

the Bull Sheet

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DATES TO REMEMBER

January 15 — "Lake and Aquatic Plant Management" seminar brought to you by GCSAA and MAGCS at Oak Brook Hills Resort, Oak Brook, IL.

January 16 — "Golf Course Drainage: Application and Design" seminar brought to you by the same people who did honors on January 15.

January 17 — J.W. Turf's Grinding Seminar at Westmoreland Country Club, **Julius Albaugh, CGCS** host. More details below.

January 21 — The Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Call 732-932-9271 for info.

January 24 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Arrowhead Golf Club, **Bob Breen** host.

February 3 - 10 — GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show in Orlando, Florida, **Mickey and Goofy** hosts.

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

Happy New Year!

We've received some troubling news from our great friend **John Ebel**, who has been enjoying his retirement with his wife Juanita in Sun City, Arizona. John has learned he has a cancerous tumor in his brain and that it is inoperable. This is the time for all of us to stop what we are doing and send our best thoughts and prayers to John and Juanita—we know about John's devout faith in God, and he WILL hear us. In the

famous words of Al Michaels, "Do you believe in miracles? Yes!"

As mentioned above, J.W. Turf will be holding a grinding seminar at Westmoreland Country Club on the 17th. It starts at 8:00 a.m. and ends at approximately 2:30 p.m. The session is free of charge and lunch is provided. Bob Bevans of Bernhard will be demonstrating. Interested parties can call 920-485-2859 for reservations.

Congratulations to **Dan Anderson, CGCS** on his promotion to Deputy Dawg (deputy director of parks and recreation, that is) for the City of

Aurora. Dan had been serving as golf course superintendent for the city-owned Fox Valley Golf Club for the past 12-plus years, and will now see it from a different perspective. Good luck in your new position, Dan.

If you haven't responded to **Brad Anderson's** mailing about your club's "family tree" of past superintendents, please do so quickly—this is a great opportunity to find out a little history about the golf course where you work. And if you find anything out about Aurora C.C.'s past superintendents, give me a call.

Also, another reminder (this will be the only time all year I mention this in the column): Please turn off all beeping and ringing gadgets while attending a monthly meeting. Remember to show the proper courtesy to our speakers and hosts. Thank you.

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The North Central Turfgrass Exposition was held November 27-29 at the Pheasant Run Resort, and was another great event. Highlights from the expo included Brent Wadsworth of Wadsworth Golf Construction receiving the ITF Distinguished Service Award—long overdue for Brent and all he has done for our industry. Another bright spot was the awarding of scholarship checks to the many deserving students in the state to allow them to further pursue their careers in the turf industry. Congratulations to Brent and all the scholarship winners, and to Jack Lagerhausen and the folks at ITF for another fine NCTE.



Carl Hophan (L) and Randy Wahler, CGCS (R) with 2001 ITF Distinguished Service Award winner Brent Wadsworth.



These people will soon be taking our jobs—they are this year's ITF scholarship winners. Back row, L to R: Alan Hill, Phil Burke, Justin Schroeder, Greg Zumbahl, Allen Wall. Front row, L to R: Zack Anderson, Jennifer Gates, Connor Healy, Adam Pierce. Not pictured: Phil Bliler from SIU.

News from the north: **Steve Cook, CGCS**, of Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills, MI has an extra year to prepare for the Ryder Cup. The matches were scheduled to take place in 2003, but due to the events of September 11, 2001, a shift in plans postponed the 2001 event until 2002. Steve does not have actual dates yet, but expects it will take place between mid-September and early October of 2004. Good luck with all the renovations, Steve.

**SHOP-CLEANING
TIME AGAIN . . .**

Three sets of groomers for LF-100 and -128 heads for sale, great shape (just the groomers, not the entire cutting units). Call Bob Lively at either 815-385-0635 or 815-355-1285.

Three 1990 Toro GM 1000s and one 1994 GM 1000 for sale—\$1,780 each. Call Jake Vollbeer at 847-381-1963 to get yours today.

One 1992 TerraTopper 1.5-yard topdresser w/ 8-h.p. engine, good condition, for sale. Call Mike Fiore at 847-432-8130.

Two 60-h.p. turbine motors (from a pumping station—great condition and relatively new) for sale. Call Vince Dodge at 630-461-4564.

Five LF-100s, three in decent condition (2,063-2,245 hours) and two good only for parts. GK IV, Turfcut and six E-Z Go gas golf carts for parts only. Make an offer to Tom Tully at 847-343-4022 before he resorts to junking these items.

For sale: 1992 Foley Automatic Bed-knife Grinder in excellent condition, model #3084A, asking \$1,800. Call Paul Voykin at 847-945-3350—buyer also receives a complimentary photo of Paul in which he promises he is NOT flashing anything (i.e., peace sign, middle digit, etc.).

And for the handyman, Brian Bossert has the following equipment for sale: One Jacobsen S-60 tractor with protective cage (range-picker). Finicky, old, but fine for the right operator. Buyer receives the picker at no extra charge. 1989 Giant Vac Cushman-mount blower, needs an engine (so if you are one of the many who have a Giant Vac Cushman-mount blower engine lying around, this is your lucky day!). 1988 Smithco 110-gallon spray tank (also mounts to Cushman), no pump. And finally, two Jacobsen putting green mowers ('88 & '90), run but need tinkering. Make an offer—ANY offer. Call Brian at 847-677-4112.

Mulligans

In our December 2001 issue, we inadvertently misspelled the name of Phil Bersin. *On Course* regrets the error.

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Spreading the Holiday Cheer—Scenes From the Annual West Side Party

On Monday, December 10, the Annual West Side Holiday Party took place at Dave & Busters (and snow did not cause the event to be postponed TWICE as was the case last year). This year saw an apparently record-breaking crowd in attendance, all of whom enjoyed their day. Though this fledgling gathering does not compare in scope or scale to the notorious South Side Party nor “Adolphs Party” up north, it DOES have potential. As with all of our Association’s various holiday gatherings, the common tie is the people who attend—folks from all facets of our business getting together to share holiday wishes with one another. This is what makes the holidays, as well as the members of the Midwest, special.



John Turner of Bayer fiddles with his joystick while Luke Cella (Tamarack G.C.—back left), Joel Purpur, CGCS (River Forest C.C.—back right) and Brian Baker (Simplot Partners—front right) gape in astonishment.



Garry Anderson of Arthur Clesen and Joe Reents of Oak Meadows G.C. share a cozy moment.



Dr. Kane explains the genetic-engineering technology involved in the production of dollar spot-resistant bentgrasses to a captivated Holly Gilmour of J.W. Turf.



Harry Lovero of Orchard Valley G.C., Scott Adams of Reinder's and Jim Shone of Syngenta make nice for the camera.

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