

the Bull Sheet

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DATES TO REMEMBER

October 1 – 2nd Annual Chicagoland Association of Golf Course Superintendents Founders Cup tournament. Since you are most likely reading this after it happened, perhaps it should have fallen under the “Dates We Hope You Remembered” section.

October 4 – Rutgers University Professional Golf Turf Management School begins its fall session.

October 5 – The last MAGCS golf event of the season—the MAGCS/ITF Fall Golf Day and College Championship—will be contested at Calumet Country Club, **Keith Peterson** host.

October 8 – 24th Southern Illinois Turfgrass Field Day at the SIUC Horticulture Research Center in Carbondale, IL.

October 19–20 – Illinois Arborist Association’s 22nd Annual Conference and Trade Show at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Tinley Park, IL.

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

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

The Illinois Arborist Association will be conducting its 22nd Annual Conference and Trade Show on the 19th and 20th of this month at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Tinley Park. For the latest on equipment, supplies and everything else involved in the arboriculture industry, go to

www.illinoisarborist.org for details on how to register.

On August 30, Crystal Lake Country Club and **Steve Van Acker**, CGCS hosted the John Deere Team Championship. This great event gathers all of a golf club’s different department heads—the pro, superintendent and manager—along with its president, and puts them together for a fun day of golf with an interesting twist. The three amateurs play a scramble format, while the pro plays his or her own ball, and the best score of the two is carded for each hole. The J.W. Turf folks were out in force, with **Holly Gilmour**, **Mark Gilmour**, **Joe Hustler**, **John McGuire**, **Rick Uthe**, **Jeff Rehberg** and the gang all there to help make it such a fine day. The course was immaculate thanks to Steve and his staff, and it was only fitting (or the fix was in) that he and the team from Crystal Lake won the event with a scorching 56. Rounding out the top 10 finishers were (in order from 2nd to 10th) Midland G.C. and **John Wagner**; Royal Melbourne C.C. and **Dave Groelle**; Bryn Mawr C.C. and **Brian Bossert**, CGCS; Woodstock C.C. and **Bob Kronn**; Flossmoor C.C. and **Bob Lively**; Riverside G.C. and **Shane Kissack**; Davenport C.C. and **Warren West**; Orchard Valley G.C. and **Jim McNair**, CGCS; and finally, Aurora C.C. and **John Gurke**, CGCS. Thank you to the folks at J.W. Turf and John

Deere, as well as to the great people at Crystal Lake C.C. for the wonderful day!

While on the subject of J.W. Turf and John Deere, MAGCS bids a fond farewell and wishes the best of luck to **Gale Stenquist**, who resigned from J.W. Turf on August 19. Gale had been with J.W. Turf since February of 2002, and had become very active in not only MAGCS, but also ITF, NWIGCS and WTA. Having missed his children growing up while conquering the business world, Gale says he does not wish to make the same mistake with his grandchildren, and has resolved to do it differently this time around. Look for Gale’s farewell letter in “Midwest Voices,” page 32. Happy trails, Gale!

GCSAA Stuff:

The deadline for the 2004 GCSAA/*Golf Digest* Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards is October 8. The ELGAs, presented in partnership with Syngenta Professional Products and Rain Bird Corp., Golf Division, recognize superintendents and golf courses for their commitment to environmental stewardship in the areas of resource conservation, water quality management, integrated pest management, wildlife/habitat management and education/outreach. To apply, go to www.gcsaa.org/resources/awards/elga/elga.asp.

Registration for the 2005 Golf Industry Show to be held February 7-12, 2005 in Orlando, FL is now open. Visit www.golfindustryshow.com for details.

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Holly Gilmour, Joe Hustler, Mark Gilmour and Rick Uthe look on as Crystal Lake pro Casey Brozek gives the pre-shotgun spiel.

GCSAA is currently recruiting volunteers for its 2005 committees and task groups. If interested, contact Janet Satterlee at jsatterlee@gcsaa.org or call 800-472-7878.

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Congratulations to **Scott Adams**, who is now with Arthur Clesen, Inc.
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Likewise, congratulations to Cubby O'Brien, who has joined the Chicagoland Turf team and covers the Wisconsin and northern Illinois territory.
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Congratulations to MAGCS member **Steve Cook, CGCS, MG** of Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills, MI, on hosting the Ryder Cup matches on September 17-19. Although I am writing before the event, thanks to **David Esler** (Esler Golf Designs), we were able to have a sneak preview of the course undergoing preparations for the international event. The venerable

Oakland Hills is no stranger to major championships, having played host to the U. S. Open in 1924, 1951, 1961, 1985 and 1986, along with several PGA championships and U.S. Senior Opens scattered in the mix. Great job, Steve and staff!
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'Tis the season for the various golf leagues to hold their final hurrahs and disband for the winter (or at least segue from golf to another, more cold-weather sport, such as cards). Having personal knowledge of only one such league, the Fox Valley Golf League, I thought I'd



Bunker Raking 101 being taught on the 18th green with the famous clubhouse in the background.



