

the Bull Sheet

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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 14 — Adult CPR and AED training course at the American Red Cross Community Facility, 1550 W. 88th St., Chicago. GCSAA offers service points for successful completion of this course. Go to www.chicagoredcross.org/classes for more info.

April 26 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Nettle Creek Country Club, Pat Norton, CGCS host.

May 8 or 15 — Audubon International's Annual Birdwatching Open. More information on this event (including confirmation of date) will be available soon.

May 18 — MAGCS/ITF Spring Golf Day at Seven Bridges Golf Club, Don Ferreri host.

This month's MAGCS meeting will be at Nettle Creek Country Club in Morris, IL, with Pat Norton, CGCS serving as our host. For those of you wondering where Morris is, don't fret—it's very easy to get to from either I-88 or I-80 to Route 47 south. This is the first golf event of the year, and the only scramble format we will play this season. The education portion of the day will be provided by Dr. Brian Horgan of the University of Minnesota, who will speak on "The Fate of Phosphorous in the Environment." GCSAA education points (0.1 EPs) have been applied for. See you there.

This is a reminder to all of you parents out there—you have until the 25th of this month to send in your children's submissions for our Father's Day feature, "What My Dad Does at Work," to be showcased in the June issue of this very magazine. Please encourage your kids to put

into words (or even pictures) their own ideas of what you actually do while you are away from them during the day—it should be a lot of fun to read. E-mail or send responses to Cathy Ralston at on_course@hotmail.com or to 68 S. Waterford Dr., Round Lake, IL 60073.

We've seen some movement on the job front recently, and would like to congratulate the following gentlemen on their new positions:

— **Tom Prichard** is the new golf course superintendent at Ivanhoe Club, replacing **Peter Leuzinger**, CGCS. Tom officially begins his new position on the 5th of this month.

— **Brad Legnaioli**, formerly of Oak Grove Golf Course, is now the golf course superintendent at the Highlands of Elgin—a new project that encompasses the old Spartan Meadows Golf Course. Brad replaces the recently-retired **Scott Klingberg**.

— **Paul Sandall**, formerly assistant superintendent at Park Ridge Country Club, is now the golf course superintendent at Oak Grove Golf Course, replacing Brad Legnaioli. Paul has been working for **Mike Mumper** for the past several years, so he should be more than ready to meet the new challenge (which includes hosting the September MAGCS meeting and annual championship).

Welcome to **Tom Gray**, CGCS, formerly of Fieldstone Golf Club and Franklin Hills Country Club in Michigan, who is the new golf course superintendent at Olympia Fields Country Club, replacing **Dave Ward**. Dave resigned from OFCC to take on the grow-in of the new Homewood/Flossmoor Park District course Coyote Run—a Greg Martin design on the grounds of the old Cherry Hills C.C.

While on the subject of Tom Gray and Dave Ward, the March 12th issue of *Golfweek's SuperNews* features a nice introduction to Tom in

its Career Track segment on page 27; and the March issue of *Golf Course Management* has an insightful interview with Dave on page 46. Check them both out.

Also new to our area are Doug Laak and Rick Jones, both of whom are with J.W. Turf's expanded John Deere Golf & Turf One Source Company in Hampshire, IL. Doug hails from Wisconsin, while Rick has been in our area for the past 20-plus years. Welcome!

And let's welcome **Phil Zeinert**, CGCS (Elgin C.C.) back from his "vacation" to the beautiful Lawrence, KS, where he took part in GCSAA's Chapter Leadership Workshop on March 23-24.

Congratulations to **Doug Davis** of Flagg Creek G.C., who married his sweetheart, Johnneen, on January 17 in Galena. Doug and Johnneen spent their honeymoon in San Diego, where they (like all of us who went to the conference) enjoyed superb weather in a really cool city.



Johnneen and Doug.

The past month or so has been a virtual whirlwind of educational opportunities for MAGCS members of all classes (and a big help to those of us struggling to comply with the PDI requirements). No fewer than three seminars offering a wide variety of topics were in the offing, which, if nothing else, kept the doors of the Midwest Golf House constantly swinging.

On February 25, Lesco and BASF sponsored a seminar focusing on recent research and best practices in disease and plant care. The keynote speaker was Dr. Houston Couch of Virginia Tech, and his presentation on

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“Disease Control—Past, Present, and Future” was an enlightening and sometimes hysterical look at this topic, including observations on our forefathers’ efforts at disease control “back before mercury killed people.” Dr. Couch also honed in on the subject of fungicide resistance, with a viewpoint that did not quite coincide with that of a certain keynote speaker from an earlier seminar . . . Wouldn’t it be fun to get Drs. Vargas and Couch together on the same stage with some of those inflatable boxing gloves?

