

the Bull Sheet

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DATES TO REMEMBER

September 9 — 2002 John Deere Team Championship at Turnberry Country Club, **Jim Evans** host.

September 24 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Pine Meadow Country Club, **Tom Savage** host.

October 7 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Glen Flora Country Club, **Paul Bastron, CGCS** host.

October 7-December 13 — The Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School's Two-Year Certificate Program at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ. Call 732-932-9271 for info.

October 19 — MAGCS Fall Dinner Dance at Bryn Mawr Country Club, **Pam and Brian Bossert, CGCS** hosts.

Congratulations to Prairie Landing (**Tony Kalina**) and Biltmore Country Club (**Brian Thomson, Jake Vollbeer**) on becoming the latest MAGCS-member courses to earn certification via the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses. On a related note, Audubon International recently announced the certification of its 500th Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary. The program, which includes golf courses, schools, businesses, cemeteries and individuals, has certified properties in the U. S. and Canada, as well as Australia, Costa Rica, Philippines, Portugal, Scotland, Singapore, Spain and Sweden. Together, certified properties account for more than 173,000 acres of land that is managed to protect wildlife and environmental quality. To find out how you can add to the list of Illinois golf courses already certi-

fied, call Audubon International at 518-767-9051.

This news from the July issue of *Greens and Grassroots* (the official publication of the GCSAA's Government Affairs division): During the 2001 session, the (Illinois) state legislature passed House Bill 3332, requiring small lawn care businesses to load their lawn care products for distribution to a customer within containment areas. Previously, only washing and rinsing of pesticide residues was required to occur in a containment area. The Dept. of Agriculture recently updated the Lawn care Spill, Wash Water and Rinse Collection law to reflect the new requirements. The adopted rule will only apply to a golf course if it contracts its pesticide applications to a commercial company. The amendments went into effect on June 7, 2002. For a copy of the amended rule, contact Chava McKeel, legislative analyst, at cmmckeel@gcsaa.org or call 800-472-7879, ext. 619.

This from the August issue of *Golfdom*: The results of **Dr. Bruce Branham's** three-year study on the dissipation of pesticides in turf settings versus production agriculture, where pesticides are applied directly to the soil, show that the half-life of many pesticides is dramatically reduced when applied on dense, well-maintained turf. So the next time a golfer tells you they got sick from your chemicals, blame a local farmer.



After a long day cruising the (sand) bars in Chicago, **Jeff Brinegar** of LaGrange C.C. and **Scott Witte** of Cantigny Golf had few words to say in defense of their ill-fated "trolling" mission, other than that "they were spunky when we picked 'em up, but turned out to be real cold fish once we got to know them." Ah, beer—the magic elixir!

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The 2nd Annual John Buck Memorial Open was held on July 12 at the Oak Club of Genoa (Paul Knulty host). The event was an 18-hole, two-player scramble, with proceeds going to the MAGCS Scholarship Fund and the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation. The day turned out to be perfect (one of the few we saw in July), and the golf course was wonderful. This event is a great way to commemorate John Buck and his many contributions to our industry, while helping your peers' (or your own) children receive an all-important college education. Keep it in mind for next year.



Andie and Holly Gilmour.



Dave Blomquist schmoozes Andie.



"Angus Buckenzie" with none other than the star of the day—Andie.

Don't forget—the MAGCS now offers e-mail updates and notifications to anyone interested in receiving them. To sign up for this free service, contact George Minnis, executive secretary, at geo@magcs.org.

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Congratulations go out to **Steve** and (Mrs.) **Schendel** of Ruffled Feathers Golf Club on the birth of their son Jack on July 6.

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With all talk around town in August being drought/heat-related, getting hold of people to find out what's new in their neck of the woods is difficult at best. Heck, even attendance at our many golf leagues has taken a hit from Mother Nature's cruel ways this summer. With this in mind, I've asked those who would actually take the time to talk about their summertime woes to contribute their "Top 12 Indicators That It Has NOT Been a Good Summer" experiences . . . (see list at right) One feels so much better after a good rant . . .



Hearing the shouts from the gallery of "Down in front!", a surly Tony the Tiger lets them know what he thinks of them at the Keebler-Kellogg Classic, held this summer at Stonebridge Country Club (Dan Sterr host). Ernie Keebler (L), fearing for his life, remained quiet.

