

# the Bull Sheet

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

February 7-12 – Golf Industry Show at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL.

February 10-11 – The MAGCS proudly presents its spectacularly opulent and hedonistic Hospitality Suite in Salons 11 and 12 of the Rosen Centre Hotel from 6 to 10 p.m. each night. Come and thank our sponsors for their continued generosity by eating their food and drinking their drinks!

February 22-23 – Southern Illinois Grounds Maintenance School and Trade Show at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville, IL. More on this follows...

February 24 – MAGCS Annual Assistant Superintendent Winter Workshop at Midwest Golf House. Read on for details.

March 9 – Ground Control Conference sponsored by Ero-Tex at the Northern Illinois University-Hoffman Estates campus. Call 866-437-6839 for details.

March 12-20 – 2005 Chicago Flower and Garden Show at Navy Pier in Chicago.

March 16-17 – Reinders' 17th Turf and Irrigation Conference at the Waukesha Expo Center in suburban Milwaukee, WI.

March 18-20 – Chicago Golf Show at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont.

March 21 – MAGCS (in cooperation with J.W. Turf) monthly meeting at Soldier Field in Chicago. Featured guests will be John Nolan from Soldier Field and Ken Mrock from the Chicago Bears. Notices are forthcoming.

Later this month—on the 22nd and 23rd—the University of Illinois Extension, Southern Illinois Nursery Association, Southern Illinois Golf Course Superintendents Association, Southern Illinois Grounds Maintenance Association and the Illinois Parks & Recreation Association will present their 23rd Annual Southern Illinois Grounds Maintenance School and Trade Show at the Gateway Convention Center in beautiful Collinsville (which is in southern Illinois, just in case you missed the gist here). This very all-encompassing, two-day event will feature just about every expert in the Illinois Green Industry offering their latest findings and top tips in their respective areas of expertise. GCSAA has granted 0.50 education points for each day of attendance (and all the other associations mentioned have approved CEUs

also). To register, or for more information, call 618-650-7050 or e-mail [Madison\\_co@extension.uiuc.edu](mailto:Madison_co@extension.uiuc.edu).

Also on tap this month on the 24th is the MAGCS Annual Assistant Superintendent Winter Workshop, titled "Who Knew? NO ONE—YOU NEED TO TELL THEM!!" This event will feature Pat Jones (formerly of *Golfdom* magazine) of Flagstick Strategic Consulting as its keynote speaker, and will be held at Midwest Golf House from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

If you aren't able to make the trip southward to the southern Illinois wingding in late February, just wait 'til March 16th and 17th and head north instead—the Reinders 17th Turf & Irrigation Conference has a similarly wide variety of renowned

industry professionals on its slate of presenters, including Chicago Bears head groundskeeper Ken Mrock, Dr. Wayne Kussow, Dave Louttit, Warren Thoma, Mark Painter, Pat Jones and Dr. Joe Vargas, to name but a few. To find out more about this event, go to [www.reinders.com](http://www.reinders.com).

If you are interested in attending either the Chicago Flower and Garden Show or the Chicago Golf Show, go to the following Web sites for more information: [www.chicagoflower.com](http://www.chicagoflower.com) and [www.chicagogolfshow.com](http://www.chicagogolfshow.com). Both are worth the effort, as they offer unique opportunities to see what's going on in our related industries.

MAGCS welcomes the following new members, and wishes them all the best:

**Jeremy Stull**, Class C, Merit Club  
**Philip Knight**, Class C,

Coyote Run G.C.

**Alan Bevers**, Class A,  
Arlington Lakes G.C.

**Andrew Johnson**, Class C,  
Lake Shore C.C.

**Jason Randl**, Class C,  
Randall Oaks G.C.

**Brett Gutekunst**, Class C,  
Beverly C.C.

Congratulations to MAGCS member **Greg Martin** (Martin Design Partnership, Ltd.) on the recent recognition he received from *Golf Digest* magazine. The Oaks Golf Course, a recent Martin design, placed fifth in the magazine's "America's Best New Courses" feature out of nearly 150 courses nominated. The Oaks was recognized in the "Affordable Course Category," which includes courses with green fees under \$50. Another feather to add to the hat is news that Rich Harvest Golf Links (on which Greg collaborated with owner Jerry Rich) has been awarded the 2009 Solheim Cup, featuring the top women golfers from the United States and Europe. Rich Harvest was ranked 5th in design awards in 1999 and was ranked as one of the top 100 golf courses in the United States.

