

# the Bull Sheet

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

November 6 — 50th Annual Midwest Turf Clinic at Medinah Country Club, **Tom Lively**, CGCS host.

December 3-5 — North Central Turfgrass Exposition at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL. See below for more details.

As mentioned in Dates to Remember, the NCTE will be held December 3-5 at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles. Along with the usual happenings (trade show, abundant educational opportunities, etc.), this year's event will offer a few twists. First, the ITF awards luncheon will be an awards dinner held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 3. The Founders Club Reception will be held at noon the following day. Finally, a "Deturfing Social" will be held on Wednesday the 4th beginning at 2:30 p.m., following the close of the trade show. ITF advisors and researchers will be on hand to answer your questions and help solve your turf management issues. Bring the crew and enjoy this very beneficial and reasonably-priced event.

After 47 years of caring for golf courses, our very own **Ted Woehrle** is retiring. Ted served as president of MAGCS in 1961, as well as president of GCSAA in 1977. We congratulate Ted Woehrle—an icon in our industry—on his long and luminous career, and wish him all the best in his retirement.

Call me scoop—as was reported last month, **Wally Fuchs** and **Trent Bradford** have formed Chicagoland Turf, a distributor of turf products and accessories. What is now old news, though, is that **Brian Baker** and **John Lebedevs** have joined the

team. Best wishes to these gentlemen on their exciting endeavor.

Another huge event took place in September (and since we're talking about the guy anyhow): On the 21st, **Brian Baker**—formerly of Simplot Partners and now with Chicagoland Turf—married his sweetheart **Dana** in Naperville. A host of MAGCS members were invited to (or crashed) the occasion, and a great evening was enjoyed by all. For those who didn't know, **Scott Witte** can dance, but your faithful and humble narrator can not. **Joel Purpur** can stay up late, but **Jon Jennings** can not. And finally, members of the immediate family of the bride and groom, and all of their close friends and relatives, and even some strangers who just moseyed in from the bar, can sit up front near the action, but MAGCS members can not. Probably a good call on the bride and groom's part. Congratulations to **Brian** and **Dana Baker** and best wishes for a long, happy and healthy life together.



Brian and Dana share their first dance as a married couple.



The MAGCS was well-represented—but there were too many to name, so figure them out yourself.

Also joining the ever-growing list of lifelong bachelors-turned-indentured husbands is **Dan Sterr** (Stonebridge C.C.). Dan swept his longtime squeeze **Jodi Lee** off to Las Vegas on October 2 for a quick, painless (meaning no relatives, no wedding planners, no caterers, no tuxes nor gowns—in other words, perfect) wedding at the Little Chapel Where Michael Jordan Got Married Once. Congratulations to **Dan** and **Jodi**—it's about time!

MAGCS would like to welcome **Sylvia Lima** to the Chicago area. Sylvia is the new golf irrigation account representative in our area for TPEC. Sylvia replaces **John Marquess**, who recently relocated to central Illinois and is now a golf course superintendent there. Welcome to the neighborhood, Sylvia!

Congratulations also go out to **Kerry Blatteau** on his recent career change. As of October 6, Kerry joined Mechanical Soil Technologies as sales manager. Good luck to Kerry in his new environs.

**Peter Voykin**, longtime superintendent at Twin Orchard C.C., is receiving visitors at Brentwood North, a healthcare center in the north suburbs, shares brother **Paul Voykin**, Briarwood C.C. Drop by or send a card to Peter c/o Brentwood North, 3705 Deerfield Road, Riverwoods, IL 60015-3599. Or, phone Peter at 847-459-1200.

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The September MAGCS meeting was held at Pine Meadow Country Club with **Tom Savage** providing the wonderful conditions and hospitality for the day. This event was the annual MAGCS Championship, and the course was immaculately prepared for the competition.

