

the Bull Sheet

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DATES TO REMEMBER

November 10 – 52nd Annual Midwest Turf Clinic at Medinah Country Club, **Tom Lively, CGCS** host.

November 13 – MAGCS Fall Dinner Dance at Aurora Country Club, **Julie and John Gurke, CGCS** hosts.

November 16 – “Pruning for Professionals” seminar sponsored by the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, IL. Contact **Doris Phelan** at 847-835-6928 for details.

November 16-17 – 2004 Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium at the American Club in Kohler, WI. Read on for further details.

November 18 – “Pruning for Spanish-Speaking Professionals” seminar—same contact as above.

November 29-December 2 – Illinois Professional Turf Conference (formerly NCTE) at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL.

December 3 – “Family and Medical Leave Act in Illinois” seminar at the Four Points by Sheraton Barcelo Hotel in Oak Brook Terrace, IL. Call 888-678-5565 for details and to register.

December 6 – GCSAA Education presents “Managing Turfgrass Root Systems in the North” and

“Understanding Biostimulants” at the Ramada Plaza Hotel & Conference Center in Rockford, IL. More stuff to follow.

January 17-February 4, 2005 – The Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School Three-Week Preparatory Short Course in New Brunswick, NJ. Call 732-932-9271, ext. 630 for information and registration.

January 19 – GCSAA and MAGCS present “Annual Bluegrass Management,” one-day seminar at Midwest Golf House in Lemont, IL.

January 20 – GCSAA and MAGCS present “Managing Turfgrass Root Systems in the North” and “Localized Dry Spot and Wetting Agent Use,” half-day seminars at Midwest Golf House in Lemont, IL.

January 24 – MAGCS monthly meeting at Mount Prospect Golf Club, **Fred Behnke, CGCS** host. Don’t switch to autopilot and show up at Arrowhead!

February 10-11 – MAGCS Hospitality Room at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Salons 11 & 12 from 6 to 10 p.m. each night. The address is 9840 International Drive, Orlando, FL. Don’t miss it!

Watch your mail for an announcement regarding the two above-listed GCSAA seminars to be held in Rockford. These half-day events are worth 0.35 education points each. Also, on January 19, Midwest Golf House will be the host of the GCSAA’s “Annual Bluegrass Management” seminar given by Dr. Frank Rossi of Cornell University.

This will be a full-day event worth 0.70 EPs. On the following day, “Managing Turfgrass Root Systems in the North” will be offered again, along with another half-day seminar covering “Localized Dry Spot and the Use of Wetting Agents.” You can also shoot an e-mail off to **Luke Cella** at Golf House (lcella@cdga.org) for the details.

A couple items of note from GCSAA: First, if one of the reasons you enjoy getting away to the Golf Industry Show (formerly GCSAA Conference and Show) is to gain a few days’ freedom from the course and all the people you see every day of your life, 2007 will not be your year. That is when the Club Managers Association of America (CMAA) will join GCSAA and the National Golf Course Owners Association (NGCOA) at the Show in Anaheim, California. This thing just keeps getting bigger and bigger. Second, a reminder to GCSAA members that your membership includes a term-life insurance policy. To make sure you can take advantage of this plan (which in a way would be quite unfortunate), you need to have a designated beneficiary. To review and/or update your beneficiary information, contact **Jana Wiley**, member benefits manager, at 800-472-7878, ext. 4480, or at jwiley@gcsaa.org.

MAGCS wishes all the best to its newest members, and encourages them to take full advantage of the great benefits membership in this Association has to offer:

Jason Wolf, Class C, Highland Woods G.C.
Robert Quiroz, Class C, Oak Meadows G.C.
Brad Roose, Class C, Glen Flora C.C.
Steve Lane, Class E, Rabine Paving
Justin VanLanduit, Class C, Ivanhoe Club
Jason Lemanski, Class B, Water’s Edge G.C.
Ryan Deur, Class C, Doral Eaglewood Resort
Welcome friends!

