

# the Bull Sheet

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

February 3-10 — GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show in Orlando, FL.

February 5-28 — Turf Professionals Equipment Company (formerly Chicago Turf & Irrigation) Technical Training Schools for Turf Equipment and Golf Course Irrigation in Itasca, IL. More details below.

February 19 & 20 — 20th Annual Southern Illinois Grounds Maintenance School in Collinsville, IL. More info below.

February 25-March 1 — Indiana-Illinois Turfgrass Short Course in Willowbrook, IL. More info below.

February 28 — J.W. Turf's John Deere Service School. Location and information still to come.

As mentioned in Dates to Remember, the 20th Annual Southern Illinois Grounds Maintenance School will be held on the 19th and 20th of this month at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville, IL. GCSAA will offer 0.9 PDUs toward certification renewal for participation in this seminar, which includes a full day (Wednesday) of classes taught in Spanish. Obtain registration information by calling 618-236-8600, or by filling out the form you got in the mail that I'm reading from right now—the yellow one.

Turf Professionals Equipment Company will be offering one-day technical training schools throughout this month for the following topics: February 5, 6 and 7—Groundmaster 580D Series. February 26, 27 and 28—Reelmaster

5000. February 12, 13 and 14—Site Pro programming and utilization. February 19, 20 and 21—Field hardware troubleshooting. Classes are limited to 20 participants, and reservations can be made by calling 630-773-5583 for turf equipment classes and 630-773-5467 for irrigation classes.

Also noted in Dates to Remember is the week-long Indiana-Illinois Turfgrass Short Course from February 25 through March 1 at the Holiday Inn in Willowbrook, IL. This annual school is intended for people who are currently employed or are considering employment in the turfgrass industry. Obtain registration and information by calling Bev Bratton at 765-494-8039 or Tom Voigt at 217-333-7847; or you can fill out another form you got in the mail that I once again am reading from—the blue one.

One of MAGCS's very own board members has defected to the land of milk and cheese—**Dave "Junior" Braasch**, formerly of Hughes Creek Golf Club, has accepted the golf course superintendent's position at the Glen Erin Golf Club in Janesville, WI. Glen Erin is a links-style course designed by another MAGCS member—**Greg Martin**—and is currently under construction adjacent to the bustling Janesville airport. We all wish Dave good luck in his new endeavor, and may he stay warm while his shop is being built. Congratulations, Junior!

Another round of congrats is in order to Jeff Hoste, former assistant superintendent under **Dave Blomquist**, CGCS at Naperville C.C. Jeff is the new superintendent of Kishwaukee Country Club, replacing **Phil Zeinert**, CGCS, who moved up to Elgin C.C. this past fall. Good luck, Jeff—now you don't have Dave to knock you around anymore . . .

Attention all MAGCS members with children who qualify: The MAGCS Scholarships are available once again. This year, two \$1,000 MAGCS and one \$1,000 John Buck Memorial scholarships will be awarded, so get those applications in—the deadline is March 31. For information on how to apply, contact **Kevin DeRoo** of Bartlett Hills G.C. (MAGCS Scholarship Committee chairman) at 630-483-4991, and best of luck to all applicants.

The MAGCS has been at the forefront of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses since its inception, and we now have a new feather to wear in our collective caps—**Dan Murray**, CGCS of Settler's Hill Golf Course is very proud to announce that they are the first-ever golf course situated on a sanitary landfill to become fully certified as a cooperative sanctuary. Dan is quick to note that assistant **Russ Wescott** did ALL of the work involved in achieving this impressive accomplishment, and gladly defers all kudos to Russ for a job well done. Congratulations, Dan and Russ!

Congratulations also to **Don Cross**, CGCS of Skokie Country Club, which also became fully certified with the ACSP for golf courses. Don and assistant **Brock Burton** worked many long hours to achieve this goal, and are very proud of their accomplishment (as they should be).

MAGCS congratulates past president **Bruce Williams**, CGCS, of Los Angeles Country Club on being named GCSAA's Distinguished Service Award winner in Orlando this month. Bruce joins his father, **Bob Williams** (1977), along with a who's who list of past and current MAGCS members to receive this prestigious honor, including **John MacGregor** (1935), **Ted Woehrle** (1964), **Ray Gerber** (1975), **Warren Bidwell** (1984) and **Mike Bavier** (2000). Great job, Bruce!

In keeping with the spirit of the holidays, **Dave Nadler**, president of Nadler Golf Car Sales, and Club Car teamed up recently to make a contribution to the CDGA Foundation

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and the three-hole Short Course currently under construction at the Midwest Golf House in Lemont, IL. The contribution involved two 1-Pass single-passenger adaptive golf cars to be used by all the programs of the CDGA Foundation, giving people with disabilities the chance to learn and participate in the wonderful game of golf. After **Dr. Kane** and **Carl Hoppman** have finished laying all that sod, they might be the first two to need the 1-Passes.

Two MAGCS lambs have left the fold to pursue greener pastures—Rich Schau, formerly of Lesco, Inc., has resigned to return to one of his two previous careers, as national spokesperson for the Slim-Fast Diet Plan or as Carrot Top's opening act; while Jim Trzinski, formerly of Waupaca Sand & Solutions, resigned to pursue his dream of being a full-time professional photographer. Jim's work has been featured on this magazine's cover many times, and

we hope to retain his services (at a very friendly rate) into the future. Good luck to both of you in your future endeavors.

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Irrigation equipment for sale or trade: 30 Toro VT3/VT4 timing clocks, all in working order; various 650, 670 and 690 sprinkler heads; and one Hunter Legacy field controller, 1-year-old. Priced to move—call **Ray Schmitz, CGCS** at Flossmoor C.C. at 708-798-4700, ext. 241.

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