

the Bull Sheet

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DATES TO REMEMBER

December 2-4 — North Central Turfgrass Exposition at the Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, IL.

December 10 — 5th Annual West Side Superintendents Holiday Party at Dave & Buster's. Contact **Gary Hearn** at 630-773-4790 for details.

December 15 — Deadline for applications for the AXA Achievement Scholarship. Details follow.

January 10 — Chicago Steel hockey game outing at The Edge in Bensenville, IL.

January 13 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Arrowhead Golf Course in Wheaton, IL, **Bob Breen** host.

January 19 - February 6 — Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey.

February 12-13 — MAGCS Hospitality Suite at the Marriott Marina Hotel in San Diego, CA.

Let's start off with a correction: In the November issue, a sponsor for the MAGCS monthly meeting at Shoreacres was inadvertently misprinted—our apologies and many thanks to Clesen Wholesale for generously supporting the day's activities.

Although the date is nearly upon us, time remains for your high school student to fill out an application for the AXA Achievement Scholarship (in association with *U.S. News and World Report*). And given that these scholarships are for \$10,000 and \$25,000, you might want to get busy! The forms for these scholarships were available at the

registration table during the MAGCS Clinic at Medinah Country Club, and can also be obtained by calling **Larry Tomaszewski** at 847-498-7193.

The exciting new times for MAGCS have begun, and our first-ever executive director is officially in place at Midwest Golf House. For your records, the new phone number for **Luke Cella** and MAGCS is 630-243-7900, and the new fax number is 630-257-0154.

Congratulations to **Oscar Miles**, CGCS of Merit Club on his induction into the Illinois Golf Hall of Fame on October 10 at The Glen Club. Oscar joins an elite group of just three superintendents to hold the honor—himself, **Ray Gerber** and **Bob Williams**.



Congratulations to Dana and **Brian Baker** (Chicagoland Turf) on the birth of their son Austin Jeffrey on October 11. Austin was a healthy 7 lb., 7 oz. and 22 inches long, and he, mom and dad are doing great.

Spied recently in the pages of *Golfweek's SuperNews*: a couple of MAGCS members (and their pets). The October 24th issue featured **Brian Green**, CGCS of Sunset Valley Golf Course in its article "Bird Land." The article highlights the many projects Brian and staff have completed in the name of habitat restoration on a site that would not normally serve as a sanctuary for

birds and other wildlife. The November 7th issue came with its 2004 Best Friend calendar (no—not like the calendar hanging over the shop tool box, but it still has some real beauties). This calendar features the finalists for Lebanon Turf's first annual 2004 "Dog of the Year," and the dogs that roam the grounds of River Forest Country Club (owners **Joel Purpur**, CGCS and **Erwin McKone**) are the January "models." Henry, Mabel and Roxy (the latter is no longer with us) are shown sitting on a cart patiently awaiting a ride.

Throughout the month of December, the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago is offering classes in adult, infant and child CPR with first aid in many locations around the Chicago area. Completion of these classes qualifies for GCSAA PDUs or CEUs or whatever they're called now, and it's not a bad idea to know the procedures to boot. Call 1-800-33SAFETY, or visit www.chicagoredcross.org for details (and call GCSAA to figure out what you get in return for completing the class).



Welcome back to the neighborhood to **Tommy Witt**, CGCS. Tommy is the superintendent at Northmoor Country Club, replacing Stacy Wallace (who resigned earlier this year). Plenty of committees could use your input, Tommy . . .

Congratulations to MAGCS member **Sylvia Lima** on her recent change of jobs. Sylvia is the new customer service liaison for Prime Turf as of mid-October.

Congratulations to **Dave Ward** on his exciting new change of address. Dave will be taking over the reins at the new Wood Moor Golf Club in Flossmoor. The course, designed by **Greg Martin** and built by Ryan, Inc.

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Central, sits on the site of Cherry Hills G.C. and is owned by the Flossmoor Park District. Dave will remain with Olympia Fields Country Club through the duration of his contract, which expires March 31, 2004.

Still for sale: Toro Sprinklers—690 Series @ \$35 each and 650 Series @ \$25 each. Contact **Mark Bobb** at Barrington Hills C.C. at 847-381-0140.

For FREE! Cage wire partitions, 4' by 4' by 10' high, including door and frame and assorted partitions. Call Dennis or Glenn at Sunset Ridge C.C. at 847-446-5268. While you're talking to them, ask them what the hell these things are, cuz I'm stumped.

Equipment for sale: 1988 Jac LF-100 with 3,065 hours, good running and cutting condition; 1990 Jac LF-100 with 3,045 hours, also in good running and cutting condition; and a Jac Tri-King 1671-D(iesel) with 4,123 hours, usable. Call John or Nick at Aurora C.C. at 630-892-3600. All offers considered.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The following are highlights of the MAGCS Board of Directors meeting held Tuesday, November 11, at Midwest Golf House. This was the first meeting of the 2004 Board with Fred Behnke presiding and Luke Cella present in the capacity of executive director. Full meeting minutes, once approved, are available on the Midwest Web site.

- The Board determined that one focus for 2004 will be "improving and enhancing the individual and collective prestige and efficiency of the members."
- Executive Director Luke Cella will be investigating improvements to the MAGCS Web site.
- The Association's archival material will henceforth have a proper home at Midwest Golf House. Luke is to begin collecting archival material for appropriate storage and/or display.
- The Board approved entering *On Course* in the 2003 GCSAA chapter newsletter competition. The Editorial Committee later opted to submit the February 2003 issue.
- Committee co-chairs earned a new responsibility: in the absence of the committee's primary chair, co-chairs will present that committee's report at Board meetings.
- The Board charged President Emeritus Kevin DeRoo with launching the bylaw-change process. Certain bylaws may be updated to reflect newer technologies and procedures, such as e-mail notifications, etc.
- The Board designated Fred Behnke, Scott Witte, Kevin DeRoo, Paul Bastron, Scott Speiden and John Gurke to attend the awards banquet at NCTE on Tuesday, December 2.



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