

the Bull Sheet

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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

March 12 — "Time Off in Illinois: State and Federal Laws on Employee Leave, Vacations and Holidays" seminar at the Double Tree Suites in Downers Grove, IL. Call 715-833-3959 for registration information.

March 13-21 — 10th Chicago Flower and Garden Show at Navy Pier. Call 312-321-0077 or log onto www.chicagoflower.com for details.

March 15-19 — Grand opening of Arthur Clesen, Inc.'s new warehouse in Mokena, IL. Call **LeAnn Scott** at 847-537-2177 for details and directions.

March 16 — 2nd Annual Spring Agronomy Conference at Butterfield Country Club, **Mike Vercautren** and **Dave Marquardt** hosts. Details follow.

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

The 2nd Annual Spring Agronomy Conference will take place on March 16 at Butterfield Country Club. This event is sponsored by Dirt-n-Turf Consulting and will feature Dr. Ronny Duncan, coauthor of *Salt-Affected Turfgrass Sites*. The full-day program includes a continental breakfast and lunch, and has been approved for 0.5 education credits toward Class A and certification renewal. For more information, call Dave Marquardt at 815-286-3005 or e-mail him at Dave@dirt-n-turf.com.

Condolences to the family and friends of **Mark Kowaliczko** (Joliet C.C.) on the passing of his father, Zenon, on January 19. Dr. Kowaliczko, a World War II veteran who left his homeland of Poland in 1939 when the Nazis invaded, distinguished himself as a member of the Polish Carpathian Brigade, which fought with the British 8th Army in the Middle East, North Africa and Italy. He immigrated to Chicago in 1952, where he established a private practice in Lemont for 30 years until his retirement. MAGCS sends its prayers to the Kowaliczko family during this difficult time.

You're probably sick of hearing me preach the same old thing over and over again regarding turning off cell phones and pagers (and loud watches) during our meetings. Here is a new twist on this (conceived after attending a recent GCSAA seminar at Midwest Golf House): Speakers, please turn off YOUR cell phones and pagers while addressing an audience!

The March 10th MAGCS monthly meeting, to be held at Golf House, will feature a seminar from the GCSAA Superintendent Leadership Series sponsored by Callaway Golf. The speaker, Robert Sexon, will speak on "Managing Up: Strategies for Influencing Boards, Committees and Managers." This full-day session offers 0.7 education points to those who attend. Check the www.magcs.org Web site for registration information.

Another of our longtime members is heading north through the cheese curtain—**Tom Rasmussen**, formerly of Sprinkler Irrigation and more recently with TPEC, has accepted the position of golf irrigation sales with Reinders. Tom's new territory will encompass courses in the southern Wisconsin area, including Madison, Milwaukee and LaCrosse, and he and his family are moving to Janesville this June. Tom thanks

everyone in the MAGCS for making his nine years in Chicago so enjoyable and so memorable. To stay in touch, reach Tom at 414-313-5244 or e-mail him at trasmussen@reinders.com. Best of luck to you and your family, Tom!

Ken Shepherd of Prairie Bluff G.C. wants to hear from you! Kenny is trying to gauge any interest in a Joliet Jackhammers (minor league baseball team) outing amongst MAGCS members who may find the Kane County Cougars outing a bit too far away. This event would not interfere with the Cougars plans, but would be an additional opportunity for MAGCS members and their families to gather and enjoy some fun in the sun (unless it's a night game). Call Kenny to discuss any aspect of this idea, whether it be regarding sponsorship, volunteering to help, or simply expressing interest in proceeding. Find him at 815-588-0053.

Congratulations (belatedly) to **Tony Frandria** on officially being named the golf course superintendent at Glen View Club. When I caught up with Tony during the national conference at the Midwest hospitality suite, he didn't seem too happy (as evidenced by this photo).



Tony Frandria.

Rich Daly has taken the newly-created position of midwest regional manager for Otterbine/Barebo, Inc. After representing Otterbine since 1987 for Chicago Turf and Irrigation/TPEC here in the Chicagoland area, he will now cover a 12-state territory for the lake-aeration manufacturer. He will be based locally, and can be reached at 630-779-1755.

