

the Bull Sheet

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DATES TO REMEMBER

January 12-16 — National Institute of Golf Management at the Oglebay Resort & Conference Center in Wheeling, Almost-Heaven-West Virginia.

January 14 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Arrowhead Golf Club, **Robert Breen** host.

January 15-17 — Mid-America Horticultural Trade Show, Navy Pier, Chicago.

January 21 — GCSAA and MAGCS present "Budgeting and Forecasting" seminar at Oak Brook Hills Resort, Oak Brook, IL.

January 22 — GCSAA and MAGCS present "Bentgrass Management and Root Zone Maintenance" seminar at Oak Brook Hills Resort, Oak Brook, IL.

February 10-15 — GCSAA's International Golf Course Conference and Show in Atlanta, GA.

February 12-13 — MAGCS Hospitality Suite at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Atlanta, GA.

March 12-13 — Reinders Turf Conference at the Waukesha Expo Center in Waukesha, WI. Call 262-786-3301, ext. 243 for info.

This month's MAGCS meeting will be held once again at Arrowhead Golf Club with Bob Breen serving as our generous host. This is a meeting you won't want to miss—the Education Committee has arranged for Jim McLoughlin to present his seminar titled "Strategic Career Planning." Mr. McLoughlin is a past executive director of the regional NY Metro-

politan Golf Association, the local Met GCSA chapter and the national GCSAA. His presentation will focus on defining immediate and long-term career goals and paths—both inside and outside golf; the proper sequencing of career jobs; how to get a good job; dealing with the "verbal job barrier;" job security; negotiating techniques and objectives; family responsibility; crisis management; and knowing how and where to find legal support when necessary. If you haven't already, make plans to attend this informative event (and bring your snow shoes—it always snows at an Arrowhead meeting).

Congratulations and best wishes to **Nick Hongisto**, who has joined the Turf Professionals Equipment Company (TPEC) as sales representative for municipal and corporate accounts.



Big news from the University of Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences—the board of trustees recently announced the approval of Dr. Wesley Jarrell as the new incoming department head, effective January 1 of this year. Dr. Jarrell's diverse and multidisciplinary background expertise is ideally suited to the needs of the equally-diverse department, and is a fine addition to an already strong program. Congratulations, Dr. Jarrell, and welcome!

On the 21st and 22nd of this month, GCSAA and MAGCS will bring you two valuable seminars (both worth 0.7 CEUs) at Oak

Brook Hills Resort. "Budgeting and Forecasting" will feature Raymond S. Schmidgall, Ph.D., the Hilton Hotel professor of hospitality financial management at the School of Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management at Michigan State University. "Bentgrass Management and Root Zone Management" will feature Milton C. Engelke, Ph.D., a professor of turfgrass breeding, genetics and management at Texas A & M University Research and Extension Center for the past 23 years. Both seminars are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you have not registered, call GCSAA's Service Center at 800-472-7878.

Former president of both MAGCS and GCSAA **Bruce Williams, CGCS** of Los Angeles Country Club has been quite the busy man, according to news from the left coast. For the past several months, Bruce has been travelling the world, serving as keynote speaker for conferences in Germany, Sweden, Denmark and Calgary. He also was spotted teaching seminars in Saskatchewan, Arizona, Wisconsin, Florida and Mexico. And as if that were not enough, he'll be making three presentations at the Federation of European Golf Greenkeepers Association in St. Andrews, Scotland before the GCSAA conference in Atlanta. So, does he take a breather once he arrives in Atlanta? You guessed it—he'll be busy with three more presentations: "Operational Efficiencies," "Negotiating Top Compensation and Benefits" and "Organizing a Job Search." I hope you've got an ample supply of throat lozenges, Bruce!



