

# the Bull Sheet

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

December 3-5 — 19th Annual North Central Turfgrass Exposition (NCTE) at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL.

December 9-10 — GCSAA Education Seminar "Spanish for the Golf Course Superintendent" at the Ramada Suites-Rockford Conference Center in Rockford, IL. More details follow.

January 12-16 — National Institute of Golf Management at the Oglebay Resort & Conference Center in Wheeling, Almost-Heaven-West Virginia.

January 14 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Arrowhead Golf Club, Robert Breen host.

January 15-17 — Mid-America Horticultural Trade Show, Navy Pier, Chicago.

February 10-15 — GCSAA's International Golf Course Conference and Show in Atlanta, Georgia. Stay tuned for the most important date—the MAGCS hospitality suite!

March 12-13 — Reinders Turf Conference at the Waukesha Expo Center in Waukesha, WI (suburban Milwaukee). More details will be available in upcoming issues, but for information you can call 262-786-3301, ext. 243.

The two-day GCSAA seminar "Spanish for the Golf Course Superintendent" will be held on December 9 and 10 in Rockford beginning at 8:00 a.m. each day. Arturo Castro, a familiar name to many MAGCS members, will conduct this valuable program for those

superintendents who work with Spanish-speaking staff but have difficulty communicating with them. Contact GCSAA's Service Center at 800-472-7878 for registration and information.

By the way, as was mentioned last month in this column, GCSAA has sent out little green postcards to all members for the purpose of reviewing and verifying their voting status. Hopefully, you actually looked at it—mine (along with about 6,000 others) had me voting with the Alabama Superintendents Association!

The 2nd Annual MAGCS Scholarship Outing was held at Salt Creek Golf Course (Gary Hearn host) on October 15. Twenty-two golfers attended the event, which raised \$700 for this very worthy cause. Jeff Smith from Springbrook G.C. took the honors with a 62, and all

competitors were within 9 strokes of his benchmark. Everyone who participated left with an armload of gifts, thanks to the generous sponsors. Thanks to Gary and the staff at Salt Creek for hosting the day—we are looking for a host for next year's event! If you are interested in having the Scholarship Outing at your course, contact Gary Hearn at 630-773-4790.

News from north of the border (or the Cheese Curtain, as Dave Braasch so eloquently puts it): Wayne Otto, CGCS—a Wisconsin legend and friend to many MAGCS members—is retiring after 30 years of caring for Ozaukee Country Club in Mequon, WI. If you see this, Wayne, best of luck to you and your family with your newfound freedom.

Didn't think I'd have to do this again, but please be respectful of our speakers during seminars and TURN OFF CELL PHONES AND PAGERS!

For those of you who like to keep in touch with old friends, I have a new address for Fred and Judy Opperman (Fred being the poster

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News from Ed Fischer, CGCS of Old Elm Club—Ed recently was invited on a trip to Augusta National for a two-day golf junket. Now this was no ordinary trip to Augusta—the group flew down in a private jet and stayed on the hallowed grounds in one of those cute cottages they have over there. Ed had the opportunity to describe his experience during the MAGCS election (until Don Cross rudely interrupted him), which included playing the par-3 course, and the real deal from both the members' tees AND the Masters tees. In his usual manner of overstating everything, Ed said, "It was cool."



After hitting out of the woods several times, Eddie Fischer stands in "Position A" on the 10th fairway at Augusta National.

boy for "OLD friend")—although they have not moved, their address is now 389 Starling Drive, Bozeman, Montana 59718-9559. Drop them a line sometime—Fred loves to keep abreast of the goings-on in our neck of the woods.

As most of you are already aware, **Brian Green, CGCS** of Sunset Valley G.C. and his wife Mary recently suffered the tragic and unexpected loss of their daughter Jeni, who had been living in the Seattle, Washington area. Adding to the horrible nature of this loss is the fact that Jeni left behind two young boys aged 5 and 8 who will be raised by Brian and Mary. Please include the Green family in your prayers, and do whatever you can to help them through this terrible ordeal. A fund has been set up for the grandchildren of Brian and Mary Green, and donations are welcome. You can send donations to: Jeni's Kids, c/o Vince Donofrio, First Bank of Highland Park, 1833 First Street, Highland Park, IL 60035.

Some more sad news: Nels Johnson, founder of Nels Johnson Tree Experts, passed away on November 8. Our condolences to Karl and **Joel Johnson**, and the entire Johnson family, on this loss. Please see our January 2003 issue for an extended tribute.

This just in: Nobody new has joined Chicagoland Turf.

Some great news was received by **Dudley Smith**, the retired superintendent of Silver Lake Country Club—Dudley fielded a call from Mike Wallace (who, he figured out after several moments of brain-racking, is NOT the "60 Minutes" guy, but the president of GCSAA) informing him that he'd been chosen as the winner of the Distinguished Service Award for 2002. The announcement and obligatory acceptance speech will be made in February in Atlanta during the International Golf Course Conference and Show, and couldn't have happened to a nicer guy. Heartfelt congratulations to Dud on this crowning achievement in a career filled with . . . well . . . crowning achievements!

## Fall Dinner Dance Shines

On October 19th, the Annual Fall Dinner Dance was held at Bryn Mawr Country Club, with **Brian** and a VERY pregnant Pam **Bossert** hosting. The event, as usual, was a smashing success (some getting more smashed than others), with excellent food, drink, service, music and fun abounding. Big MAGCS thanks go out to **Dave** and **Debbie Nadler** of Nadler Golf Car Sales for again picking up the bar tab (which had to be large), and to all the fine folks at Bryn Mawr for the wonderful evening. If you haven't taken the opportunity to attend a dinner dance, you really should. Not only is it a great deal, with dinner, drinks, entertainment and friendly company for a low price, it's a great opportunity to pay your significant other back for a long summer of being absent by taking them out for a night of fun. It's also a nice treat to bestow upon your long-suffering assistant and his or her spouse—get 'em out of the house and on the dance floor! Watch for notices of next year's event in upcoming issues.



*The Murphys, Jennings, Rick Jacobsons, DeRoos and Pedersens.*



*The Strojny, Behnkes (Fred's wife looks a lot like a contributing editor), Wittes and Scott Kellys.*



*The Hollers, Drendels and Copersmets.*

*The Evans, Brad Andersons, Kevin Knudson and Kelly Schroeder, and Kerry Anderson with Sally Staun.*



*The Purpurs, Tim Andersons and John Maksymius (say it like it's spelled).*

*Julie Olszowka with Brian Widmer, the Brian Bosserts, Gloria and Bruce Bossert with Alison Graham and Rodney Reich.*



*The dancin' fool Gomoroys with Jim Evans, the Baviers with Kevin DeRoo, the Zolmans and the Dudley Smiths.*



*Joel Purpur keeps an eye on Catherine Anderson while husband Dan was "busy."*



*Tim and Linda Anderson share a slow dance.*