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A few issues back, in a recap of the Fall Dinner Dance at Aurora C.C., I prematurely labeled a photo of **Dave Braasch** (Glen Erin G.C.) and his lady friend Jayme VanGalder as Mr. and Mrs. Dave Braasch. I guess my clairvoyant powers were working, as it is now official—Dave and Jayme are engaged to be married, tentatively in April of 2005 (plenty of time for Jayme to reconsider). Congratulations, guys!



Jayme and Dave.

Congratulations to **Paul Voykin** of Briarwood Country Club on being named *Golf Week's* 2003 Superintendent of the Year. Paul accepted the award during the national meeting on Friday, February 13 at the Club Car booth. Mr. Voykin, at 72 years of age, is enjoying his 43rd year as greenkeeper at Briarwood, a very uncommon accomplishment in this day and age. Paul gave most of the credit for this recognition to his loyal friend "**Moe**" **Sanchez**, who has worked with him for the past 40 years, as his assistant for the past 25 years. Again, congratulations to a most deserving person!

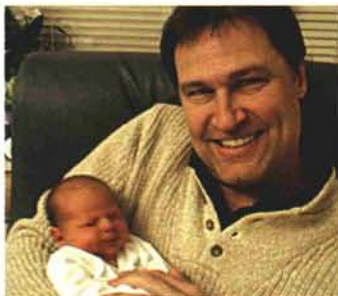


Paul and Moe—
83 years of service to Briarwood.

The recent news from Arizona involving the 15-year-old golfer who died as a result of drinking tainted water from a cooler on the Thunderbirds Golf Club has aroused big concerns in our industry. The family of Nils Beeman accepted a \$3 million settlement from the golf club, and already (as evidenced by the new drinking-

water products unveiled at the 2004 GCSAA Conference and Show in San Diego) we are seeing changes on the horizon. My question to our membership: What are your plans for providing drinking water to your golfers this season? E-mail your responses to booming@aol.com, and I will compile them for a future "Bull Sheet" segment. Your feedback is confidential and comments will be published without revealing names. Thanks in advance.

Hearty congratulations and best wishes to Jeune and **Brian Winkel** on the birth of their son, Joshua Jeffrey, on February 15. Joshua tried to sneak out prematurely while Brian was still in San Diego, but dad was able to hop a flight home in time for the blessed event and to welcome the 6 lb. 14 oz. bundle into the world. Congratulations, Winks!



Dad Brian with new son
Joshua Jeffrey.

On February 8, Waukegan, IL-based Burris Equipment assumed exclusive rights to distribute the complete Jacobsen product line in the Chicago metro area and northwest Indiana. Burris Equipment takes up the reins for Illinois Lawn Equipment, which managed this product line for the past 49 years. Along with Jacobsen, Burris will handle Smithco, Turfco, National, Neary and Signature Control Systems products. Barry Heinrichs has been president of Burris for more than 10 years, leading a company that has provided sales, service and parts to the construction industry for more than four decades. In addition to the Waukegan location (847-336-1205), Burris has a branch in Lakemoor (815-363-4100) and most recently opened in Orland Park (708-498-8484). Tom Glasel oversees the parts and service departments in all three

locations, while **Phil Taylor** will lead the sales team for the golf and turf division. MAGCS welcomes the entire Burris team into its fold!

The PowerPoint slide show at the MAGCS Hospitality Suite in San Diego proved an outstanding way to recognize the commercial members who supported the room this year. MAGCS thanks EZ-Go Textron, which contributed at the Par Club level AFTER the presentation had been finalized. See this issue's back cover for the complete honor roll of Golden Tee Club members.

Rain Bird named Hydrologic Water Management Systems, Inc. among its Top Flight Distributors for 2003. Hydrologic, the new Rain Bird distributor in our area, was one of a select few in the United States to earn this distinction. Hydrologic distributes Rain Bird golf-irrigation products in eight states in the upper Midwest from 15 warehouse locations. One of the Midwest's own, **Kevin West**—a superintendent at Olympia Fields Country Club—recently decided to join Hydrologic. Kevin will be working out of the Batavia, IL office. His sales territory will include the south suburbs of Chicagoland. Please congratulate Kevin on his new position and wish him good luck in this endeavor!

