

the Bull Sheet

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DATES TO REMEMBER

March 12 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Midwest Golf House in Lemont, IL. **Dr. Randy Kane** host. Education provided by Dr. Tom Maloney from Cornell University on "How to Find and Hire the Best Employees."

March 13 — Live Webcast via GCSAA of "Dollar Spot and Anthracnose: Beyond the Basics" presented by Dr. Mike Agnew, Syngenta, and Dr. Bruce Clarke, Rutgers University. Tune in 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for 0.35 CEUs. Call GCSAA for more details.

March 14 — "Management Skills for First-Time Supervisors" seminar at the Drake Hotel in Oak Brook, IL. Also held on April 11 in Chicago (Sears Tower Conference Center), April 17 in Rockford (Holiday Inn on State Street) and April 19 in Arlington Heights (Radisson Hotel on Algonquin). Information can be obtained by calling 1-800-258-7246 or online at www.natsem.com.

March 28 — USGA/CDGA joint seminar on "RoundUp Ready Bentgrasses" hosted by **Dr. Randy Kane** and **Paul Vermeulen** at Midwest Golf House. Watch your mail for the announcement.

April 4 — "ADA, FMLA and Workers' Compensation in Illinois" seminar in Oak Brook Terrace, IL. Call 715-833-3940 or go online at www.lorman.com for details.

April 22 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Tamarack Golf Club, **Luke Cella** host. Education provided by **Paul Vermeulen** of USGA.

ON THE MOVE . . .

The following Midwest members have relocated in recent months. Give them a call at their new digs and welcome them to the neighborhood—we congratulate all of them on their new positions, and wish them the best of luck.

- **Bob Kronn** is the new superintendent at Woodstock Country Club.
- **Mike Siefken**, formerly of Woodstock C.C., is the superintendent of Sportsman's Country Club.
- **Todd Schmitz**, former assistant at Aurora Country Club, has moved down the street to become the new superintendent at Fox Valley Golf Club.

And finally, a hearty MAGCS welcome to **Lee Miller**, the new turf pest management specialist for the

InteractiveTurf.com program. Lee will work out of Golf House alongside **Dr. Randy Kane**. More about Lee and Golf House can be found in **Shane Kissack's** "Super -N-Site" profile on page 8 of this issue.

Congratulations to **Mike Bavier**, CGCS of Inverness Golf Club on receiving the 2001 Charles Bartlett Award. More about Mike's great achievement can be found on page 41 in this issue.

Also, congratulations to all the MAGCS members who participated in the GCSAA's Golf Championship last month. The teams who did battle in this year's competition were: Team #1: **Tim Scott, Tommy Robinson, Al Pondel and Randy Wahler**; Team #2: **Tim Davis, Ed Fischer, David Kohley and Chuck Anfield**; Team #3: **Brad Johnsen, Paul Bastron, Chad Ball and Steve Van Acker**; Team #4: **Don Cross, Alan Fierst, Bob Maibusch and Les Rutan**; Team #5: **Mike Mumper, Dave Blomquist, Dan Marco and**

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The MAGCS monthly meeting for January was held on the 24th at Arrowhead Golf Club, with **Bob Breen** once again serving as our host. Those in attendance were treated to a double-dose of education, with **Dr. Rex Bastian** of Hendricksen the Care of Trees speaking on "Winter Effects on Trees," and **Gerald Kirbach** of the Illinois Department of Agriculture addressing "Rinse Pad Issues." MAGCS thanks **Bob Breen** and all the great people at Arrowhead, as well as our esteemed and generous speakers, for their hard work in making the day a huge success. As a side note, those who were able to take a peek at **Bob's** new maintenance facility are probably begging their own clubs for something half as nice. Call **Bob** for a personal tour—it's worth a look!



Dr. Rex Bastian talks of winter's effects on trees.



Gerald Kirbach discusses rinse pad issues.



Luke Strojny accepts a check designated for the MAGCS Scholarship Fund from John Lebedevs of Simplot Partners. The \$680 donation came from proceeds generated by the NCTE raffle. A big thank-you to Aventis and Kerry Anderson for donating the raffle prize.



President Luke Strojny thanks host Bob Breen for the fine day.

Dave Radaj; Team #6: Don Ferreri, Rick Wilson, Bob Lively and Tom Lively; Team #7: Pete Leuzinger, Don Altman, Dave Schlagetter and Jim Knulty; Team #8: Dave Arden, Paul Schaefer, Pat McDonagh and Ronnie Newman; Team #9: Scott Klingberg, Dan Sterr and Richard Thompson; and Team #10: Steven Messerli, Daniel Pretzel, Scott Witte and Brad Legnaioli.