The 52nd Annual Midwest Turf Clinic will take place at Medinah Country Club on the 10th, and if you haven’t signed up, you may want to reconsider. Education Committee chair **Tim Anderson** and his crew have come up with a great program that will depart from the norm of many years past. The new format will surely streamline the program while still providing the high-quality speakers and topics for the day. One big

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difference will be a hot buffet lunch, replacing the cold sandwich buffet. Also, our photographer **Jim Trzinski** will again be on hand to take member photographs. We strongly encourage you to have your photo taken for our archives ('specially since it's rare that we in this bizness git all gussed up in purty duds 'n' such). Make your plans to come out to Medinah for the new, improved Turf Clinic—it's the real deal.

It was nice to see mention of **Randy Wahler's** victory in the MAGCS Championship in the mid-September issue of *Chicagoland Golf*. If you don't currently peruse that publication, give it a look—it really covers the golf scene in our area like a glove, and odds are you'll see something about your course or the course down the street that will interest you.

Better late than never—congratulations and hats off to our partners at CDGA on celebrating their 90th anniversary this September. We look forward to our alliance for the next 90 and beyond!

The MAGCS Nominating Committee (**Kevin DeRoo, Don Ferreri, Joel Purpur, Ed Braunsky and Brian Bossert**) has submitted the following slate of candidates for the annual election to be held on November 10th at the 52nd Annual Midwest Turf Clinic at Medinah Country Club.

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Phillips Park Golf Course

Bob McCallum, CGCS,
Orchard Hills Golf Course

And a pat on the back and a hearty "Way to go!" to Dave Braasch and the team from Glen Erin Golf Club on their victory in the John Deere Team Championship in Wisconsin. The home team advantage obviously worked for Dave and teammates Erik Johnson (golf professional), Brad Bohlman (president) and Tom Sanford (manager who left his father Fred and brother Lamont's burgeoning recycling business to develop golf properties) as they took the trophy and are headed for Arizona this month for the national championship, where they'll battle **Steve VanAcker** and the team from Crystal Lake (among others) for the big prize. Congratulations, guys, and good luck to all in the land of cacti.



The President made a special stop at the Rock County Airport just to watch the team from Glen Erin win the John Deere Team Championship (along with a quick stopover at the Stuckey's on County WW for some pecan logs).

There will be four (4) seats open at this election—three (3) two-year terms and one (1) one-year term. Current directors **Dave Braasch** and **Scott Witte, CGCS** have one year remaining on their terms, and **Scott Speiden** will have completed the second year of his term and will not seek reelection. If you cannot be present at Medinah for the election, call Luke Cella to inquire about proxy voting. In fact, even if you just want to say hello to someone or you're bored, call Luke. Luke loves me.

Good luck and best wishes to **Dave Holler**, formerly of Arthur Clesen, Inc., who is now with Turf Professionals Equipment Company.



Dave Holler.



Alejandro Lima.

Cheers to Alex and **Sylvia Lima** (Prime Turf) on welcoming their son Alejandro Jose into the world on September 16. Little Alejandro was 19 inches long and weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce—no wonder mom looked so tiny even days before he showed up! Everyone is well, and mother reports that he is a normal baby boy—he eats, sleeps, peeps and poops, and in that order. Congratulations, Sylvia and Alex!

Congratulations to **Mike Mumper**, who on October 2 married Peggy Adducci, thus forming the Mike and Peggy Mumperucci family. At press time, the bride and groom were enjoying the Dunhill Cup in St. Andrews, Scotland before heading to

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Italy for their European honeymoon. Best wishes to the Mumpers!

Also congrats to **Dave Blomquist, CGCS**, formerly of Naperville Country Club, who is now the superintendent of Twin Orchard Country Club.

Make your plans now—the annual West Side Holiday Party is coming to town at Dave & Buster's in Addison on December 15 from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. (or later?). Look for a

mailer soon, or contact Gary Hearn for info.

Your already-full schedule has another “try-not-to-miss” event in Kohler, WI—the 39th annual Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium sponsored by the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association and Milorganite Division-MMSD. This year's topic is “Soils—Managing the Pressures;” expect soils experts from around the country sharing their thoughts and

experiences with physical properties, organic matter, aeration, compaction, etc. As always, proceeds from this event will go to the O. J. Noer Research Foundation to fund and promote turfgrass research throughout the country. For registration info, call Mel Organite at 800-287-9645 or e-mail to milorganite@mmsd.com.



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