While on the topic of GCSAA, you've all more than likely read in some publication or another that Big Brother is contemplating moving its headquarters from its current home

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in Lawrence, KS. Without going into all the non-important issues (like the cost of such a proposition), I asked **Bob Maibusch, CGCS** of Hinsdale Country Club and current director of GCSAA the REAL important question—what is to become of all those cool bricks we paid for? Bob allayed my fears, stating that the bricks were installed on a sand base, and will easily be moved to the new home (if indeed we find a new home). Whew!

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 Old news, but just in case you haven't heard, after 14 months as GCSAA's chief operating officer, Chuck Borman has resigned to return to the Carolinas GCSA in his former role as executive director.

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 Congratulations to **Michael Vilendrer** of Bon Vivant Country Club on recently becoming Michael Vilendrer, CGCS. It's all downhill from here, Mike—as long as you keep up with your CEUs, PDUs, DUIs, ABCs and DOAs.

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 Great news from Simplot Partners—**John Meyer** has been named national accounts manager, in which capacity he will be responsible for development and implementation of sales programs for national accounts (thus the name) and golf course management companies. Replacing John as Simplot's Upper Midwest sales manager is **Don Spier**, formerly of Syngenta. Congratulations to both MAGCS members on their big career moves.



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 Back to news from the "fertile" Midwest: It appears several of our members have been busy this past year, and will be even busier in the days to come. Expecting babies in the new year are Jodi and **Dan Sterr** (Stonebridge C.C.), Jenny and

Rusty Stachlewitz (University of the South in Sioux Falls, SD) and Tiffany and **Paul Yerkes** (Lesco). We also have some recent additions to report: Jenny and **Luke Cella, CGCS** (Tamarack G.C.) welcomed son Daniel into the world this past September; Michelle and **Dave Blomquist, CGCS** (Naperville C.C.) now have bookends with the November 11th birth of their daughter Mia Elise—8 lb., 3 oz.; and outdoing the lot of them, Deana and **Dave Gelino** (Seven Bridges G.C.) brought not one, not two, but THREE baby boys home after their November 1st births. Nicholas, Jeremy and Trevor Gelino will undoubtedly keep mom and Mr. Mom very busy! Congratulations to all of you on this wonderful news!



Mia Elise Blomquist with her big brother Dane.



Daniel Cella—the next Webmaster for MAGCS.



Nicholas, Jeremy and Trevor Gelino.

Jon Jennings, CGCS of Chicago Golf Club offers this ditty, which is certain to spur pangs of guilt in those among us who are couch potatoes (by the way—Illinois just beat Arkansas—I saw it from my couch): A number of MAGCS members have the bizarre desire to inflict pain upon themselves every fall in the form of running a marathon. For the past three years, these four individuals have run a marathon apiece each fall. Though **John Leibold** (Leibold Irrigation Inc.) has been straying from the group by not running in Chicago, he did run the Marine Corps Marathon on October 27 in Washington, D.C. Jon Jennings has such an addiction to pain that he ran two marathons in a three-week period. Although not recommending it to others with the ambition to run a marathon, Jon said that he paid for his arrogance by having to walk a number of times the final three miles. He was tired like he'd never been before, and vows to never attempt to run two marathons in such a close interval again. **Mike Green** (Flotronix PSI), being second fastest in the group, was pleased to beat John Leibold's time once again. Hauling 3/4" plywood for the pump installation at Chicago G.C. this spring is surely one of his training secrets. **Scott Adams** (Reinders) gets the most-improved runner for the marathon season by shaving a blistering 19:34 off his 2001 finishing time. The results are as follows:

Chicago Marathon

Chicago, IL—Oct. 13, 2002

NAME	TIME	PLACE
Jon Jennings	3:22:53	3,043
Mike Green	3:41:08	6,474
Scott Adams	3:44:56	7,334

Marine Corps Marathon

Washington D.C.—Oct. 27, 2002

NAME	TIME	PLACE
John Leibold	3:45	1,644

New York City Marathon

New York, NY—Nov. 3, 2002

NAME	TIME	PLACE
Jon Jennings	3:36:05	3,900



Jon Jennings looks a bit spent after completing his 27th marathon.

