

the Bull Sheet

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DATES TO REMEMBER

February 12-13 — MAGCS Hospitality Suite at the Marriott Marina Hotel in San Diego, CA. Details follow.

February 23-26 — Indiana-Illinois Turfgrass Short Course at the Holiday Inn in Willowbrook, IL. Yep—details follow.

February 24-25 — 22nd Annual Southern Illinois Grounds Maintenance School and Trade Show at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville, IL. See above about the details thing.

February 25 — “Couch Talk” seminar at Midwest Golf House featuring keynote speaker Houston Couch of Virginia Tech.

February 26 — Annual Assistant Superintendent Workshop at Midwest Golf House in Lemont, IL. Read on for the scoop.

March 10 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Midwest Golf House in Lemont.

March 12 — “Time Off In Illinois: State and Federal Laws On Employee Leave, Vacations and Holidays” seminar at the DoubleTree Suites in Downers Grove, IL. Call 715-833-3959 for registration information.

First, let's get all that stuff in *Dates to Remember* ironed out . . .

The MAGCS Hospitality Suite will be held on the evenings of February 12th and 13th at the Marriott Marina Hotel in San Diego. Hours of operation will be from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. each night. Look for a few new twists to this popular annual bash, including

a sign-in table staffed by MAGCS volunteers (and feel free to call **Sylvia Lima** to volunteer for a half-hour stint). This new feature will help keep track of the number of people who attend, as well as facilitate a couple of raffles for attendees to have the chance of winning big cash and tremendous prizes. Another new addition to the party will be a continually looping PowerPoint slide show highlighting all of the generous contributors who not only made the room possible, but also helped make the 2003 meetings and golf events so successful. On tap as well: a special tribute to our own **Dan Quast, CGCS**, winner of GCSAA's Distinguished Service Award. Be there!

The Indiana-Illinois Turfgrass Short Course, sponsored by the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation and the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation, will be held February 23-26, returning to the Willowbrook Holiday Inn this year. Its objective is to provide basic information on turfgrass management, soils, fertility and pest management to those who are employed or considering employment in the golf course industry. For questions, or to register, call Bev Bratton at 765-494-8039 or **Tom Voigt** at 217-333-7847.

As for the 22nd Annual Southern Illinois Grounds Maintenance School and Trade Show, well that's a horse of another color altogether. This two-day seminar (February 24-25) is being held at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville, IL, and is sponsored by the University of Illinois Extension, Southern Illinois Nursery Association, Southern Illinois Golf Course Superintendents Association, Southern Illinois Grounds Maintenance Association and the Illinois Parks and Recreation Association (who knew there were so many?). This bad boy features seminars on just about everything you wanted to know about the Green Industry, including new

courses on computer training and several courses offered in Spanish. For information, call 618-692-7700.

The Annual Assistant Superintendent Workshop will take place at Midwest Golf House (popular place in the winter months, eh?) on February 26 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This event is targeted towards assistant superintendents (thus the clever name), but is open to any interested party (with \$25 and a coat and tie), and is another example of the truly great work being done by the Class C Advisory Committee. This committee, created during **Kevin DeRoo's** presidency, was implemented to give the assistant superintendent a voice in the Association at the Board level, and to create various events for the further betterment of its namesake constituency. **Chad Kempf** of Hinsdale Golf Club has recently taken over the Class C advisor's position on the MAGCS Board, replacing **Erwin McKone**, who resigned his post due to his new position as director of golf at Briar Ridge Country Club in Schererville, IN. Chad has been an active MAGCS member, serving on numerous committees and contributing to this magazine on several occasions; now, he's taken the reins of his Board post and primary responsibility for running this event. The theme of the day will be “Making the Next Step—IT'S UP TO YOU!” and it will feature speakers with vital knowledge on the subject, including Jim McGoughlin—“Strategic Career Planning,” Kevin DeRoo—“MAGCS Board Operations Q and A,” and **Mike Bavier, CGCS, Jon Jennings, CGCS** and **Todd Schmitz**—“Expectations Between the Superintendent and the Assistant.” Space is limited to the first 100 registrants, so sign up quickly. And a hearty congratulations and best wishes to Chad on his appointment.



