

the Bull Sheet

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DATES TO REMEMBER

July 12 — Second annual **John Buck Memorial Golf Outing** at the Oak Club of Genoa, Paul Knulty, host. For details on registration and format, etc., read on.

July 29 — MAGCS monthly meeting at the Merit Club, **Oscar Miles**, CGCS host.

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

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

The second annual John Buck Memorial Golf Outing is slated for July 12 at the Oak Club of Genoa. This is a fun-filled day that benefits the MAGCS/John Buck scholarship fund. All pertinent information can be found on the message board at the MAGCS Web site, but if you can't access that, here it is in a nutshell: Call J.W. Turf or speak to your sales representative to sign up—registration is from noon to 1:00 p.m. with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. The format is a two-man scramble, and many prizes and other goodies will be given out. Get a buddy and come on out for a great day honoring the memory of a great guy.

Mark Stephan, CGCS of Rob Roy Golf Course has a son who we might be seeing on the PGA Tour very soon—Mark and Elizabeth's son Luke placed 11th in a field of 120 in the NCAA Division II Championship at the Mission Inn Golf and Tennis Resort in Florida this May. Luke shot a four-round total of 297, which included a final-round score

of 69. Luke's team—Kennesaw State University outside Atlanta, GA—finished fifth out of a field of 18 teams, and it was the first-ever appearance by KSU in the tournament. Congratulations to the Stephan family on this great achievement.

During May, four area golf courses participated in the North American Bird Watching Open, which is sponsored by Audubon International and is open to all courses that participate in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses (ACSP). Olympia Fields Country Club (**Dave Ward**), Bryn Mawr Country Club (**Brian Bossert**, CGCS), Renwood Golf Course (**Sandra Bemis** and **David Ronald**) and Prestwick Country Club (**Tim Anderson**) all took part, and collectively identified 100 different species of birds. Thanks go out to the volunteers who donated their time and expertise to make the event a success.

On a related note, the Audubon International reports that Illinois ranks fifth in nationwide participation in the ACSP with 21% of our courses being members of the program. We follow New Jersey (22%), Connecticut (22%), Colorado (25%) and Delaware with an unbelievable 100% participation. Let's at least get past freaking New Jersey—call Joellen Zeh at 518-767-9051 to learn how you can get on board.

Bob McCallum, CGCS of Orchard Hills Golf Club is now in elite company—he is officially a 25-year member of MAGCS and joins the other old guys with cool gold lapel pins. Congratulations, Bob, on this achievement.

Those of you who are members of the Chicagoland Association of Golf Course Superintendents, your ship has finally come in—CAGCS logoed golf shirts are now available! Call **Mike Matchen** at Wilmette Golf

Course at 847-256-9653 to order yours today.

Kudos to **Dan Sterr** and the maintenance staff at Stonebridge Country Club for their great work in preparing the course for the LPGA's Keebler-Kellogg Classic in June. If you didn't have a chance to attend, ESPN brought it to you live from 1:00 to 1:15 p.m. each day. Either way, the course was in spectacular shape and once again showed the golf world how real superintendents do their jobs. Attempts to reach Dan for comments on the tournament were futile, but an in-depth interview of Dan (originally cast in the lead role in *The Quiet Man*) can be found in the May issue of *Verdure* (the CAGCS newsletter). Nice job, everyone.

Past MAGCS and GCSAA president **Bruce Williams**, CGCS has established the Williams Leadership Endowment to support continuing education for golf course superintendents who are interested in pursuing a leadership role in golf course management at the local or national level. The endowment honors both Bruce and his father **Bob Williams** (also a past MAGCS and GCSAA president) for their dedication to the golf course management profession. Contributions to the endowment are welcomed and accepted by other individuals, chapters and organizations that support leadership growth. To receive more information, call the Foundation team at 800-472-7878.

Great—just wonderful. On the same day that I tried my new spiker/seeder for the first time, I read Anthony Pioppi's article in the May 17 issue of *Golfweek's Superintendent News* titled "Survival of the Fittest—Researchers Cast Doubts on Interseeding, Saying New Plants Can't Compete With Established Turf." The quote by our friend and contributor Frank Rossi was the straw that broke the camel's back—"I think they (superintendents) do it because it makes them feel better." Just shoot me.

If you didn't catch it, go through the pile on your desk and fine the May-June issue of *USGA Green*

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Section Record—there's a great piece by **Paul Vermuelen** called "Lost and Found—Restoring Lost Hole Locations on *Poa Annua* Greens." The article features the efforts to do just that by our own **Rick Bowden** (Bob O'Link G.C.), **Bob Lively** (McHenry C.C.) and **Ray Schmitz** (Flossmoor C.C.). Check it out.

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MAGCS wishes to express its deepest condolences to the friends and family of **Gary Hearn** (Salt Creek Golf Course) on the loss of his brother Derek in an automobile accident in May, and to the family and friends of **Dean Bemis** (Rough Designs/Goldsmith) on the loss of his 11-year-old son Drew. Our thoughts are with you and your loved ones during this trying time.
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Congratulations and "see ya later" to **Vince Dodge**, whose last day at Indian Lakes Resort was June 7. Vince is moving his family up to the tundra of northern Minnesota where he was to assume the golf course superintendent responsibilities at The Wilderness Golf Club on June 17. Vince has been preparing for the transition by watching *Fargo* daily to learn the new dialect ("Oh, yah, sure there") and *Billy Jack* to accustom himself to life on a reservation. Best of luck to you and your family, Vince—keep in touch.
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Congrats also to the proud new parents—**Erwin McKone** (River Forest Country Club) and his wife Kristin are now the owners of a bouncing baby girl who will keep them busy for the next 20 years or so. Mollie Abigail weighed in at 8 lb., 1 oz. and 20.5 inches long (tall?). Nice knowing you, Erwin and Kristin . . .

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Also celebrating a recent family addition is **Holly Gilmour** of J. W. Turf who gave birth to Andie in late May. Andie, according to her unbiased mother, is a cute little bundle of joy who came into the world at 7 lb., 10 oz. and will be running the company by her 18th birthday. Congratulations to the Gilmour clan.
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For sale: Barrington Hills C.C. has two sets of Toro GM III/GM 3000 rollers for sale. Call Mark Bobb at 847-381-0140 for details.
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