

# the Bull Sheet

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

March 16 – Chicagoland Association of Golf Course Superintendents Annual Meeting at Oak Park Country Club, **Al Fierst** host.

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

March 17 – CDGA/USGA Green Seminar at Medinah Country Club, **Tom Lively, CGCS** host.

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

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

March 24 – CAGCS Annual Meeting, Oak Park Golf Club, **Al Fierst** host.

April 25 – MAGCS monthly meeting at White Pines Golf Course, **Steve Partyka** host.

Congratulations to the following individuals who are celebrating their 25th year of membership in MAGCS: **Glenn Bereiter, CGCS; Jim Evans; Don Ferreri; Brian Green, CGCS; Jim Huber; Craig Joscelyn, CGCS; Dave Louttit; Jeff Smith; Darryl Taggart; John Turner; Steve Unruh; and Brian York.** MAGCS thanks you all for your continued allegiance and support!

Check out the story on page 28 of your December issue of *Golf Course Management*. It's about Dan Fuhrman—nephew of **Renny Jacobson** (Green Garden C.C.)—and his Colorado Army National Guard unit's experiences in Afghanistan. Dan is a recent graduate of Colorado State University's turf program, speaks seven-plus languages and is a winner of GCSAA scholarships in both 2003 and 2004, among other accomplishments. He also got to meet David Letterman when the "Late Night" host visited his unit on Christmas Eve, 2002. And who said working summers for your uncle is a dead-end job?

And while you're looking through your old magazines, take a gander at January's *Golfdom*—**Randy Kane** has a very comprehensive article on ball marks called "Cruisin' for a Bruisin'" on page 61.

This breaking news arrives from the Fox Valley Park District: "We are pleased to announce that **Harry Lovero** has been promoted to the position of Orchard Valley Golf Course superintendent. Harry joined Orchard Valley in an assistant superintendent capacity in the spring of 1993 and has over 30 years of experience in the golf industry. He is a graduate of College of DuPage and has completed additional coursework through the University of Illinois. Harry will assume his new responsibilities following **Jim McNair's** retirement this spring. Please join us in congratulating Harry!" Harry—congratulations!



Harry Lovero.

More movement on the career path:

- **Jim Reed**, formerly of A.S. Altum & Associates, has started his own company—Reed Irrigation Services.
- **Tim White**, formerly of Olympia Fields Country Club, is the new superintendent of Prestwick Country Club.
- **Nick Baker**, formerly of Ruth Lake Country Club, is now the superintendent of Riverside Golf Club.
- Finally, **Jimmy Frels**, formerly with Prime Turf, is still with Prime Turf, only with a fancier title and increased responsibilities—Jimmy has been promoted to field customer service representative. Also on the move within Prime Turf is **Sylvia Lima**, whose inside sales responsibilities have been increased with the addition of sister company Prime Soil, a supplier of pulverized black dirt and various aggregate materials.

Congratulations, and best of luck and success in your new ventures, gentlemen (and lady)!

Heartfelt congratulations to Jim McNair, CGCS and Diane Dickson (both from Orchard Valley G.C.) on their recent exchange of wedding vows at the Little White Wedding Chapel in fabulous Las Vegas. Jim and Diane followed the likes of Michael Jordan and Joan Collins in celebrating their nuptials at the famous chapel, and are now one step closer to the perfect retirement scenario (the all-important "get a fresh spouse you're not tired of yet" step). Best of luck, McNairs!



Newlyweds Diane and Jim McNair.

Media and public relations director **Gary Hearn** needs your help. Gary is asking our members to give him a call or shoot over an e-mail with any

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newsworthy information from your clubs that may be of interest to the public. Hosting local PGA events, achieving certification through GCSAA or Audubon International, or even a rare sighting of the magenta-crested yellow booby on your course would be examples of this. Nothing is too insignificant (until Gary deems it so), so go ahead and toot your club's horn.

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January brought us its usual heaping helping of learning opportunities through GCSAA, MAGCS and even the Club Managers Association, of all sources.

On the 19th and 20th, GCSAA and MAGCS brought Dr. Frank Rossi from Cornell University to Golf House to present his "Annual Bluegrass Management" seminar. The always outspoken and at-times controversial Dr. Rossi did not disappoint, keeping his audience

thoroughly involved for the day-long event. Among his more memorable quotes were: Regarding the greening response from applying carbohydrate-rich supplements to turf—"Feed microbes carbon, and they crap out nitrogen." Regarding various aeration methods—"You guys figure out more goofy ways to drive a piece of metal in the ground . . ." And regarding gradening—"This is all the rage back east, but we're a lot stupider than you."