Chad Kempf.

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The March MAGCS monthly meeting, to be held on the 10th at Golf House (again), will feature a seminar from the GCSAA's Superintendent Leadership Series titled "Managing Up: Strategies for Influencing Boards, Committees and Managers" and presented by Robert Sexon. As of this date, it is expected to be a full-day seminar worth 0.7 education points.

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Congratulations to Tiffany and Paul Yerkes (Lesco) on the birth of their son, Jake Paul, on January 5. Jake was a big 'un, entering the world at 8 lb. 11 oz. and 21.5 inches long. Everyone is doing great, and dad finally has his wish—a son to carry on the family name (which, of course, translates to "SNIP" for dad).



Proud papa Paul with (L to R) Maddie, Jake and Haleigh.

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MAGCS is proud to announce that no fewer than 16 of its members have volunteered to serve on GCSAA committees for this year, ensuring that we have a BIG voice in the piloting of the national craft. Recently beamed up to the Mother Ship were Luke Cella, CGCS, Don Cross, CGCS, Dan Dinelli, CGCS, Don Ferreri, Jon Jennings, CGCS, Patrick Sisk, CGCS, Steve Van Acker, CGCS, Joe Vargas, Ph.D., James Watson, Ph.D., Bruce Williams, CGCS, Robert Williams and Tommy Witt, CGCS. We salute your dedication, and wish you all a smooth flight.

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"Mr. President, I move we dispense with the reading of the minutes." This sentence is heard at every type of board meeting throughout the world, but no one person has said it more than our beloved Albie Staudt. As most everyone knows, Albie lost his long battle with cancer on January 4

You know, few things in our professional lives are more satisfying than seeing our "kids grow up" so to speak, or in other words, seeing our assistants go on to successful careers as golf course superintendents. This is what makes being a golf course superintendent such a great thing—the ability to mold, to influence and to teach, with the hopes that one day our efforts will be rewarded with the knowledge that we have helped to develop responsible, professional gentlemen and ladies who will do us proud in the industry, and carry our legacy forward . . .



Todd Schmitz and Derek Florian, former assistants at Prairie Landing G.C. and Aurora C.C.

One day Tony Kalina and I will have that feeling . . . Not yet, but one day.

—a week after his son-in-law John Ott lost a similar battle. In the MAGCS family, Albie and this sentence were synonymous; no single member of this Association has contributed more (by hurrying business meetings along through the uttering of this line) than he. We will all miss Albie's presence at our monthly meetings—his infectious sunny outlook, his "unique" approach to the game of golf, and of course, his motions to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Rest in peace, old friend.

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Garry Anderson of Arthur Clesen Inc. received some great news recently—his father, Mel, was honored with the Heart of America Superintendents Association's Lifetime Achievement Award. The association presented the award to the elder Anderson at its annual Christmas party, and as a further surprise, Garry was in attendance unbeknownst to his dad. Both gentlemen were past presidents of the association, and both are to be congratulated.

Condolences go out to the family and friends of John Krutilla, CGCS of Janesville Country Club on the recent passing of his father, John Sr., on December 22.

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Mark this down: Arthur Clesen Inc. has moved its South Side warehouse to the hotbed of warehouse activity—Mokena, IL. The new state-of-the-Art (get it?) facility boasts one-half an acre of area under its roof, and will hold a grand opening the week of March 15. MAGCS members are encouraged to stop on by and enjoy the food, fun and excitement. Call LeAnn Scott at 847-537-2177 for directions.

