

# the Bull Sheet

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

November 5 — 51st Annual Midwest Turf Clinic at Medinah Country Club, **Tom Lively**, CGCS host.

November 15 — Annual MAGCS Fall Dinner Dance at Aurora Country Club, **Julie and John Gurke**, CGCS hosts.

November 17-20 — 2003 Turf and Ornamental Seminar at Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. For details, call 765-494-8039

November 18-19 — 38th Annual Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium dedicated to the memory of O. J. Noer, held at the American Club in Kohler, WI. Details follow.

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

On November 18 and 19, the 38th Annual Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium will be held at the American Club in Kohler. This year's event has been dedicated to the memory of O. J. Noer, and promises to be one of the best. The theme, "Poa—20 Years Later," will be expounded

upon by several of the industry's top *Poa annua* researchers, including Dr. Joe Vargas, Dr. Frank Rossi, Dr. John Stier and Dr. Ron Calhoun. For information, call the American Club at 800-344-2838.

MAGCS wishes **Bob Williams**, who took ill in October, a speedy recovery. Our thoughts are with you and your family, Bob.

The Midwest extends best wishes to longtime member **John Hogan**, Tuckaway Golf Club, who is battling cancer. John would surely welcome encouragement from his colleagues during this difficult time. Send your messages to John at his home address, 347 S. Center Ave., Bradley, IL 60915.

**Russ Stachlewitz**, who recently began his tenure as turf instructor at Kishwaukee College, has another pair of shoes to fill. Congratulations, Russ, on becoming the executive director of the Midwest Sod Council.

Several MAGCS members were fortunate enough to have competed in the Monday Pro-Am during the PGA Tour's John Deere Classic golf tournament in September. Among the participants were **Dave Ward, Brian Bossert, Bob Lohmann, Ed Kruse, Don Ferreri, Dave Kohley, Rick Wilson** and **Mike Vilendrer** (and I apologize to those I've omitted). According to one attendee, it was a two-day blast,

including a scramble event at nearby Davenport C.C., and everyone was treated like a king by the good people of John Deere. Also, congrats to **Dave Ward** and **Brian Bossert**, who managed to take third place in the Pro-Am along with Tour pro partner, **John Daly**.

A HUGE pat on the back to the MAGCS Arrangements Committee, which recently announced that all 2004 event locations are confirmed, along with about half of the 2005 dates and sites! This has to be unprecedented, and is a fine reflection on both the hard work of the members of this committee, as well as the willingness of our members to offer their courses as monthly meeting sites. Thank you to all!

Welcome to new MAGCS member "Big" **Jim Shanley** of Illinois Pump. Hopefully, those of you who attended September's monthly meeting at Shoreacres were able to meet Jim (without straining your neck looking up). Again, welcome aboard, Jim.

Some sad news was posted on the MAGCS Web site regarding the passing of **Vern Thelen**, the founder of Thelen's Sand and Gravel. Mr. Thelen was 78 when he passed away last month. Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Vern.

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