

the Bull Sheet

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DATES TO REMEMBER

August 7 — University of Illinois Turfgrass and Landscape Field Day in Urbana, IL.

August 9 — MAGCS Kane County Cougars outing at Elfstrom Field in Geneva, IL.

August 11 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Bartlett Hills Golf Course in Bartlett, IL, **Kevin DeRoo** host.

August 25 — Annual John Deere Team Championship at Eagle Brook Country Club in Geneva, IL, **Greg Johnson** host.

September 6-7 — GCSAA's Chapter Delegates Meeting at the Kansas City Airport Marriott in Kansas City, MO.

September 9 — MAGCS Scholarship Golf Outing at Orchard Valley Golf Course in Aurora, IL, **Jim McNair, CGCS** and **Harry Lovero**, hosts.

September 23 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Shoreacres in Lake Bluff, IL, **Tim Davis** host.

October 7 — ITF Combined Golf Day at Prairie Landing Golf Club in West Chicago, IL, **Tony Kalina** host.

With several of our area's facilities recently in the spotlight for hosting high-visibility events, I'd like to revisit once again the events and their hosts. The Nationwide Tour's LaSalle Bank Open teed off at the Glen Club (**Tom Prichard** host), the LPGA's Kellogg-Keebler Classic brought Annika and company back to Stonebridge Country Club (**Dan Sterr** host), the 103rd United States Open Championship

dazzled at Olympia Fields Country Club (**Dave Ward** and **Kevin West** hosts), and most recently, the 100th Western Open took place at Cog Hill Golf & Country Club (**Ken Lapp** host). Conditions at all four venues were superb (Johnny Miller's thoughts aside), and all four events were smashing successes for the game of golf in Chicago. Hats off to all these superintendents, their crews and the countless volunteers who pitched in to create such memorable moments.

On August 25, the Annual John Deere Team Championship will be held at Eagle Brook Country Club, with Greg Johnson hosting. This event will have two shotgun starts, at 8:00 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m. Call J.W. Turf at 847-683-4653 for information.

Another great event—the John Buck Memorial Tournament—was held last month at Whisper Creek Golf Course (**Jim Wyffels** host). The event featured a great day for golf on a wonderful course, with pro-

ceeds going to the finest of causes—the John Buck Scholarships. MAGCS member **Bruce Schweiger** has reason to be proud, as his son Paul won the John Buck/MAGCS scholarship for 2003. Thank you to **Jim Wyffels, Holly** and **Mark Gilmour, Gale Stenquist** and everyone else who have made this rapidly-growing event such a resounding success.

While on the subject of scholarships, MAGCS proudly announced the winners of its three scholarships recently, and they are: Paul Schweiger (see above), Bradley McDonald (son of **Terrance** and Susan) and Brianne Smith (daughter of **Jeff** and Peggy). Congratulations to these gifted students.

Okay, Olympia Fields hasn't been in the spotlight enough lately, so here's another feather for their cap—they took first place in the sixth annual North American Birdwatching Open hosted by Audubon International. On average, the number of birds sighted on golf courses was 41 per course. OFCC listed 94 species in an 11-hour period on May 10! That's a lotta birdies for a U. S. Open course . . .

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A hearty welcome to these new MAGCS members, who were recognized at the June meeting:

Kevin Finley of Mariani Nursery,
Ann Huber-Falcone of Huber Ranch,
Rob Durham of Illinois Lawn,
David Marquardt of Bio-Grow Technologies and
Dan Glitto of Prime Turf.



Kevin
Finley



Ann
Huber-Falcone



Rob
Durham



David
Marquardt



Dan
Glitto

For sale: 1994 Firebird Formula, black; one owner; 40,000 miles and in perfect condition; garage-kept. If interested, call George at 630-879-7480.

As I mentioned in last month's issue, three of our members teamed up to open a new golf course in Janesville, WI—**Dave Nadler** and family (owners), **Dave Braasch** (superintendent) and **Greg Martin** (architect) unveiled Glen Erin Golf Club on June 23. A pre-opening weekend for friends, family, vendors and local officials allowed for a preview of what is an outstanding layout (and a great pub—the Cursing Stone). Congratulations to these folks on this great achievement.



The 18th hole with clubhouse and Cursing Stone Pub.



View of no. 18 from the clubhouse.



Tough lie!



MAGCS and Glen Erin staff members in attendance are, from L to R: Eric Nadler, Kevin DeRoo, Dave Kohley, John Gurke, Dan Anderson, Dave Braasch, Dave Nadler, Dave Hale, Don Ferger, Ray Mason, Rob Champion, Dave Meyer, John Krutilla and Greg Martin.