or asleep) this summer. The picnic starts at 4:00 p.m. on August 17, and game time is at 7:00. The kids love it, it's cheap (\$15 a pop, which includes ticket, games for the munchkins, food and all kinds of other good stuff). Call **Kevin DeRoo** before the 10th at 630-483-4991 to get in on

the fun. See you there!

I know—you're reading this after the fact, but the U of I Turfgrass and Landscape Field Day on August 1 has something for everyone. Not only can you catch up on current research, not only can you speak with the U of I horticulturists, educators, plant pathologists and entomologists about your turf and landscape issues, not only can you have coffee, doughnuts, a barbecue lunch and a walk through the trade show, but you can participate in the Interactive Turf Web site's computer session where you will have your own computer work station and learn the ins and outs of the system. Highlights include analysis of pest bulletins, weather/pest database, pest alerts, pest newsletter and sponsored research. Check out www.interactive.com for more details, or give Lee Miller at the CDGA a call at 630-257-2005, ext. 111, to find out what you missed.

This just in from **Tim Anderson**, our Membership Director—from now until September 30, the MAGCS is offering Class C memberships at a pro-rated

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A few select MAGCS members were lucky enough to have been invited to the wedding of **Russ Stachlewitz** and **Jenny Dalton** on July 6 in beautiful Mendota, Illinois (which is just west of Earlville, which is just west of Somonauk, which is just west of Sandwich, which is just west of Plano, which is just west of Yorkville—in other words, it's not quite Iowa, but real close). Russ is currently teaching turf management at the Southeast Technical Institute in Sioux Falls, SD, and remains a loyal MAGCS member (because he was given a free ride as a member of academia). **Paul Yerkes**, **Dave Braasch**, **Todd Schmitz**, **John Gurke** and spouses were treated to a very nice day that included nine holes at the much-ballyhooed Earlville Country Club. Congratulations, Russ and Jenny.



L to R: **Todd and Tina Schmitz**, **Dave Braasch**, **Jenny and Russ Stachlewitz**, **John Gurke** (behind the bride and groom), **Julie Gurke**, **Tiffany and Paul Yerkes**.

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cost of only \$40. After this date, it will go back to its annual standard dues of \$80. The offer is designed to expand participation of assistant superintendents within the Association. We currently have 300 Class A and B members, but only 95 Class C (assistant superintendent) members. Now is your chance to sign up your assistant as a member of this great Association for the cost of a dozen golf balls. There is so much to be gained for so little investment, so let's get with it! Call Tim or George Minnis for more details—their numbers are in the MEMBERSHIP directory (which your assistant will receive once you make the call).

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 Congratulations to **Rodney Riech**, formerly of Panther Creek Country Club, who has taken the second assistant's position at Bryn Mawr Country Club under the tutelage of **Brian Bossert, CGCS**. Rodney replaces Damon Soderberg, who is now the assistant superintendent at Milwaukee Country Club. Welcome to Chicago, Rodney.

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 Those of you who have been on the MAGCS Web site recently may have heard this tragic news—two employees of the Hawks View Golf Course in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin (Jim Moore superintendent) lost their lives in an accident while performing pond maintenance when their canoe capsized. Think about your own crew, and how easily something like this can happen on any given day, and please help out if you can. **Dan Quast** has offered to administer an account at the M & I Bank in Juneau under the heading

“Hawks View Fund,” and donations can be sent to Dan in care of the O. J. Noer Research Foundation at P.O. Box 94, Juneau, WI 53039.

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 Congratulations to former MAGCS member **Terry Dillner, CGCS** of Arbor Hills C.C. in Jackson, MI on successfully completing the GCSAA's Environmental Management Program. Terry was formerly superintendent at Woodmar C.C.

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 Also congrats to **Bob Lively** on his big move from McHenry Country Club to Flossmoor Country Club this past July 15. Bob replaces living legend (and hard-working German) **Ray Schmitz**, who will now finally get to settle down and enjoy the retirement thing. **Bill Humphres**, formerly Bob's assistant at McHenry, is now the big cheese there. Good luck and best wishes to all three of these gentlemen.

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 Anyone interested in volunteering to assist **Dave Ward, CGCS** and Olympia Fields Country Club during next year's U. S. Open tournament should drop Dave a line. The seven-day commitment from June 8-14 will surely be well worth it in experience gained in major tournament preparation under a guru such as Dave. Reach Dave via e-mail at ofcc-supt@aol.com or write him at OFCC, 2800 Country Club Drive, Olympia Fields, IL 60461.

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