

the Bull Sheet

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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 2 — J. W. Turf's annual equipment auction at J. W. Turf/Buck Brothers Inc. in Hampshire, IL. Call 847-683-4653 for information.

May 8 or 15 (still haven't confirmed it) — Audubon International's Annual Birdwatching Open.

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

June 22 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Glen Erin Golf Club in Janesville, WI, Dave Brasch and Dave Nadler hosts.

It is Easter Sunday (and horrendously past deadline) as this is written, and the wonder of wonders has just taken place—Phil Mickelson has won a major! This day—the final round of The Masters at Augusta National—also marks the annual epidemic of the “Augusta Syndrome,” wherein golfers at every course across the country berate their superintendents for not providing those same conditions that they are watching on their plasma screens. Hooray.

The June MAGCS meeting, to be held at Glen Erin Golf Course in Janesville, WI, will feature the annual competition for the coveted Dom Grotti Award for the best superintendent/assistant superintendent team. Dan Marco, CGCS and Nick Baker of Ruth Lake Country Club won the award last year at Prestwick Country Club and will defend their trophy against all comers this year in America's Dairyland. Sign up and make the easy drive up to Janesville—you'll be glad you did.

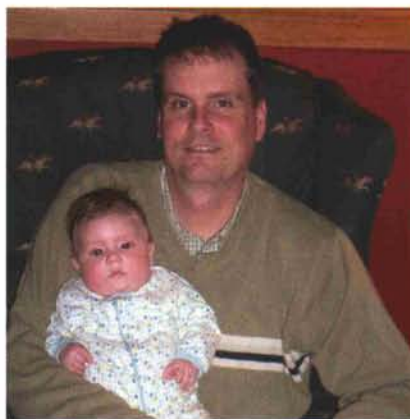
Congratulations to Tom Tully, CGCS, formerly with KemperSports Management at the Chicago Park District, on his move to the Eagle Ridge Resort in Galena, IL.

Welcome back to town to our old friend Lenny Berg, who has accepted with KemperSports Management the position that was vacated by Tom Tully. Len was a longtime member of MAGCS, serving as president in 1981 before moving out East for greener pastures. Welcome home, Lenny!

Also congratulations to Darin Ayres, former superintendent at Hughes Creek Golf Club, who has been promoted to operations manager there.

Due to the aforementioned promotion, Hughes Creek G.C. is looking for an assistant superintendent. Interested parties should contact Darin Ayres at 630-365-9200.

Heartiest congratulations to Chris Smith of Chicago Heights Park District Golf Course and his wife, Amy, on the birth of their first baby on January 5. Andrew Morgan Smith came into the world weighing 7 lb. 6 oz. and measuring 20 inches long. Best wishes to the happy family!



Andrew Morgan Smith and dad.

And even further congrats to Jim McNair, CGCS of Orchard

Valley Golf Course on his new promotion and the (self-proclaimed) title that goes with it—Jim is now, along with his other duties, a certified “retirement intern.” Jim's career mantra has always been to be the best at everything he does, and this internship promises to prepare him for that next step in life (the one just before incontinence and uncontrolled drooling)—retirement. Go get ‘em, Jim!

FROM BULL SHEETS PAST:

• *Fifty years ago this month:* Dutch Elm Disease was reported in 15 Illinois counties (all in the southern two-thirds of the state), and it was suspected that it may migrate north. Recommended treatments in 1954 were removal of infested trees and DDT applications.

• *Forty years ago this month:* Donna and Paul Voykin welcomed their first son, Daniel, into the world, and Paul took the United States citizenship exam. Also, it was reported that during a family drive around the Medinah Country Club grounds, superintendent Gerald Dearie's son took notice of some small ducks in the pond, calling them baby ducks. His father corrected him, pointing out that they were in fact wood ducks. Upon hearing this, the youngster said, “No no daddy, I just saw one turn his head.” From the mouths of babes...

• *Thirty years ago this month:* Bob Williams of Bob O'Link Golf Club oversaw the installation across his course of 1,500 linear feet of 6'6" sewer pipe buried 17 feet deep. That would NOT be fun.

• *Twenty years ago this month:* The members of Geneva Golf Club sent Albie Staudt to The Masters in Augusta, GA; Art Benson, Sr. had successful triple bypass surgery in Florida; and Amos Lapp turned 80 years old. It was a slow news month.