Top 12 Indicators That It Has NOT Been a Good Summer

- 12) Your 100-foot hoses have 74 Band-It repairs on them.
 - 11) You have puddles within 10 feet of localized dry spots.
 - 10) Your rain gauge has spider webs in it.
 - 9) Your kids go to their grandmother's for two weeks, and you neither
 - a) notice they're gone since you've not seen them anyhow, nor
 - b) take advantage of their absence with your significant other (if you get my drift).
 - 8) Your wife asks who you are when you finally come home for the day.
 - 7) Your golf course is doing the "apocalyptic be-bop," whereby trees just fall over for no reason, bugs you've never seen before are swarming everywhere, the plants you usually count on to remain green in a drought (clover, thistle and even knotweed) wilt, and the lovely colors of autumn—the yellows, the browns, the halloween oranges and chimney reds—are everywhere they shouldn't be (like in your turf).
 - 6) You are gone so often your wife suspects you are having an affair. With your assistant. Who is male.
 - 5) A much-needed half-inch of rain forces you to rope off your overwatered fairways.
 - 4) You've changed the oil in your spray rig nine times.
 - 3) Your buddies are planning a fall hunting trip, and all you can think of is how nice it'll be to kill something besides grass.
 - 2) When you arrive at work on August 4, there is a "Dear John" letter on your office door saying, "I'm leaving you." It's from your *Poa annua*.
- And finally,
- 1) Even a simple task such as entering your pump house (to look at your once-again empty acid tank or to hose down your red-hot pumps) becomes an ordeal when you drop the key and it conveniently falls through the one-inch crack in the soil you've been meaning to water and disappears into the earth's bowels and is found a week later in a rice paddy in freaking China.

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River Forest Country Club

A Meritorious Day

Cathy Miles Ralston

Monday, July 29 dawned a bit gloomy. Indeed, the sky was spitting drizzle while Pat Jones of *Golfidom* spoke to a rapt audience of MAGCS members at the Merit Club, but by the time those in attendance had polished off their box lunches, the clouds were breaking up and a glorious, sunny afternoon of golf began. (If you missed Pat Jones, ask someone who did hear him speak about Arnold Palmer's dry-cleaning bill.)

The MAGCS thanks host **Oscar Miles**, CGCS and his team, including assistants **John Nelson** and **Enrique Valadez**, who had the course in absolutely stellar condition,

as well as the Merit Club staff, especially general manager Don Pieper, who were welcoming, attentive and helpful. We also thank our sponsors for the day—Manhard Consulting, ProSource One, High PSI Ltd., Turf Professionals Equipment Co., Nels J. Johnson Tree Experts, Palatine Oil, Lohmann Golf Design, Central Sod Farms, Illinois Lawn Equipment, Arthur Clesen Inc., and Waupaca Sand & Solutions—as well as Nadler Golf Car Sales, Inc. for providing the carts. Hats off, too, to Patti Thorson and Nancy Quinlan of Illinois Lawn, who played photographer and worked the betting hole. Speaking of which, no. 11—a par 3 playing either 155 or 167 yards—was the designated betting hole; each golfer had the opportunity to buy raffle tickets

and double them by hitting the green. Proceeds of \$680 went to the MAGCS Scholarship Fund.

In the quest for the Elmer Bertucci Cup, **Randy Wahler** prevailed. In the Super Senior division, gross, **Carl Hoppfan** took first, **Oscar Miles** second and **Ken Goodman** third. In Super Senior, net, **Walter Fuchs** finished first, **Jim Meyer** second and **John Stephenson** third. In the Senior division, gross, **Randy Wahler** was first, **Bob Kronn** second and **Ed Fischer** third; on the net side, **Brad Johnson** finished first, **John Lebedevs** second and **Jim Knulty** third. Regular gross and net honors went, respectively, to **Al Pondel** and **Steve Van Acker**.



Oscar Miles accepts a framed July On Course cover from Mike Mumper.



And the Elmer Bertucci Cup goes to . . . Randy Wahler!



John Paul Kiraly, Pete Kiraly and John Nelson.



Dave Gelino, Don Ferreri, Tim Keating and James Biegion.



Ken Goodman, Pat McDonagh, Steve Van Acker and Paul Schaefer.



Russ Stratton, Rick Reed, Dave Grolle and Tom Prichard.



Ray Ferrari, Dave Oberle, Steve Jump and Chris Smith.



Roger Johnson, Jim Carroll, John Maguire and Bud Edman.



Paul Bastron, Todd Schmitz, Dan Anderson and Mark Petitgoue.

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4-for-4 hitting the green on no. 11 were Pete Leuzinger, John Lebedevs, Walter Fuchs and Carl Hopphan.



Oscar Miles, Pat Jones, Gary Hearn and Tim Miles.



Also 4-for-4: Jim Knulty, Bob Kronn, Al Pondel and Brad Johnson.



Mike Mumper, Dave Radaj, Dave Blomquist and Dan Marco.



Would you believe, 3-for-3: Randy Wahler, Ed Fischer and Dave Schlagetter.



Photographer Nancy Quinlan (R) and betting-hole arbiter Patti Thorson of Illinois Lawn.



Luke Cella, John Stephenson, John Turner and Jim Keith.



Trying hard to be casual, Don Cross, Al Fierst, Rick Bowden and Curt Franklin.



Bill Fenn, Tony Kalina, Scott Witte and Matt Springer.



Oscar's second assistant Enrique Valadez (second from left) and interns Zach Anderson, Jeremy Stull and Scott Verdun (pictured with caddie Curtis Herchenbach).

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