Best of luck to this year's representatives at the GCSAA Golf Championship in Orlando! The

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MAGCS will be fielding the following teams, and expectations are running high based on last year's extraordinary showing.

Team #1—**Al Pondel, Tom Robinson, Tim Scott and Dave Kohley**

Team #2—**Paul Bastron, Tim Davis, Mike Vercautren and Brad Legnaioli**

Team #3—**Al Fierst, Don Cross, Les Rutan and Bob Maibusch**

Team #4—**Brad Johnsen, Steve VanAcker, Chad Ball and Ed Fischer**

Team #5—**Tommy Witt, Kurt Sams, Bob Lively and Dave Arden**

Team #6—**Don Ferreri, Kevin DeRoo, Paul Schaefer and Dan Sterr**

Team #7—**Mike Mumper, Dan Marco, Dave Radaj and Dave Blomquist**

Team #8—**Rick Wilson, Mike Bavier, Tom Prichard and Jim Shone**  
Go get 'em, guys!

Congratulations to **Joel Purpur, CGCS** (formerly of River Forest Country Club) on his new position as golf course superintendent of Park Ridge Country Club.

Another reminder of the holidays is the spirit of giving with which MAGCS is still endowed. Recently, the Association donated \$1,000 to the Musser Foundation, benefiting students working on their Ph.Ds in turf management, and \$500 to Illinois Junior Golf Association to help continue with their important mission. The MAGCS is one of the most benevolent of the GCSAA chapters, having donated a whopping \$47,400 to the Environmental Institute for Golf!

Congratulations and best of luck to **Shane Kissack** (former superintendent of Riverside Golf Club) on his new career. On New Year's Eve, Shane and his wife, Jill, celebrated the grand opening of their new venture In Fine Spirits, featuring fine wines and spirits and located at 5418 N. Clark Street in Chicago. If you want to say hello, or add some goodies to your wine cellar, give them a call at 773-506-WINE or visit them online at [www.infinespirits.com](http://www.infinespirits.com). Good luck, kids!

A big thank you and congrats again to **Luke Cella** and **Jim Shone** for their great work in pulling off the IPTC at Pheasant Run—the new additions and format really brought the event up a notch. Great job, gentlemen!

**Pete Leuzinger** has been enjoying some warm days and golfing in Tucson, AZ. Last week he "aced" a par 3 for his second hole-in-one. A round of drinks is on Peter!

**Jack Laugershausen** (former executive director for ITF) had his bladder removed last fall due to a cancer/tumor being detected. He is doing fine and the post-op check-up is good news, showing no cancer. Feel free to call Jack and wish him well. His number is 847-634-6283;

his home address is 1255 Ranchview Court, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089.

### Equipment for sale

1996 Toro 5300D fairway mower. The machine has less than 2,000 hours, is in excellent condition and ready to use. \$5,000 or best offer. Call Mark or Dan at Barrington Hills C.C. at 847-381-0140.

Timber Trails Country Club is selling all of its golf course equipment. Please go to the MAGCS Web site for a detailed list of items for sale, or call **Don Hoffman, CGCS** for information at 708-246-0281. A lot of very nice items are on the list, so don't delay.



### The Annual West Side Holiday Party

Yes, the holidays are long gone, but their memory remains. Because we only received photographs from one of the many holiday parties, we are compelled to feature it (but we do acknowledge the existence of others, and would fully support them and feature them as well if only we were invited). The annual West Side Holiday Party was held at its usual spot—Dave & Buster's—and was once again a smashing success with 85 attendees. One highlight was the celebrating of **Holly Gilmour's** 30th birthday (again), along with the usual overeating followed by some really BAD billiards. Thanks to **Gary Hearn** and **Don Ferreri** for their usual great work in setting everything up,

and to all the commercial folks in attendance who kept the bar open after the money ran out!



*Tony Kalina, Sharon Riesenbeck and John Gurke.*



*Kevin DeRoo and Luke Cella.*



*Holly Gilmour.*



*Roger Johnson and Jim Burdett.*