

the Bull Sheet

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DATES TO REMEMBER

July 1-4 – Cialis Western Open at Cog Hill Golf & Country Club in Lemont, IL, **Ken Lapp** host.

July 12 – ITF/Northwest Illinois AGCS Combined Golf Day at Aldeen Golf Club, Rockford, IL, **Glenn Bereiter**, CGCS host.

July 19 – MAGCS monthly meeting at Fox Run Golf Links in Elk Grove Village, IL, **Greg Thalmann**, CGCS host.

August 9 – MAGCS monthly meeting at Biltmore Country Club in North Barrington, IL, **Brian Thomson**, CGCS host.

August 14 – MAGCS Kane County Cougars Outing at Elfstrom Field in Geneva, IL.

September 13 – MAGCS monthly meeting at Oak Grove Golf Course in Harvard, IL, **Paul Sandall** host.

October 4 – Rutgers University Professional Golf Turf Management School begins its fall session, Dean of Rutgers host.

I hope everyone reading this is in good environmental health. The apocalyptic spring from hell—where extremes in heat, drought, flooding, disease, insects, famine, pestilence, you name it—is still wreaking havoc as this is written, but hopefully it is by now but a faint memory. Happy July everyone!

Great job to Stonebridge Country Club's **Dan Sterr**, **Jim Pedersen** and all their staff and volunteers for providing a spectacular golf course once again for the Kellogg/Keebler Classic held there on June 4-6.

ESPN's telecasts showed off their efforts in fine style, and it was nice to be able to watch on Sunday without already knowing who was going to win. Nice going, guys!

A new—and hopefully annual—event, called the Old Tom Open, made its debut last month. Founders and organizers **Dave Blomquist**, CGCS, **Mike Vercautren** and **Dan Marco**, CGCS (with help from a cast of several) created the event with the intention of bringing together superintendents and their bosses (be it green chairman, club president or other official) for a day of golf at a fine facility, where ideas and information could be exchanged in a relaxed atmosphere. An informative brochure on the most well-known greenkeeper of all time, Old Tom Morris (my apologies, Oscar), was given—along with some very nice tee gifts—to each participant to further explain the tradition and history of our noble profession. Architect (and Black Sheep club champion) David Esler went the extra mile by providing signed, numbered and framed photographs for each participant of the gorgeous 25th hole—an uphill, 135-yard, seriously-bunkered par 3 that those who went back out on the course after dinner were fortunate enough to play. Top-three net-winning teams in the two-man best ball were Flossmoor Country Club, **Bob Lively**—60; Butterfield Country Club, **Mike Vercautren**—63; and Green Acres Country Club, **Dave Radaj**, CGCS—65 (tied with the team of David Esler and **Randy Kane**). Gross-winning team was Beverly Country Club, **Jon Sundvold**, with a 70 (also tying the Esler/Kane team). Congratulations to the winners and to the organizers who put this successful event together, many thanks to all who participated and a special hats off to Vince Solano, Dave Biery and all the fine staff at Black Sheep for a truly wonderful day.



The essence of Black Sheep—secluded yet wide open, manicured yet minimalist.



The winning net team showing off their score and their new hardware.

While on the subject of Old Tom, GCSAA recently announced that Jack Nicklaus is the recipient of its 2005 Old Tom Morris Award, the association's highest honor. The presentation will take place at the GCSAA Dinner Show during the 2005 conference, February 7-12 in Orlando, Florida. Jack, if you're reading this—and you **know** you are—congratulations on this crowning achievement on top of all those other little things you've accomplished.

Also from GCSAA: The deadline for nominations for the 2005 Distinguished Service Award is September 1. If you have any MAGCS member in mind who deserves this honor, you can go online at www.gcsaa.org for an official nomination form or call the service center at 800-472-7878.

A hearty MAGCS welcome to the following new members: **Steven Kogut**, Class E, Prestwick C.C., **Kevin Carlson**, Class A, Springbrook G.C., **Jeff Leuzinger**, Class E, Nature's Way Landscaping and Tree Care, **Scott Kelly**, Class C, Ridgemoor C.C., **David Schingel**, Class A, Hawthorn Woods C.C., **Adam Pierce**, Class C, Biltmore C.C., **Andrew Thompson**, Class E, Pearl City Organix, Inc., **Matthew Dziedzic**, Class E, Autumn Tree Care Experts, Inc., **Joseph Eisha**, Class E, Meadow Equipment Co., **Mark McLoone**, Class C, Red Tail G.C.

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David Schingel of Hawthorn Woods is currently looking for an assistant superintendent for this Arnold Palmer-designed course. Position opens at the end of this month, and promises to teach the qualified applicant construction, grow-in and maintenance. Interested parties contact David at 815-342-1573 or e-mail him at dfsnmps@aol.com.

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Congratulations to longtime MAGCS member and part president **Bruce Williams, CGCS** on being elected president of the GCSA of Southern California.

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Congratulations to **Mike Mumper** of Park Ridge Country Club on his engagement to Peggy Adducci. Mike and Peg celebrated their engagement last month with a party attended by several MAGCS members, including future brother-in-law-in-a-way **Dan Marco**, whose wife Bridget is Peggy's sister, which makes them related in some way but I don't know the official title, okay?



The future bride and groom wearing their stylish hats reminding them of their new roles.



After losing the "Groom" hat, Mike switched to his custom-crafted Cubs hat for the remainder of the festivities.



A New Scholarship

Master of the Links is proud to announce the establishment of an annual scholarship in the name of Paul E. Burdett. Paul was a pioneer in the Illinois turfgrass industry and well-known for his contributions. He founded his namesake company in 1940 after years of greenkeeping experience at area courses, including Olympia Fields Country Club. In these early days, Paul was routinely called upon to trouble-shoot issues and was able to draw from his experience and vast network of colleagues and friends to provide products that benefited area superintendents. Joining Paul in the family business were his two sons, Paul Jr. and Jim.

The family continued to serve the Chicago-area turfgrass industry until 1999. At that time, the tradition was passed on to Michael J. O'Neill, and although the company's name was changed to Master of the Links, it has never lost sight of the contributions of Paul E. Burdett. The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents will add this \$1,000 scholarship to the three it currently awards, and gratefully acknowledges the generosity of Michael J. O'Neill and Master of the Links for their contribution to this worthy program.

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