Dr. Frank Rossi.

The following day offered two half-day seminars titled "Localized Dry Spot and Using Wetting Agents on the Golf Course" and "Managing Turfgrass Root Systems in the North," presented by Dr. Keith J. Karnok. I'm certain Keith had some memorable quotes as well, but I was not present, as the Greater Chicago Club Managers Association was presenting "Anatomy of a Golf Course Renovation" at Park Ridge Country Club on the same day. This program, created for club managers and superintendents who may be faced with a renovation project in the future, featured renowned golf course architect Arthur Hills and past president of Westmoreland C.C. David Fishburn, who offered their insights in regard to the major renovations that were undertaken at WCC this past decade. When asked about the difficulty or lack thereof in the permitting process, Mr. Fishburn had the following recollection: "There were some complexities in the permitting process in dealing with multiple municipalities. We have one hole where you tee off in Wilmette, pass through Evanston and putt out on the green in Skokie." The main point these gentlemen made: Do it all at once! Boy howdy.



Famed architect Arthur Hills.

### MAGCS January Meeting

Fred Behnke and Mount Prospect G.C. hosted our meeting on the 24th, with two educational presentations on the docket. Leading off was MAGCS member and owner of Possibility Place Nursery, Connor B. Shaw, who spoke on "How to Improve Your Golf Course With Native Woody Plantings." Mr. Shaw had some very good advice on not only what species to plant (for those members who still PLANT trees), but also how to arrange them to appear more natural. Next on the agenda was a highly enlightening and energetic presentation by Richard J. Wolff, RD, LDN called "Time Saving Fitness—Fitness Strategies for Busy People." Mr. Wolff began by allay-

ing our fears that we must exercise for one to one-and-a-half hours per day if we wish to live past 50. We don't. He presented some very simple methods for us to remain healthy without spending huge amounts of time and money (and effort) to do so. Following this presentation, we were led into the feeding room where numerous dishes filled with carbs and fats and other such delectable delights awaited. Once it was all over, there was plenty of day left to get to the health club and work off the lunch... Thanks to Fred and everyone at Mount Prospect, and to Tony Kalina and his Education Committee for a great day.



Connor Shaw.



Richard Wolff and Tony Kalina.

The last week of the month brought even more opportunities to get smart, with the January MAGCS monthly meeting at Mount Prospect Golf Club on the 24th (see boxed item on this page) and the CAGCS Annual Shop Tour on the 27th (see photos on page 28).

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L to R: Ray Costello, assistant Adam Crissey, Alan Perkinson and technician Mike Lavin of Broken Arrow.



Rodney Borrowman, Steve Schendel and Craig Kight of Ruffled Feathers.



One idea picked up from the tour—in-dash CD player with remote for the utility vehicle of the future.



Jeff Gerdes, Derek Weber, Carlos Salazar, Aaron Hearn and Martin Solache of Bolingbrook G.C.

GCSAA milestones—these MAGCS members and friends have reached the following milestones in their membership with GCSAA:

- Quarter-Century Club: **Jim Evans; Mark Kowaliczko; Tom Savage; Steve Van Acker, CGCS.**
- 26 to 29 Years: **Dave Behrman, CGCS; Brian Chalifoux; Art Clesen; Don Cross, CGCS; Al Fierst; Brian Green, CGCS; Peter Hahn; Richard Hahn, CGCS; Brad Johnsen; Bob**

**Maibusch, CGCS, MG; Mike Nass; Jules Peuvion, CGCS; Ron Reed; Tommy Robinson; Mike Sauls; Jeff Scott, CGCS; Verlyn Strellner, CGCS; Dave Ward.**

- 30 Years: **Pete Leuzinger, CGCS; Jerry Mach.**
- 31 to 34 Years: **Len Berg, CGCS; Leon Hartogh; Bob Kronn; Richard Lamkey; Mike Matchen; Pete Mirkes; Ted Mochel; Skip Willms; Dennis Wilson.**
- 35 Years: **Tom Byrne; Ed Fischer, CGCS; Wally Fuchs.**
- 36 to 39 Years: **Julius Albaugh, CGCS; Mike Bavier, CGCS; John Kiraly; John Lapp; Jim Meyer; Fred Opperman; Ray Schmitz, CGCS.**
- 40 Years: **Danny Quast, CGCS.**
- 41 to 44 Years: **Art Benson; Tom Burrows; Harold Fredricksen; Ken Lapp; Oscar Miles, CGCS; Dick Trevarthan.**
- 46 to 49 Years: **Tom DiGuido; Joe Dinelli; Carl Hopphan; Dudley Smith; Paul Voykin; Ted Woehrl.**
- 50 Years Plus: **Marv Gruening (51 years) and Bob Williams—GCSAA's longest-standing member at 63 years!**

Congratulations to all of you on your achievements!

