

# the Bull Sheet

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

July 3-6 — Western Open at Cog Hill Golf & Country Club in Lemont, IL, **Ken Lapp** host.

July 8 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Foxford Hills Golf Club in Cary, IL, **Tom Jauch, CGCS**, host.

July 15-17 — Floyd Perry Show in Tinley Park and Palatine, IL, and Racine, WI. If this is confusing, you'll find more information below.

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

August 9 — MAGCS Kane County Cougars outing at Elfstrom Field in Geneva, IL. More information will be in your mail shortly (if not already).

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

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

Conserv FS will be sponsoring three workshops this month featuring Floyd Perry, nationally renowned professional groundskeeper and 1997 Sports Turf Manager of the Year as named by *Sports Turf* magazine. These events, called Athletic Field and Sports Turf Workshops, will be held on the following dates at the following locations: July 15 - The Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center in Tinley Park, IL; July 16 - Harper College in Palatine, IL; July 17 - Washington Bowl in Racine, WI. All begin at 7:30 a.m. and end

at 3:00 p.m. For more information on these seminars, contact Elizabeth Morgan by e-mail at emorgan@conservfs.com or by phone at 800-300-4887.

Several local golf courses have been the hosts of some very high-profile tournaments lately, with **Dan Sterr** and Stonebridge Country Club in Aurora, IL kicking off this high-powered summer of professional golf with the LPGA's Kellogg-Keebler Classic; **Tom Prichard** and The Glen Club hosting the Nationwide Tour for the LaSalle Bank Open; **Dave Ward** and **Kevin West**, and Olympia Fields Country Club, showcasing the 103rd United States Open; and most recently, **Ken Lapp** and Cog Hill's Dubsdread holding the 100th Western Open (perhaps even as you read this). The Kellogg-Keebler Classic was contested among a swarm of media who caught a ride on the Annika Train subsequent to her appearance in the (men's) PGA Tour event, The Colonial, in late May. Sorenstam did not disappoint, repeating as titlist in the tourney's second year. Our August issue will feature much more detail on the results of these big events in Chicagoland golf; we extend our congratulations now to these superintendents and their staffs for the excellent job they have done to prepare their respective courses for all to enjoy.

Just recently, the Glen Erin Golf Club opened its doors to the public. Why, you ask, is this of note? Glen Erin, located in Janesville, WI, is owned by **Dave Nadler** (Nadler Golf Car Sales, Inc.), its superintendent is MAGCS director **Dave Braasch** and it was designed by architect **Greg Martin** (Martin Design Partnership Ltd.), all long-time MAGCS members. The (public) grand opening took place on June 23, following three days of ribbon-cutting ceremonies attended by several MAGCS members, local

dignitaries, family members and vendors. Congratulations on this momentous event, and we look forward to experiencing firsthand the fruits of your labors in June of next year when Glen Erin is set to host the MAGCS for a golf meeting.

Our June 2003 monthly meeting was held on the 16th at Prestwick Country Club with **Tim Anderson, CGCS** hosting. Again, this event will be covered completely in the August issue, but MAGCS expresses its deepest gratitude to the people at Prestwick, our education speakers and our generous sponsors—Nadler Golf Car Sales, Turf Professionals Equipment Company, Palatine Oil, Golf Creations, Illinois Lawn Equipment, Lemont Paving, John Deere/Hunter Golf, Commercial Turf and Tractor and Simplot Partners—for making the day a success. This event also featured the 2003 Dom Grotti Award, presented to the superintendent-assistant team with the combined lowest net score. The inaugural Dom Grotti Award took place at the ITF Annual Golf Day 18 years ago. And who was Dom Grotti? **Domenic Grotti** began his illustrious career at Sunset Ridge Country Club in 1933 as assistant superintendent, was hired as superintendent in 1940 and retired in 1978. He was remembered as a mentor and an innovator who was one of the first MAGCS members to encourage assistants to be actively involved in the Association and attend monthly meetings. In fact, the foresight of his philosophy is evidenced to this day by the recent formation of the Class C Advisory Council—a committee comprised of assistant superintendents and represented at all MAGCS Board of Director meetings quite ably by **Erwin McKone** of River Forest Country Club. The Dom Grotti trophy is on permanent display at the Midwest Golf House in Lemont, and this year's winners' names will be added to it. Congratulations and thanks to these folks.

## ON THE MOVE:

**Sylvia Lima**, formerly of TPEC, is now field service representative for Leibold Irrigation, Inc.

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Nick Hongisto of TPEC has been named their Northern Territory irrigation sales representative.

Mario Godinho, an experienced golf course equipment technician, is seeking a position in the Chicagoland area—he can be reached at 630-264-1431.

Congratulations and best of luck to these friends.



Carl Hopphan.

As mentioned in our recap of the ITF Spring Golf Day (see page 32), this year's festivities featured the presentation of the Charles Bartlett Award to Carl Hopphan. For a little background on this prestigious award, I asked its founder, Dudley Smith, for some background. It seems that in 1966, when an intercollegiate golf meet was being held at Silver Lake Country Club, the Chicago Tribune sent its golf reporter, Charlie Bartlett, to cover it. Dudley was able to grab a few minutes of Mr. Bartlett's time in the cocktail lounge (where else?) to discuss matters of golf and the superintendent's unsung role in the game. Bartlett, the Tribune columnist responsible for the Sunday feature "The Locker Room" and member of the Golf Writers Hall of Fame, told Dudley that the golf pros were stealing the spotlight from superintendents, and that we as a group had to shuck our coveralls, get out of the barn and take up residence in our grill rooms where we could get our message out. In 1967, when Dudley was MAGCS president, he took the ball and ran

with it, establishing the Charles Bartlett Award to be presented not annually, but as merit dictated, to the individual who best exemplified leadership in oratory, journalistic or public relations skills as they pertained to our industry. That also marked the first presentation of the award—to Paul Voykin, who had written the book titled *A Perfect Lawn the Easy Way* and been published by Rand McNally. Other past winners of the "Bartlett" were Norm Kramer, Ray Gerber, Bob Williams, Julius Albaugh, Ken Zanzig, Oscar Miles (twice), Mike Bavier (also twice), Pete Leuzinger, Tim Kelly and Fred Opperman—a who's who list of renowned Chicagoland superintendents. The latest name on the trophy is Carl Hopphan, former superintendent of Aurora Country Club and Evanston Golf Club, who was chosen by the committee of past winners for his exemplary public relations work with ITF and CDGA. Congratulations to Carl on this great honor!

Congratulations to Midwest member Bruce Williams, CGCS, of Los Angeles Country Club. Son of Bob and a past president of the MAGCS from 1990-91 and the GCSAA in 1996, Bruce was elected vice president of the Southern California GCSA at that chapter's annual meeting on May 8.

FOR SALE: By bid only, Kloke Construction Co./Dave Kloke offer a Case 460 trencher. Used on two small jobs, has a D100 backhoe and bucket, 4' heavy-duty boom with rock and frost chain, gear-reduction chain drive, backfill blade and four-wheel steer. Does not show any wear. Inspect the trencher between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1325 Spaulding Rd. in Elgin; fax your offer to 847-697-1729. Bids will be reviewed at noon each Friday until sold.



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