SOME HISTORY FROM BULL SHEETS PAST . . .

• *50 years ago this month:* USGA president Isaac B. Grainger asked **Bob Williams** (then at Beverly C.C.) to be a member of the Green Section Committee; a warm winter caused fears of rampant knotweed infestations, but not to worry—it was reported that early and repeated treatments of arsenicals such as sodium arsenite and arsenic acid were very effective . . . yikes.

• *40 years ago this month:* The 35th International Turf-Grass Conference and Show was held in Philadelphia, and a record 2,750 people attended. This is a quote directly from *Bull Sheet*: "The women attending the conference were kept busy taking tours of some historical nature or other during the entire week." Also,

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Tony Meyer reported on the new sixth green he built at Woodridge G.C. using a 2:1:1 mix of topsoil, humus and sand, respectively, and seeded to C-15 (if only he knew . . .).

• *30 years ago this month:* President Albie Staudt reported on the conference and show, pointing out **Mike Bavier's** disappointing defeat in the GCSAA presidential election. Additionally, editor Ray Gerber ranted and raved about the need for MAGCS members to contribute articles for the magazine—nothing much changes, does it?

• *20 years ago this month:* GCSAA announced at the conference in Las Vegas that it was revamping the certification program. Nope, nothing changes.

• *10 years ago this month:* **Bruce Williams, CGCS** of Bob O'Link C.C. was elected GCSAA's secretary/treasurer at the national conference in Dallas. Also, conspicuously absent from the entire listing of the 1994 Board of Directors of the MAGCS

were area codes attached to phone numbers. It wasn't so very long ago that everyone outside of the Chicago proper had a 708 area code. Finally, Pete Vandercook did a recap of the entire set of 1954 *Bull Sheets*—he must have been hurting for material, too!

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE . . .

1968 Massey-Ferguson LCG gas tractor in good condition. Runs well, has new tires and PTO works. \$1,500, negotiable. Call Ed Fischer at 847-432-6276 for details. As mentioned last month, Eddie is also looking for a good home for his 2000 Harley Heritage.

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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Toro triplexes with additional cutting and verticutting units ('84 and '85). True-Surface rollers also available for these units. Other equipment available: Smithco Red Rider ('89), Ford 3000 tractor ('67) and Cushman four-wheel truckster ('87). Call Brian at 847-677-4112.

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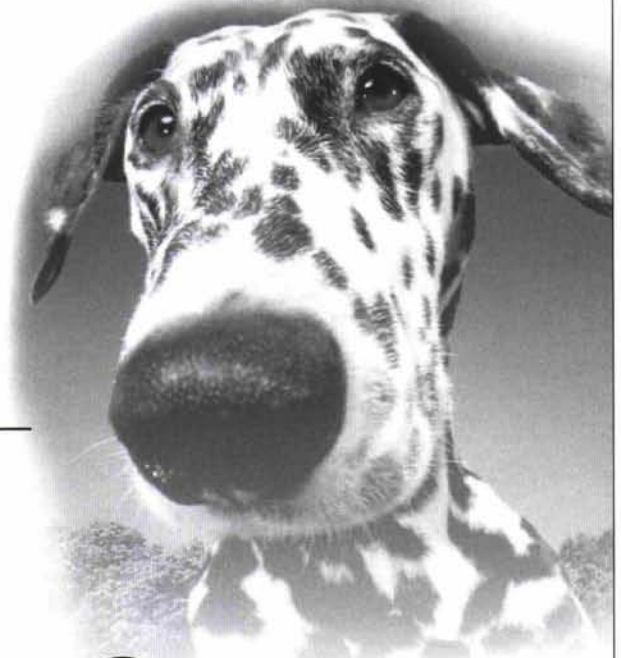
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