- **50 Years Ago This Month:** The new Worthington and Jacobsen dealer—Illinois Lawn Equipment—held its first annual open house at the company headquarters in Orland Park. Also, the Midwest Regional Turf Conference took place at Purdue University on the 7th, 8th and 9th. Cost for the three-day event (including banquet ticket and group photo)—\$10.
- **40 Years Ago This Month:** A record 2,611 attended the 36th International Turfgrass Conference and Show in . . . Cleveland.
- **30 Years Ago This Month:** Oscar Miles, CGCS wrote the MAGCS membership about his new position—Oscar was leaving Olympia Fields C.C. for the Hoosier state and Broadmoor Country Club. Ray Gerber won the GCSAA Distinguished Service Award at the conference and show in New Orleans. By the way, 4,900 attended that one.

- **20 Years Ago This Month:** Dr. Marvin Ferguson, prominent turfgrass researcher and golf course architect, passed away suddenly at 66 years of age.
- **And 10 Years Ago This Month:** President Joel Purpur addressed the membership regarding a name change for our newsletter, intimating that the name *Bull Sheet*, being a play on words with a bad phrase, did not reflect a professional image, just as the likes of *Grasshole Management* would not. The forward thinking of Joel and that Board of Directors 10 years ago is where we can attribute the success of today's award-winning *On Course* magazine.

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 Congratulations to Brooke and Dave Groelle (Royal Melbourne C.C.) on the birth of Chase Alexander on January 19. Chase weighed in at 9 lb., 6 oz. and was 22 inches long, and, along with mom is doing great!



The Groelles: Brooke, Chase and Dave.

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 "Bull Sheet" would like to thank **John Lapp** for contributing the photo of Frank Dinelli's retirement party that ran in January's issue.

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 MAGCS sends its condolences to the family and friends of **Tom Vieweg**, longtime member and former superintendent of Cary Country Club, who passed away on February 10 at 59 years old.

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 Wanted to Buy: Jake 30-inch fairway mowers and frames in any condition. Call Ron at 815-468-3438.



**Equipment For Sale:**

- 1988 Toro Greens Aerator: Model 09110, good condition—\$950
  - 1992 EZGO GXT804 with steel cage for range use, needs engine—\$450
  - 1993 Toro Tri-Rollers for triplex, good condition—\$400
  - 1982 Ryan Greensaire II with quadratyne coring heads and newer short block—\$350
  - Three Toro Verticut units for triplex, age unknown, good condition—\$150
  - 20 Toro 750 sprinklers—\$20 each
  - 1982 Turfeo MeterMatic self-propelled topdresser, still runs—almost FREE!
  - 1968 Rogers Model 40 Blower, 3-point hitch, well-rested—almost FREE!
- Call Kurt or Mike at Exmoor C.C. at 847-433-1177.



**MAGCS Member Tommy Witt, CGCS, Receives Distinguished Service Award**

At the annual meeting in Orlando, GCSAA honored Tommy Witt, CGCS at Northmoor Country Club in Highland Park, with its prestigious Distinguished Service Award.

Witt was GCSAA's president in 2001, and has served on several chapter boards in his native Texas. He has mentored nearly 40 assistant superintendents and interns who became golf course superintendents. His dedication to improving career opportunities, security and compensation within the golf course management profession has led him to develop and present numerous seminars and presentations on topics related to professional development. His teaching credits include educational programs for the GCSAA, Club Managers Association of America and the PGA of America, during which he promotes the golf course management profession. He also regularly speaks to student audiences about how to prepare for a golf course management career.

William G. Fielder, a retired CGCS and member of the Cactus and Pine chapter, was also honored.

"Billy and Tommy epitomize the kind of long-term, selfless service that the Distinguished Service Award is supposed to recognize," said GCSAA President Mark J. Woodward, CGCS. "It was a privilege to present them with this well-deserved honor."



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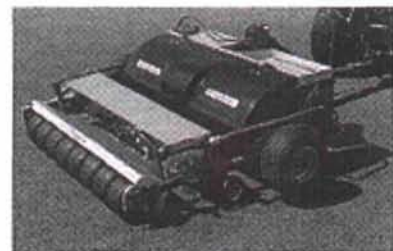
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