Once again the MAGCS made a fine showing, with the following highlights: 1st Place, Net Point Division—Team #9; 2nd Place, Net Point Division—Team #4; 7th Place, Gross Point Division—Team #2; 8th Place, Gross Point Division—Team #1.

Also, in individual competition, the following MAGCS members stood out: Paul Bastron—9th place in 2nd Flight Gross Division; Bob Lively—1st place in 4th Flight Gross Division; Richard Thompson—2nd place in 4th Flight Gross Division; Steve Van Acker—2nd place in 5th Flight Gross Division; Scott Klingberg—3rd place in 6th Flight Gross Division; Ed

Tod Hophan Accorded CGCS Designation

At its annual meeting in February, the GCSAA held a certification luncheon to recognize the newly certified and recertified superintendents. During the invocation, Dave Downing announced that Tod Hophan had been posthumously granted the distinction of Certified Golf Course Superintendent. Tod had completed all the requirements for certification with the exception of the final golf course interview prior to his tragic accident and untimely death. Tod was a great friend to many of the superintendents in the Chicago area and a true professional in the industry. —Jim Shone, Syngenta

Fischer—4th place in Senior I Flight Gross Division; Tim Davis—8th place in Senior I Gross Division. Congratulations everyone on another great championship!

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MAGCS sends its heartfelt condolences to Juanita Ebel and all of the many friends and family of John Ebel, who passed away on January 26 at his home in Sun City, AZ. John was not only a frequent contributor to this magazine during his retirement, but also a dedicated member and friend of the MAGCS throughout his illustrious career in these parts. John served our Association on every level that was available, including as our president in 1963. We've all heard how one could

“eat off the floors” of the shop at Barrington Hills Country Club—a testament to the way John Ebel did business during his long tenure there. From personal experience, I've found this to be true, and I'm sure many a fine meal was consumed without the hassle of plates and such off those very floors. I would personally like to thank John for the many kind words he offered me over the years, and to wish him peace in his new place. Knowing John and his strong ties to the Lord, it's a very nice place, indeed.

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A nice article appeared in the November/December issue of *Superintendent* (the supplement to *Turf* magazine) featuring Kerry

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JOHN DEERE LANDSCAPES

Satterwhite and his environmental plan for the golf courses he oversees as superintendent of golf course maintenance for the Bloomington, IL Parks and Recreation Department. Kerry's dedication to the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses and to our environment in general are praiseworthy, and MAGCS appreciates the great efforts he goes to on behalf of our profession.

Hey everyone with new USGA greens: You now can depreciate them! A big thanks to the IRS for making life so much easier . . .

Congratulations to **Greg Oltman** of GRO Horticultural Enterprises, Inc. on receiving the Illinois Landscape Contractors Association's Man of the Year Award at the Mid-Am show in January.

Hey, all you MAGCS Web site users: The Message Board as we've come to know it will soon be no more. This is a good thing—it has gotten much better! Next time you log on to the site (magcs.org), go to Members Area, and then New Message Board. This will

allow you to register for your own screen name and password, and get you into the sleek, ultra-modern and VERY simple-to-use New Message Board. It sounds much more difficult than it is—GO THERE AND DO IT. **Paul Voykin**—give me a call and I'll talk you through it . . .

The Illinois Turfgrass Foundation (ITF) is getting a boost from Reinder's, Inc. Through 2002, for each case of Daconil and/or Heritage products purchased, Reinder's will donate \$5 to the ITF general fund. Scott Adams and Bruce Schweiger, Reinder's Illinois sales reps, can tell you more about this new fundraising partnership with ITF.

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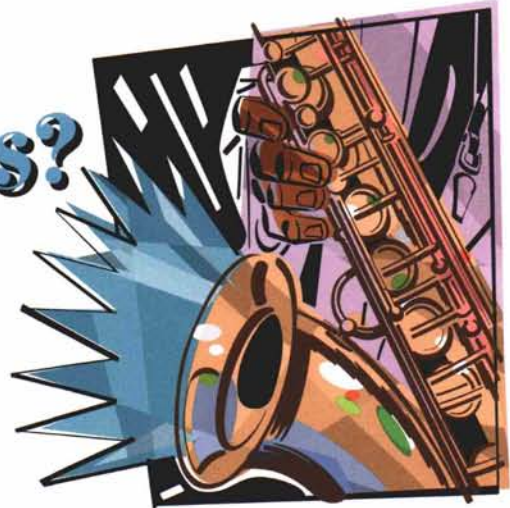
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1991 Chevy S-10 pick-up truck, 1988 Dodge dump truck, 1992 Kawasaki Mule 1000, Vicon spreader, 1996 Falcon driftless sprayer and Toro Core Destroyer all for sale to the highest sealed bid. Contact **Pat McDonagh** for details at 815-459-1589.

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