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If you ever lose a tree that was in the "perfect" place, or that was special in some way, Doug Davis of Flagg Creek G.C. has just the answer for you—have the stump converted into art. Doug hired chainsaw sculptor Scott Cochrane of Northern Exposure to fashion these eagles from a

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tree that was recently removed. For more information, call Doug at 708-860-4030.



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Congratulations to Danny Quast, CGCS on winning GCSAA's Distinguished Service Award. Dan will receive the prestigious award in San Diego at the Opening Session of the 75th International Golf Course Conference and Show on February 12. Dan joins an ever-increasing list of MAGCS members to receive this award, and it couldn't have come to a nicer guy—bravo, Danny!



Dan Quast.

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Congratulations to another group of 25-year members: **Don Cross, CGCS** of Skokie C.C.; **John DenBow** of Ledges G.C.; **Dave Fisher, CGCS** of Park Hills G.C.; and **Chris Smith, CGCS** of Conserv FS.

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Remember! March 31 is the deadline to submit 2004 MAGCS Scholarship applications. Call Luke Cella for details.

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Condolences to Tess and **Hank Wilkinson** (University of Illinois) on the recent passing of Tess' mother after a long illness. MAGCS sends its heartfelt sympathies to the Wilkinson family on their loss.

Welcome to our newest members: **Leo Pechette** of River Road C.C. in Kentucky; **Dan Howard** of Master of the Links; **Dan O'Brien** of Newburg Village G.C. in Cherry Valley, IL; **Aaron Easter** of Bartlett Hills G.C.;



Aaron Easter.

Robert Graziano of Cary C.C.; and



Robert Graziano.

Scott Harris of Harris Yamaha Chicago Golf Cars.



Scott Harris.

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Word from our own turfgrass advisor, **Dr. Randy Kane**: "The USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has advised the public that it has received a petition from the Scotts Company and Monsanto seeking determination of nonregulated status for Roundup Ready Creeping Bentgrass (Federal Register Vol. 69, No. 2; Jan. 5, 2004). APHIS is seeking public comment on whether RRCB presents a plant pest risk, and to what extent the introduction of this modified grass will have on the environment. APHIS will be accepting public comment in the form of a 'snail mail' letter or an e-mail, until March 5, 2004. E-mail comments must be addressed to regulations@aphis.usda.gov with the docket #03-101-1 appearing in the

subject line. The comment, including your name and address, must be contained in the body of the e-mail; do not send attached files. Randy Kane at the CDGA has more information on this subject, and can assist in formulating comments if you would like assistance."

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Sunset Ridge C.C. is looking for an assistant superintendent. Call **Dennis Wilson** at 847-446-5268 or send your resume to his attention at 1984 Sunset Ridge Road, Northfield, IL 60093.

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EQUIPMENT FOR SALE:

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

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1968 Massey-Ferguson LGC gas tractor in good condition. Runs well, has new rubber and PTO works. \$1,500 and negotiable, call **Ed Fischer, CGCS** at 847-432-6276. Ed is also selling his Harley—a 2000 Heritage. Interested parties, call Ed and make a generous offer.

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1988 Jacobsen LF-100 and 1990 Jacobsen LF-100, with 3,065 and 3,045 hours respectively. Both in good running and mowing condition. 1989 Jacobsen Tri King 1671 gas model with 4,123 hours, usable. Call John at Aurora C.C. at 630-892-3600.

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1984 and 1985 Toro triplexes with additional mowing and verticutting units available. Both run, and a set of True-Surface Rollers is also available that fit these mowers. 1989 Smithco Red Rider that runs. 1967 Ford 3000 tractor with PTO that runs. 1987 Cushman 4-wheel truckster, needs engine work. Call Brian at 847-677-4112.

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For sale: Chipper 3-pt. PTO hook-up, \$2,100; Blower GIANT VAC 3-pt. PTO hook-up, like new, \$2,500; MOTT 72 Flailmaster, 3-pt. PTO, \$900. Call Mike or Brian at Inverness Golf Club, 847-358-7030

