

# the Bull Sheet

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

October 6 — Fall session of the Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School begins at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, in New Brunswick, NJ.

October 7 — MAGCS/ITF Combined Golf Day at Prairie Landing Golf Club in West Chicago, IL, **Tony Kalina** host.

October 8 — Wisconsin Turfgrass Association's Fundraiser Golf Outing at The Bull at Pinehurst Farms in Sheboygan, WI, **Tony Rzadzki, CGCS** host.

October 10 — 23rd Southern Illinois Turfgrass Field Day at the SIUC Horticulture Research Center in Carbondale, IL.

October 10 — Illinois Golf Hall of Fame induction ceremony, featuring Class of 2003 inductee **Oscar Miles, CGCS**, at The Glen Club, Glenview, IL.

October 21-22 — Illinois Arborist Association's 21st Annual Conference and Trade Show at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Tinley Park, IL.

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.

MAGCS sends its deepest condolences to Karen Minnis and the many friends and family of **George Minnis**, the man who gave so much of himself to run this Association for

so many years. On September 4, George succumbed to the cancer that he had been fighting so bravely; he will be missed by us all.

As mentioned above, the Southern Illinois Turfgrass Field Day will be held this month on the 10th at the SIUC Horticulture Research Center in Carbondale. Call 618-536-7751 for registration information.

Congratulations to **Don Spier**, formerly of Simplot Partners, who as of August 19 joined Precision Labs.

More congrats to **Derek Florian**, former assistant superintendent at Aurora Country Club, who is the new superintendent at Fox Valley Golf Club in Aurora, replacing the retired **Lynn Wesson**. "Come back, Shane!"

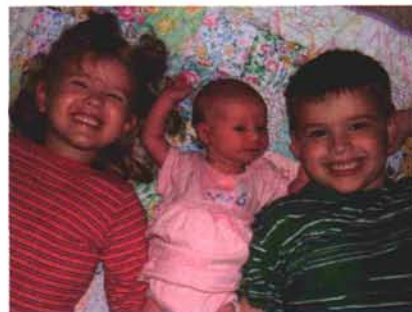


*Derek Florian.*

A hearty MAGCS welcome to Keith Krause, formerly of Crystal Downs Country Club in Michigan (and NOT Prairie Landing G.C.!), who is the new assistant golf course superintendent at Aurora Country Club. "Never mind, Shane—have a nice life!"

And while we're at it, congratulations to our own **Cathy Miles Ralston** and her husband Phil on the birth of daughter Amy Catherine on September 5. Amy joins big brother Ryan and big sister Kristin to round out the Ralston family

(hopefully the last Ralston—this magazine just doesn't run without Cathy). Amy was 7 lb., 11 oz. and 20 inches long, and mom, daughter, dad and siblings are happy, healthy and tired!



*Amy with big siblings Kristin and Ryan.*

Wow—more good news to pass around. Congrats to the team from Fox Bend Golf Course for winning the John Deere Championship held at Eagle Brook Country Club in Geneva (**Greg Johnson** host) last month. **Bob Kohlstedt** and Leon McNair posted a searing 53 en route to their victory, enabling them to compete in the 2003 John Deere World Championship at Grayhawk Golf's Talon and Raptor courses in November. Best of luck to you there!

Some more sad news to report—**Kathy Newyear**, the manager of golf operations at Orchard Hills Golf Club, lost her husband, Dean, last month. MAGCS sends its sympathies during this most difficult time.

MAGCS thanks its generous sponsors for their support for our September meeting at Shoreacres (**Tim Davis** host). They are: Nadler Golf Car Sales, Nels J. Johnson Tree Experts, Turf Professionals Equipment Company, Palatine Oil, BTSI, Anton's Greenhouse, Mariani Nursery, Bear's Turf Products, Simplot Partners, Arthur Clesen, High PSI, Pendleton Turf Supply and Kaplan Trucking and Paving. It's been said numerous times before, but these very fine events at some very fine venues would not be possible without the generosity of our great sponsors. Thank you, and look for a complete wrap-up of the annual championship in our November issue.

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The MAGCS Annual Scholarship Golf Outing and class 'C' championship was held at Orchard Valley Golf Course on September 9 on possibly the best day we've had for golf all season. **Jim McNair, CGCS** and **Harry Lovero**, our hosts, provided us with an immaculate golf course on this wonderful day. Kudos to **Erwin McKone**, class 'C' advisor, and his committee for making this the best and biggest scholarship outing thus far—it promises to keep getting bigger and better! Thank

you to the staff at Orchard Valley, including PGA professional Tom Tierney and his people, food and beverage manager Dianne Dixon and her staff, and of course to **Marsha Trayer**, **Patti Thorson**, **LeAnn Scott**, **Kelly Schroeder** and **Sharon Riesenbeck** for running the two betting holes and netting more than \$1,100 for our scholarship coffers. Also, congratulations to Erwin McKone and **Brian Racette** on their victories in the class 'C' championship. Finally, many thanks to our

sponsors, who once again stepped up to the plate and made the day possible. They are BTSI, Henry Frenzer, Master of the Links, Simplot Partners, Lesco, L & M Greenhouses, Syngenta, Eco-Ponds USA, Flowtronex PSI, Conserv FS, Earth Works, Nadler Golf Car Sales, Palatine Oil, Northfield Block, J.W. Turf, Arthur Clesen, Chicagoland Turf and Bayer/Chipco Environmental. You are the best!