Congratulations to the following outstanding individuals for their fine performance in the event: Championship Flight: **Tim Scott—75**; **Chuck Anfield—76**. First Flight Gross: **Mike Nielsen—82**; Net: **Dave Schlagetter**. Second Flight Gross: **Steve Van Acker—84**; Net: **Bob McCallum**. Third Flight Gross: **Dan Marco—92**; Net: **Kevin DeRoo**. Commercial Flight A: **Charlie Brugler—83**. Commercial

Flight B: **Steve Stewart—89**. A photo was supposedly taken of this elite group, but alas, the photographer forgot to replace the batteries. Thanks again to Tom Savage and the staff at Pine Meadow for a beautiful

day; and if you were wondering (as I was), the big maroon foliage plant found throughout the course was castor bean—thanks, Tom, for setting me straight.  
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Tom Savage with the new addition to his office wall.



Luke Strojny and Don Ferreri discuss the benefits of ex-presidency.



Todd Schmitz, Dave Braasch, Bob McCallum, Marsha Traves and Kevin DeRoo.



Randy Wahler, Dave Kohley, Tim Davis and Brian Bossert.



Dave Schlagetter, Dave Radaj, Paul Bastron and Rick Wilson.



Dan Marco takes the phrase "swing out of your shoes" to a new level.

The ITF Fall Golf Day and MAGCS Annual College Championship was held at Glen Flora Country Club on October 7 with **Paul Bastron**, CGCS hosting the event. The day was crystal clear, and the course was fantastic (you know you've got good greens when both players in a two-man scramble putt off the surface more than once). This year's college champion was the University of Illinois, whose team of **Pete and Jeff Leuzinger, Paul Yerkes and Bob Kohlstedt** outplayed runner-up Michigan State. Kelly Schroeder of Arthur Clesen ran the betting hole (no. 6), raising \$560 for turf research, while \$520 was raised for the U of I Turf Club on no. 18 to help send turf students to the GCSAA International Conference and Show in Atlanta next February. Congratulations to the winning team, and thanks to Paul Bastron and the great folks at Glen Flora for their most gracious hospitality. Also, many thanks to our generous sponsors:

Arthur Clesen, Aventis-Chipco, Bayer Corp., Illinois Lawn Equipment, TPEC, H & E Sod Nursery, Reinder's, Sprinkler Irrigation, Syngenta, BOJO, Johnson & Associates, Lebanon Turf Products, Olds Seed Solutions, Pro Source One, Simplot Partners—Best Fertilizers and Simplot Partners.

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 Be on the lookout for a postcard from GCSAA asking you to review and verify your voting status. The MAGCS Membership Committee is asking that if you do not currently have your vote assigned to MAGCS, please consider doing so. MAGCS represents one of the largest voting blocks within GCSAA, which affords us a strong presence at the national level. Members who wish to change their voting status can do so by completing the card and returning it to GCSAA by January 1, 2003. If you have questions regarding your voting status, you may contact Lori Petrick, chapter relations coordinator, at 800-472-7878.

The MAGCS Environmental Committee needs your help! We are working to put together a press release that will highlight environmental outreach programs that have been initiated by MAGCS members. If your course has sponsored or participated in any type of outreach program that is geared toward environmental awareness and the role of the golf course superintendent as environmental steward, please submit a brief summary with the essentials (who, what, when, where, how and why) via fax to Tim Anderson, CGCS at 815-469-7837, or post it on the MAGCS Web site.

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 For sale: Almost-new John Deere 22" walking greens mower—model 220. Interested parties should contact Jim Kopija at 630-879-1731 for more details. By the way, Jim is looking for work in our industry, so if you have an opening, give him a call and he'll be glad to get a resume out to you.



*October host superintendent Paul Bastron explains the ground rules (i.e., pick up any sticks you may encounter) while Jim Shone looks on.*



*The mystery is solved—Wally Fuchs and Ed Fischer are actually two separate people.*



*Paul Bastron admires his framed copy of On Course (which is complimentary when one hosts a meeting—hint hint).*



*Pete Leuzinger, Jeff Leuzinger, Paul Yerkes and Tom Voigt (who stood in for Bob Kohlstedt) were the winners of the college championship. Nice to know the University of Illinois can win SOMETHING . . .*