

the Bull Sheet

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DATES TO REMEMBER

March 11 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Midwest Golf House in Lemont, IL.

March 12-13 — Reinders Turf Conference at the Waukesha Expo Center in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

March 20 — CDGA/USGA Green Seminar at Medinah Country Club, Tom Lively, CGCS host.

March 31 — Deadline for applications for MAGCS Scholarship Program. More info follows.

May 4 — J. W. Turf's Golf and Turf Equipment Auction in Hampshire, IL.
Yep—more info follows.

The MAGCS Scholarship Program is offering, for the third consecutive year, three \$1,000 scholarships to deserving family members of its membership. Two MAGCS scholarships and the John Buck Memorial Scholarship are available for the taking, but you have to act fast—deadline for applications is March 31. You can get an application for your family member either by calling George Minnis at MAGCS (630-406-5356), or by downloading it from the MAGCS Web site. MAGCS gratefully acknowledges the generous financial support of our sponsors and especially, J. W. Turf.

While on the subject, mark your calendars for J. W. Turf's Golf & Turf Equipment Auction, to be held on Sunday, May 4 at 8:30 a.m. The auction is a great place to find some real steals on previously-owned equipment, and to unload your consigned equipment as well. Call 847-683-4653 for more details.



Host superintendent Bob Breen (you may have caught him in the movie Top Gun under his stage name Tom Skerritt).

The January MAGCS monthly meeting was held at Arrowhead Golf Club on the 14th, and a big crowd turned out for the event. Host **Bob Breen** and the staff at AGC once again treated the MAGCS members to a great day of conversing, consuming and career-planning. Education speaker Jim McGoughlin gave a very in-depth and interesting presentation on "Strategic Career Planning," which highlighted the day's activities. Many thanks to everyone at Arrowhead Golf Club, to **Luke Cella, CGCS** (Education Director), and to **Jon Jennings, CGCS** for their hard work in making the day a success.



Educational speaker Jim McGoughlin.

As most all of us know already, **Peter Voykin**, longtime superintendent of Twin Orchard Country Club, passed away on January 30. More on this sad news can found on page 38. MAGCS offers its deepest sympathies to Peter's brother **Paul**, to his family and to the countless friends he made throughout his illustrious career.



Peter (right) with Dudley Smith in 1999.

A little something to think about: This study on "Body Language Speaks" was printed recently in GCSAA's *Leader Board* newsletter, and shows that there is a correlation between common nonverbal gestures and the kinds of emotions one is likely to encounter in a business setting.

- Gesture: Hands together with fingertips forming a steeple.
Meaning: A decision has been made.
 - Gesture: Touching neck with hand while speaking.
Meaning: Possible deception, dishonesty.
 - Gesture: Rubbing ear between thumb and forefinger.
Meaning: Doubt or lack of interest.
 - Gesture: Unsmiling, with brows down.
Meaning: Display of dominance or authority.
 - Gesture: Forefinger at or near mouth.
Meaning: Resistance, or "I don't want to hear this."
 - Gesture: Picking at clothing as if to remove lint.
Meaning: Disagreement.
 - And finally, Gesture: Raising one's hand while extending the middle digit.
Meaning: "Have a nice day."
- (Can you guess which was not actually in the study?)

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Congratulations to the following MAGCS members who were nominated for *Golfweek's Superintendent News'* 2002 Superintendent of the Year award: **Rob Foster** of Highland Park C.C., **Ken Lapp** of Cog Hill G.C., **Mike Matchen** of Wilmette G.C., **Pat Norton** of Nettle Creek C.C., **Ken Shepherd** of Prairie Bluff G.C., **Dave Ward** of Olympia Fields C.C. and **Phil Zeinert**, CGCS of Elgin C.C. And even BIGGER congratulations to Kenny Lapp for being named to the "Front Nine"—the list of finalists for the coveted award.

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Ted Fist, CGCS of Wynstone Golf Club was featured in the January issue of *Golf Course News* with a very smart solution to a big problem. The effluent water being used for irrigation is very high in sodium, causing numerous difficulties in turf and landscape care. This high-sodium situation was due in large part to the use of sodium chloride by homeowners to soften their water. Ted's solution was to change to potassium chloride (which his crew distributes to the homeowners—the cost being split between the Wynstone Homeowners Association and his operating budget). Before this program, sodium content was at 300 ppm, but is now at 82 ppm—a significant decrease—while potassium levels have risen to 170 ppm, allowing Ted to cut back on fertilizer use. Pretty cool, Ted.

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Belated congratulations to **Jan Jarvis**, who is a sales representative for Master of the Links.

Also, congratulations go out to **Brian Widmer**, former assistant superintendent at Bryn Mawr Country Club, on being named superintendent of Hilldale Golf Club as of February 3. Second assistant **Rodney Riech** has moved into the first assistant's position at Bryn Mawr, and applications are being taken to fill his vacancy. Contact **Brian Bossert**, CGCS at 847-677-4112 for details.



Brian Widmer.

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Golf course technician wanted: Hughes Creek Golf Club seeks a qualified technician NOW! Salary and benefits are negotiable—interested parties contact **Darin Ayres**, golf course superintendent, at 630-365-9220.

Bruce Williams, CGCS of the Los Angeles Country Club passed along a Web address that may be of interest to you. Get your paper and pencil out—it's a doozy: <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ndlpcoop/ichihhtml/cdnhome.html>. This site links you to the photo archives of the old *Chicago Daily News*, and is rife with historic photos and stories of Chicago-area golf courses and golfers. If you feel the urge to get sentimental, log on and check it out—there's even a story about a murder in Aurora (go figure).

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Looking ahead to this year's ITF combined golf days . . .

• The Odyssey Club will host the 2nd Annual Regional Team Championship on May 20. Can the team from the Metro North defend their championship on the South Side? Host superintendent **Ray Schei** will be retiring this year and looks forward to preparing the course one last time for his friends in the MAGCS organization.

• The annual College Scramble will be held at Prairie Landing on October 7 with host superintendent **Tony Kalina**. The University of Illinois currently holds the trophy.

The ITF is looking for additional assistance on the golf committee this season. If you are interested in helping out, please contact **Jim Shone** at 708-217-8509.





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