

the Bull Sheet

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DATES TO REMEMBER

October 3 – MAGCS/ITF Combined Golf Day at Inverness Golf Club in Palatine, IL, **Mike Bavier**, CGCS host.

October 14-16 – EXPO 2005 at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, KY.

October 3 – December 9 – The Rutgers University Professional Golf Turf Management School's Two-Year Certificate Program Fall Session at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ.

October 18-19 – The Environmental Resource Center's "Hazardous Waste Management: The Complete Course" seminar at the Wyndham O'Hare in Chicago, IL.

October 20 – The Environmental Resource Center's "DOT Hazardous Materials Training" seminar at the Wyndham O'Hare in Chicago, IL. For more info on these two seminars, call 847-297-8464.

October 25-27 – The Toro Customer Factory Service Training Program in Bloomington, MN. Call 888-838-5778, ext. 5545 for details.

November 2 – 53rd Annual Midwest Turf Clinic at Medinah Country Club in Medinah, IL, **Tom Lively**, CGCS host.

November 19 – MAGCS Annual Fall Dinner Dance at the Itasca Country Club, Dawn and **Scott Speiden** hosts.

MAGCS welcomes its newest members and wishes them the best in the future:

Allan Goldstein—Aerial Images Photography—Class E

David R. Hooyer—Floratine Great Lakes, Inc.—Class E

Brandon Rux—Edgewood Valley Country Club—Class C

Nathan Gingrich—Country Club of Detroit—Class C

Brian Taming—Prairie Landing Golf Club—Class C

Paul Frankowski—Big Head Mulch, LLC—Class E

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Congratulations to Sue and **Mark Schmitz** (Meadows Golf Club) on the recent birth of their new daughter, Micayla.

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One of the MAGCS's good old friends has closed their doors as of this past August—**Henry Frenzer, Inc.**, which was established in 1948 and has served MAGCS members for 57 years, is no longer in business. Best of luck to the Frenzer family in their future endeavors.

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Unfortunately, this issue of *On Course* deals with an overabundance of tragedy. One that has affected our entire country is Hurricane Katrina. At its September 13th meeting, the MAGCS Board of Directors approved a program that will contribute funds to the golf-industry victims of Katrina's wrath. The program works as follows: On the GCSAA Web site (gcsaa.org), the News Releases tab contains a link to the Environmental Institute of Golf. Any MAGCS member who contributes money to the fund that has been established for these victims will have his or her contribution matched by MAGCS on a 50-cents-on-the-dollar basis (not to exceed \$5,000). The devastation caused by this disaster is unsurpassed in our country's history, and it will be years before some semblance of normalcy has been reached in the affected

areas. Please look into your hearts and try to help—any amount counts!

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As a result of Katrina, GCSAA has announced that the Golf Industry Show will be held in Houston, Texas (and not in New Orleans) on the same dates as originally planned. Keep a close eye on your incoming mail from GCSAA regarding updates on this.

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Houston?

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It is September 15th as I write this item, and a lovely downpour (which, by the way, was NOT predicted by the weather experts) is falling outside my porch. It seems that our summer from hell is nearly over, but Mother Nature felt it necessary to give us a last blast of 90°-plus heat coupled with sub-30% humidity levels for the last five days—kind of a last "spit-in-your-face" to usher out this miserable season. Not to downplay the devastation of Katrina, but our area has had to deal with some devastating meteorological events as well, and many of our members (not to mention the area's farmers) have suffered losses, too. I guess my point is this: Let's pray for everyone who has suffered at the hands of Mother Nature's crappy mood this year and hope that She makes it all right again. Not even the little guys were spared—this raccoon simply succumbed to the heat one afternoon at a local golf course. It appears almost as if it's saying, "No more!"



Baked raccoon.

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On a related note, the drought and heat coverage in our area has reached the national media, as evidenced by the August 26th issue of *Golfweek's SuperNEWS*. On the cover of the issue is **Jim Pedersen** of Hughes Creek Golf Course holding a piece of his irrigation pond

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next to the headline "Scorched Earth." More mention of local drought and heat damage can be found in *Golfweek's* August 20th issue ("Courses Reach Withering Heights" by Bradley Klein) and its September 9th issue ("Summer Stress and Stupidity," also by Brad Klein).

Our condolences go out to the family of **Julius and Dan Albaugh** on the loss of Julius' father, Howard Hughes Albaugh, on Sunday, September 4. Mr. Albaugh was 87 years old.

As you probably know, our Association recently lost two members in the same week, both of these tragedies beyond belief. One of our most celebrated and renowned members, **Dudley Smith**, passed away on August 28. The next morning, one of our rising stars, **Derek Florian** (Fox Valley Golf Club), was killed in a car accident on his way to work. More coverage of these tragedies can be found in this issue, but my heart, and the thoughts and prayers of the entire Association, go out to the families of our fallen compadres.

An October 15th golf outing at the Fox Valley Golf Club has been arranged for the benefit of the family of Derek Florian. Please go to our Web site (magcs.org) to download the form allowing you to contribute to his children's education.

The 2005 University of Illinois Turfgrass and Landscape Field Day was held in Urbana, IL on Wednesday, September 14. Moving to a later date when cooler weather is expected was a great idea, but somebody forgot to inform the weather gods about the plan. **Luke Cella**, our executive director, attended the event and was the "photographer on the scene" catching the various U of I faculty, staff and students presenting their research. Among the topics presented were: *Poa annua* controls, PGRs for putting green speed, putting green and fairway bentgrass evaluations, RoundUp Ready bentgrass, precision turfgrass applications, controlling dollar spot, managing temperatures with water,



Professor Bruce Branham explains the use of mesotrione to control Poa annua.



Professor Henry Wilkinson demonstrates the effect of soil temperature upon sod survival.



Professor Tom Fermanian shows the trial of Roundup Ready creeping bentgrass.

organic fertilizers and disease, combining DMSO with fungicides, "does sweetening your turf make it fat for disease?", grasses as biofuels, sudden oak death, impatiens breeding at UIUC, USDA/NC7 woody plant evaluations, effects of planting and mulching depths on white and green ashes, emerald ash borer, and bedding plant selections. Thanks to everyone at the U of I for their hard work and important research.

Not that nutsedge is a huge problem in these parts, but Gowan, Inc. just came out with a new selective herbicide for the control of it called "SedgeHammer." Why is this newsworthy? I just think the name is awesome.

Best of luck to **Rodney Reich** (formerly of Bryn Mawr C.C.) who, as of September 1, has taken a position with Parkway Research, Inc.

Congratulations to the winners of the MAGCS Championship at Idlewild Country Club (**Kurt Sams**, CGCS host). Results and highlights will be published in the November issue due to the late date of the event.

Also, congratulations to the team from Inverness Golf Club and Mike Bavier, CGCS on their victory in the John Deere Team Championship held at Glen Oak Country Club on August 22. The winning score of 57 edged out the team from Village Greens of Woodridge (**Bob Rigney**) and Rochelle C.C. with 58s, and the home team from Glen Oak (**Andy Dauksas**) with 59. And way to go **Bob Lively** (Flossmoor C.C.) for your longest drive on no. 10!



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