Sympathies go out once again to the family of Nels Johnson, who passed away on November 8. The founder of Nels J. Johnson Tree Experts, Inc. and patriarch of the Johnson family was 98 years old. For an extended tribute, see page 23 of this issue.

For sale: Rainbird irrigation parts—12 used Model SBM-1230 controllers with six wireless radio communication boxes. Contact Randy Wahler at 847-234-4160 or via e-mail at rwahler@ameritech.net.

Kishwaukee College in Malta, IL is looking for an ornamental horticulture instructor with a turf management specialty. The instructor will be responsible for teaching turf and related horticulture equipment-maintenance courses.

Bachelor's degree in horticulture or related field required, master's degree preferred. Two years on-the-job experience in related field necessary. Interested parties may apply via the Web site, www.kish.cc.il.us. For more information, e-mail caroljq@kougars.kish.cc.il.us or call Carol J. Quenett, dean, at 815-825-2086, ext. 296.

Still for sale (and a real steal): One like-new John Deere 220 22" putting green mower. The unit is being kept at Aurora Country Club and can be viewed there. Call John or Nick at ACC, 630-892-3600, or owner Jim Kopija at 630-879-1731. Asking \$2,400.

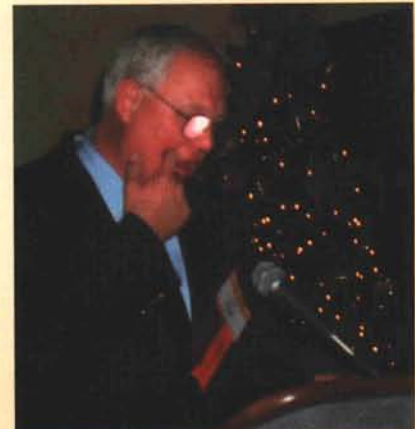
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NCTE Wrap-Up

The 2002 North Central Turfgrass Exposition was held last month at the Pheasant Run Resort, and was another in a long line of excellent programs. Many changes greeted attendees, including the addition of the "Deturfing" reception and roundtable and the ITF Annual Awards Reception and DINNER (as opposed to the usual lunch affair). The choice of seminars was very diverse, offering something of interest to just about everyone in the turfgrass industry. Additionally, the trade show was once again featured, and gave attendees the opportunity to meet and speak with suppliers from all areas in the business. The Awards Reception, as previously noted, was a dinner event for the first time in recent memory. Although attendance was lower than in the past, the program was inspiring—money was flying around the room (in the form of a Power-Point presentation with images of checks) to various scholarship winners and organizations. The ITF was the recipient of some generous gifts from the Central Illinois GCSA (\$1,500), the North West Illinois GCSA (\$2,500) and MAGCS (\$13,000). Bruce Schweiger of Reinders also presented ITF with a \$1,655 check from their Syngenta sales program.

It was then ITF's turn to show their generosity, which president **Don Cross**, CGCS (Skokie C.C.) saw to quite ably, presenting

\$37,000 to Southern Illinois University and \$105,200 to the University of Illinois. After all that fun, Lee Miller of the CDGA gave a presentation on the activities at Midwest Golf House titled "Research at Every Turn," highlighting the arboretum and the short course in their final phases of construction. Finally, the time came for the big moment—the presentation of the ITF Distinguished Service Award. **Dave Ward** of Olympia Fields C.C. took the podium to honor his longtime friend and roommate, 2002 ITF Distinguished Service Award winner **Tom Voigt**. In his usual understated manner, Tom graciously accepted the award, finishing with a resounding "Go Illini!" It obviously helped, cuz they thrashed North Carolina that very night. Congratulations to one of this Association's most valued members, and a truly nice guy!



Tom Voigt steamed up his glasses giving his acceptance speech.



The trade show floor was where the action was.

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