The day’s agenda also featured Mark Mahady of Mark M. Mahady & Associates, Inc., who delved into the sore subject of moss on putting greens, offering a few new twists on the control of this nasty pest. Following Mark was Dr. Richard Latin of Purdue University, who gave us some insight on weather-based spray schedules as opposed to calendar or threshold-based schedules—a program that is gaining greater acceptance as more research is proving it to be effective. Jeff Barnes of BASF’s fungicide development department gave an interesting talk on the exhaustive and expensive process of bringing a fungicide to the market, noting that the experimental product wing at BASF is far-separated from the main plant so that “in case it blows up, we won’t take everyone else out.” **Dr. Randy Kane** finished with a presentation on his dollar spot-control research in the Chicago area. The day concluded with a Q&A session that brought all speakers back to the stage, but they had done such a complete job during their individual talks that no questions were posed (or perhaps everyone just wanted to beat traffic).



The lineup for the Lescol/BASF seminar: Dr. Houston Couch, Dr. Randy Kane, Jeff Barnes, Dr. Richard Latin, Mark Mahady and David Oberle.



Your Class C Advisory Committee—front row, L to R: Doug Pool, chairman Chad Kempf, Nick Baker. Back row, L to R: Keith Krause, John Patrick Maksymiu, moderator John Ekstrom, Aaron Willing, Brian Mores, Matt Kregel and Scott White (represented by his empty chair).



The attentive audience.

The very next day, Golf House opened its doors for the first MAGCS Assistant Superintendents Winter Workshop, sponsored by Chicagoland Turf, J. W. Turf, TPEC, BTSI, Arthur Clesen, Inc. and Nadler Golf Car Sales. Although geared toward assistant superintendents, this full-day event had something for everyone. The morning session featured Jim McLoughlin, whose “Strategic Career Planning” seminar got things rolling for the 70-plus attendees. After Jim’s talk and a really great lunch, the afternoon session got underway with **Kevin DeRoo** giving a talk on the inner workings of the MAGCS. Kevin tailored his talk for the



Jim McLoughlin and Kevin DeRoo.



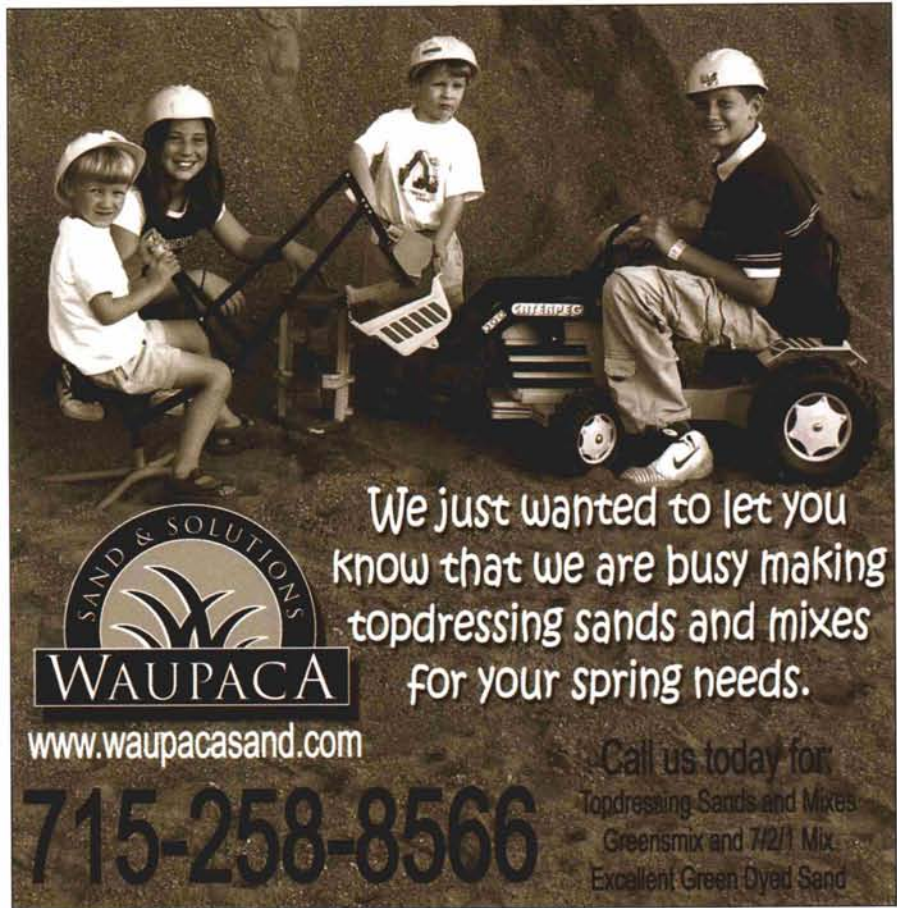
Mike Bavier and Jon Jennings.



