John Gurke, CGCS Aurora Country Club

The Party Line

December in Chicago, which—for the members of MAGCS—means it's time to relax and get together with the old crew at the several annual superintendents' parties that are always on the docket. Once again, the annual South Side Superintendents Party and the annual West Side Superintendents Party rolled into town, and judging from all eyewitness reports, both were great successes. Don't be fooled by their monikers, though, as these now-famous soirees are attended by people from all walks of MAGCS life, and both are always highlighted by appearances from some of our dear (old) retired friends.



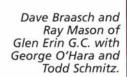
West Side party arrangers Don Ferreri and Gary Hearn.

The South Side Party took place at the Bier Steub in Frankfort on December 8, and featured a German food-fest bar-none, along with the usual cavorting, carousing and ka-chinking of very large beer steins in toast to the season past and the holiday to soon come. The West Side Party—a mere infant compared to its venerable brother down south—again was held at Dave & Buster's in Addison on December 10. Thanks to Gary Hearn and Don Ferreri, who arranged everything, the Italian feast and bottomless beverage reservoirs kept everyone happy (except those who had the misfortune of playing pool against Ray Mason).

If you haven't found the time or urge to get yourself to one or both of these events, you really should try—it's the time of year where you can reacquaint yourself with your neighbor next door or halfway across the state, WITHOUT having to talk turf! These are where the real winter business gets done—the hunting trips scheduled, the skiing ventures firmed up and the breakfasts planned for the next three months. Thanks to everyone who had a hand in arranging these parties, and to all who showed up and let off a little steam.

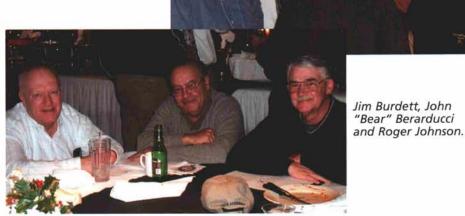


Let the feeding frenzy begin!





Wally Fuchs and Carl Hopphan.



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Scott Spier and John Meyer.



George O'Hara in deep concentration.



Marsha Trayes in less-than-deep concentration.



Sharon Riesenbeck and Scott Speiden.



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