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The notorious 16th hole.



There really IS a reason it's called Oakland HILLS—hole no. 11 for example.



Note to trees at Oakland Hills: You lean, you fall, as indicated by the "Husqvarna-orange ribbon of death."

throw a little something your way about it. The league started 12 years ago at the newly-opened Blackberry Oaks Golf Course in Bristol, IL and remains there to this day, having survived all philosophies of leadership from Emperor of Golf to Director of Fun and everything in between. The laid-back atmosphere of the course reflects the two men who have served as its superintendent: **Hans Hoppman** and **Steve Holich**. League members include MAGCS superintendents and commercial people from all over the Chicagoland area, and the list of charter members reads like a "who's who" list of involved MAGCS members. The closing banquet saw the crowning of this year's champions, and they were: **Chuck Anfield**, CGCS—A Flight; **Sam Wineinger**—B Flight; **John Lebedevs**—C Flight; and **Jeff Hoste**—D Flight. Congratulations to these gentlemen and to Jeff as well. Anyone interested in joining the Fox Valley Golf League can contact **Paul Yerkes** for info. This concludes my shameless plug, but I'd be glad to print shameless plugs for other golf leagues if you'll con-

tact me and let me know the scoop. I'm in the book.

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This item recently came across my screen, and it brings the conflict in Iraq even closer to our own hearts. It comes from the Julius and Vickie Albaugh family:

Since the MAGCS scholarship contestants wrote about the servicemen and women serving in Iraq, I thought you might be interested in knowing that Chief Warrant Officer David Albaugh, son of Vickie and Julius Albaugh, CGCS, has returned from a tour of duty there. He is a criminal investigator who investigated war crimes from September of 2003 until March of 2004 and was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service. He was involved in investigations in Iraq, Afghanistan and the prison at Abu Ghraib. He is now stationed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where he is the assignment officer for all the Warrant Officer CID agents in the Army. He has a wife and two children. He was formerly a personal security officer for Generals George Joulwan and Wesley Clark when they were Supreme Allied Commanders of NATO. David met

his wife, Stefanie, in Belgium when she was in the Army and was General Clark's secretary.

Thank you, Vickie and Julius, for that information, and thank you from the bottom of our hearts to David Albaugh for representing and defending our country.


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If you haven't had a look at September's *Golfidom* magazine, pull it out—there's a nice article by Anthony Pioppi titled "Tough Crowd" about the diverging nature of golf course budgets and golfer expectations. MAGCS president **Fred Behnke**, CGCS is one of the featured superintendents in the article and offers some wise insights into this alarming trend in today's market of budgets not increasing at the same rate as expectations for turf conditions.

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I feel it is appropriate to send our thoughts and moral support out to all of our colleagues in the Gulf and Atlantic seaboard states and throughout the Caribbean who

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have been affected by the rash of hurricanes and associated natural disasters. We wish them the best in their efforts to recover from the devastation these storms wrought.



Best wishes and hearty congratulations to **Bob Williams** on the celebration of his 90th birthday this past September 26. We all know Bob has been contributing to this publication, this Association and this profession for the majority of those years, and we thank him for his dedication to MAGCS and the golf industry. Happy birthday, Bob!

Congratulations to Jennifer and **Derek Florian** (Fox Valley G.C.) on the August 17th birth of daughter Madeline Paige. Mom and baby are happy and healthy, and dad's a wreck.

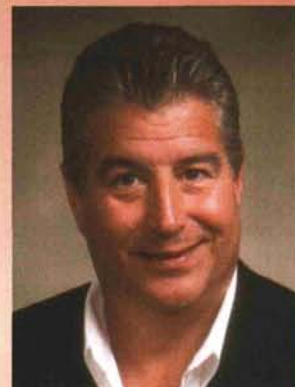
Also, congratulations to the **Leuzinger** family on the birth of Pete and DeeAnn's fourth grandchild. Daughter Megan and husband Chris Mogan welcomed their first child—Quinn Marie—into the world on August 13.

Equipment for sale: Bunton Model G813 walking greens mower in great condition. This mower was privately owned and was used to mow a personal putting green. It was maintained meticulously, and the asking price is \$1,000 OBO. Contact John Beckway at 847-683-0541 or 847-791-6446.



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The Commentary "What's In YOUR Water?" published in the September issue of *On Course* should have been credited to Dan Glitto. *On Course* regrets the error.



Dan (not Jim) Glitto.

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