• *Ten years ago this month:* Peter Leuzinger received the Charles Bartlett Award presented to him by Dudley Smith at the CDGA Green Section Seminar. And to show how much things really don't change, Don Hearn spoke at the same seminar about the ignorance of TV golf commentators as it pertains to their “knowledge”

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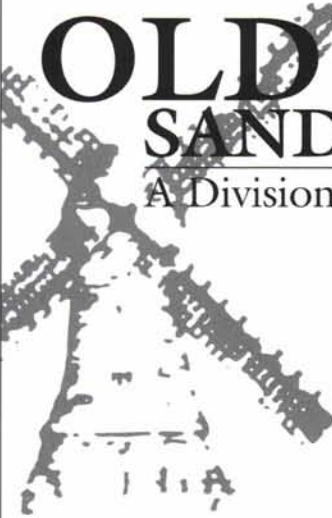
of course conditioning and tournament preparation.

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Wanted to buy: 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.

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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 and 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 at 847-358-7030.

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

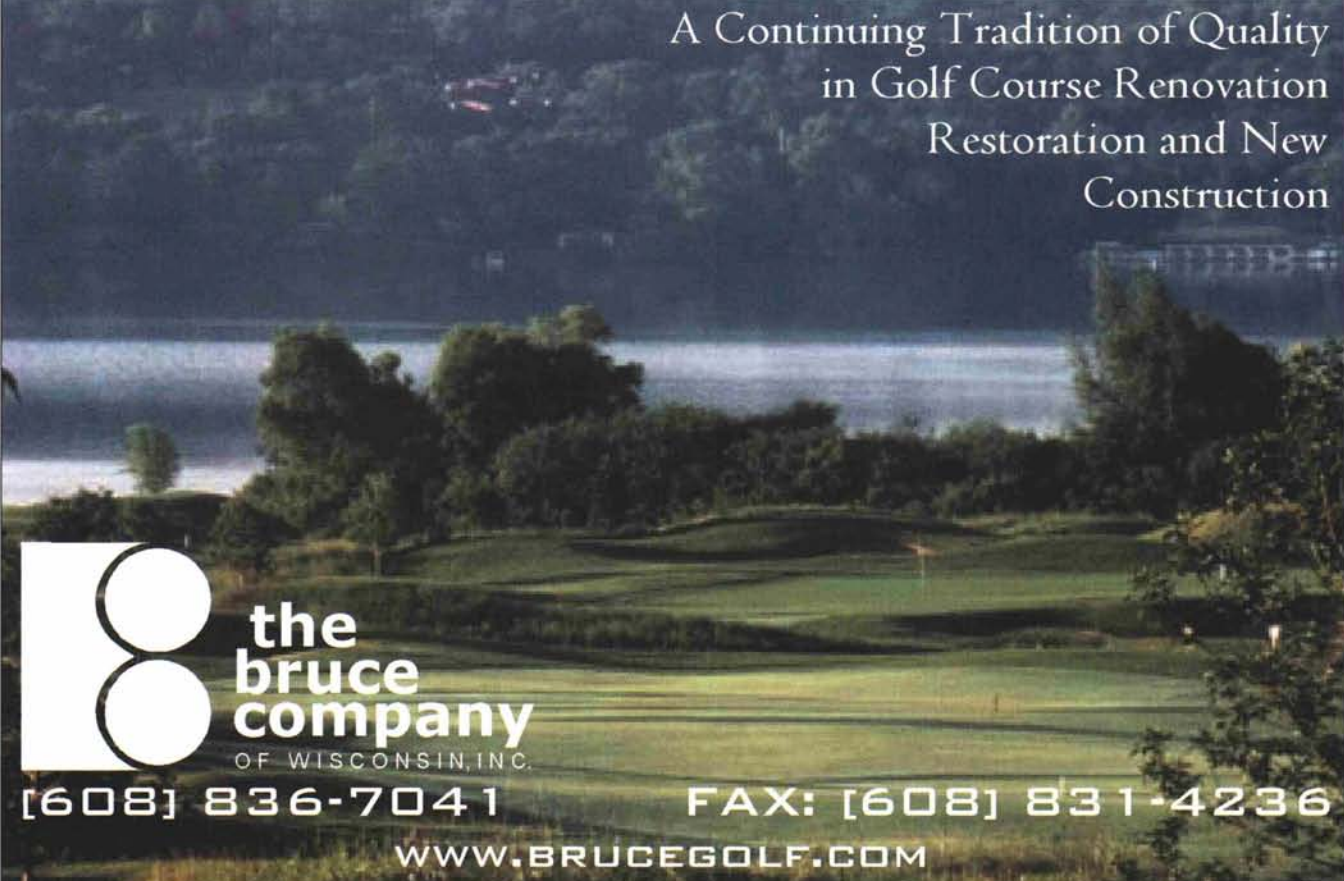



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