Todd Schmitz.

audience at hand, stressing the need for committee involvement from all classes of MAGCS members in order to achieve goals, and citing the success of the Class C Advisory Committee and this very event as proof that our system works to that end. Following Kevin was a panel discussion about the expectations shared among the superintendent and the assistant, featuring **Mike Bavier**, CGCS of Inverness Golf Club, **Jon Jennings**, CGCS of Chicago Golf Club and **Todd Schmitz** of Phillips Park Golf Course. After brief presentations by each gentleman, the floor opened to a Q&A session; moderator **John Ekstrom** (Cantigny G.C.) kept things lively for another two hours! It was like a CAGCS round-table discussion, only juiced up on steroids, with some very lively exchanges between panelists and audience members. Kudos and congratulations to the Class C Advisory Committee (**Chad Kempf**, **Nick Baker**, **Brian Mores**, **John Ekstrom**, **Aaron Willing**, **Matt Kregel**, **Doug Pool**, **Keith Krause**,

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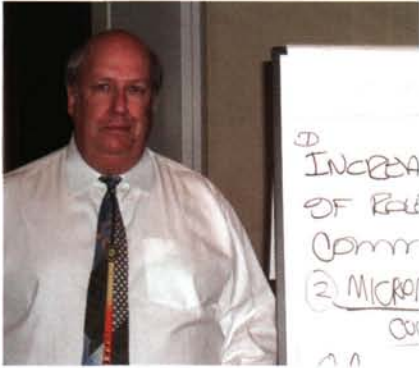
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Growing Smarter.

John Maksymiu, Scott White and ex-member-but-still-remembered Erwin McKone), and many thanks to the day's sponsors for such a successful event.



Robert Sexton.

The MAGCS March monthly meeting took place on the 10th, and featured the GCSAA Superintendent Leadership Series seminar "Managing Up: Dealing With Managers, Boards, and Committees," presented by Robert F. Sexton, CCM, CHE (or was it Rick Majerus?) and sponsored by Callaway Golf and the Environmental Institute. This day-long (and 0.7 EP) seminar gave its attendees a variety of methods to improve their communication skills and thus "manage" their bosses—so to speak—and all this from the viewpoint of a club general manager. Mr. Sexton's presentation was very "hands-on" and entailed a great deal of audience participation, keeping things lively and audience members on their toes. Thanks to Tim Anderson and the Education Committee for arranging this important seminar.



Curt Franklin.

Finally, Curt Franklin bids the MAGCS a fond farewell: "Hello, everybody. I wanted to say goodbye

and thank you for the past four years. My tenure as a sales representative for Arthur Clesen Inc. has gone quickly, but the experiences and relationships that I have obtained over those years will last a lifetime. I wish everybody a prosperous and productive 2004 and many years to come. Good luck and God bless."

New position available: agronomist intern. This individual will be trained in soil-testing and agronomic consulting for the turf and horticultural professions. Qualifications include: honesty, dependability, turf education and experience, outgoing personality; must be self-disciplined and a self-starter. This is a new position, and compensation will depend on the qualifications of the applicant. The ideal candidate will realize the joy of becoming self-employed as soon as their client base allows. Interested parties please contact David Marquardt of Dirt-n-Turf Consulting at 630-251-1511.

Wanted to buy: Looking for a hydraulic dump assembly and box for a 1987 Cushman Truckster. Will take the whole Cushman if available with this feature. Call Bob McCallum at 847-625-9865.

For sale: two John Deere Sand Trap Rakes—1996 and 1998. One 2002 John Deere 3215B Fairway mower with 500 hours. One 2000 John Deere 2653 Triplex mower with 1,753 hours. One 1984 Toro aerifier model 09110. Call Scott Speiden at 630-773-1800, ext. 141, to make an offer.

For sale: 3-point PTO Chipper—\$2,100. Giant Vac PTO Blower, like new—\$2,500. Mott 72 Flailmaster 3-point PTO—\$900. Call Mike Bavier or Brian at Inverness G.C. at 847-358-7030.

For sale: 1995 John Deere 3215A Fairway Mower, 1,375 hours and in good condition, well-maintained. Call Tim or Scott at Golf Creations and make an offer—815-923-1868.

Blah blah blah: Aurora Country Club still has Jacobsen LF 100s for sale—they start, they run, they mow and they have bulletproof cabs for those safety-challenged areas. Call and make an offer quick before we cannibalize. 630-892-3600 or 630-826-7874, ask for John or Nick.



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