*Ed Fischer, Chad Ball and Bob Kronn.*



*Kevin DeRoo, Erwin McKone and James Burns.*



*Class 'C' champions Erwin McKone (net) and Brian Racette (gross).*



*Rick Reed, Dean Bemis and Mike Clesen.*



*Darin Douglas, Roger Johnson, Russell Stratton and Mike Murphy.*



*Brett Parcher, Dan Stahl, Harry Lovero and Jim McNair—our gracious hosts.*



*Jan Jarvis (a.k.a. Pancho Gonzalez), Joe Voss and Bob Emmerich.*



*Kelly Schroeder, LeAnn Scott and Sharon Riesenbeck, who ran the betting holes along with Marsha Trayer and Patti Thorson (not pictured, but you've all seen them before).*



In last month's issue, we incorrectly identified Sharon Riesenbeck as Sharon Resetich. Thank you, Sharon, for setting me straight—and for a very tasty reminder, I might add.

Having played on Orchard Valley's PERFECT greens after having just completed core-aerating my own greens led me to think long and hard about this miserable procedure, and the result of that session in the think-tank was nearly a religious experience that yielded the following Ten Commandments of Fall:

1. *Thou shalt not commit core-aeration.*
2. *Thou shalt topdress more often in order that thou need not core-aerate.*
3. *Thou shalt strike the name "hollow tines" from all pillars,*

*kiosks, steles, sarcophagi, pyramids and purchase orders so that thou canst be tempted by the serpent called Greens Aire.*

4. *Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's core-aerated greens—they art his problem.*
5. *Thou shalt not cast angst upon thy technicians nor thy golfers by core-aerating.*
6. *Thou shalt not steal cores from thy greens.*
7. *Thou shalt not lie by extolling the virtues of core-aerating.*
8. *Thou shalt henceforth consider the day after Labor Day to be the Sabbath, and thou shalt rest on the Sabbath and not core-aerate.*
9. *Thou shalt not worship pagan idols such as "side eject" and "carbide-tipped."*
10. *Thou shalt apply these Commandments to thy greens and love thy greens—thou canst do as thou wishes with thy tees and fairways.*

It appears that the end of the line for methyl bromide may be further away than previously thought—at a recent conference in Montreal, representatives from the U.S. EPA and other

U. S. groups defended the need for the continued use of the pesticide and soil fumigant among various sectors of agriculture, including its use on golf courses. Keep tuned—you may still get those perfect, *Poa*-free greens yet.

You should have received your GCSAA 2004 Conference and Show packet by now, so don't delay in making your plans to attend this winter's extravaganza in San Diego, California. Once again, MAGCS will be hosting a hospitality suite—particulars will be passed along as the arrangements are solidified.

Soon to be of help to us northerners: GCSAA has made available a frost-delay information packet that graphically demonstrates the ill effects of treading on frosty turf. Call Member Services at 800-472-7878 to order yours. By the way, it'll cost you \$30 per packet, or \$15 for a "mini packet."



## A SNEAK PEEK

# 51st Midwest Turf Clinic and Annual Meeting at Medinah C.C. November 5, 2003

(Times/speakers subject to change.)

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| 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.   | Registration   |
| 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.   | MAGCS Annual Meeting   |
| 9:00 - 9:15 a.m.   | Break  |
| 9:15 - 10:00 a.m.  | Don Fehrenbacher, USDA NRCS and Mark Bramstedt: "Soil Surveys and New Technologies and Special Problems" |
| 10:00 - 10:15 a.m. | Scott Witte, CGCS, Cantigny Golf Club  |
| 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. | Tom D'Avello, USDA NRCS: "Geographic Information Systems and Analysis"                                   |
| 11:00 - 11:15 a.m. | Jim Keith, CGCS, St. Charles Country Club  |
| 11:15 - 11:45 a.m. | Presentation of Ray Gerber and Fred Opperman Editorial Awards  |
| 11:45 - 12:00 p.m. | Don Ferreri, Seven Bridges Golf Club: GCSAA Chapter Delegate Update                                      |
| 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  | Lunch  |
| 1:00 - 1:45 p.m.   | Michael Boehm, Ohio State University: "Microbiology of Soils, Products and Techniques"                   |
| 1:45 - 2:00 p.m.   | Tony Kalina, Prairie Landing Golf Club   |
| 2:00 - 2:45 p.m.   | David Kaplan, WGN: Keynote Address   |
| 2:45 - 3:00 p.m.   | Break  |
| 3:00 p.m.          | Election of Officers   |
| 3:30 p.m.          | Adjournment  |