

the Bull Sheet

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DATES TO REMEMBER

February 3-7 - GCSAA's National Championship and Golf Classic in Houston, TX.

February 6-11 - Golf Industry Show and GCSAA Education Conference in Atlanta, GA.

February 9-10 - MAGCS Hospitality Suite at the Hyatt Regency Hotel from 6 to 9 p.m. each night.

February 23 - Second Annual Class C Winter Workshop at Midwest Golf House. Details follow.

February 27 - March 2 - The Indiana-Illinois Turfgrass Short Course in Willowbrook, IL. Details follow.

March 2 - MAGCS monthly meeting at Midwest Golf House in Lemont, IL.

March 8 - BASF and Lesco educational seminar at Butterfield Country Club, Mike Vercautren host.

March 14-16 & 28-30 - Toro Golf Customer Factory Service Training Programs in Bloomington, MN. Contact your TPEC representative for details.

April 24 - MAGCS monthly meeting at Heritage Bluffs Golf Club, Charles Anfield, CGCS host.

'Tis that time of year again when movement within our ranks is at its busiest, and this winter is no exception (though not even CLOSE to what's going on in the NFL coaching ranks).

First, congratulations to **Bob Breen** of Arrowhead Golf Club on his recent retirement. It's always nice to hear about a great guy leaving on his own terms, isn't it? Best of luck to you, Bob!



Bob Breen.

Also, best wishes to **Scott Speiden**, who recently retired from Itasca Country Club to pursue his new career with Growing Solutions, Inc. Scotty has been named vice president of sales and marketing for this provider of irrigation water treatment systems and fertigation to Midwest-area golf courses, and brings more than 25 years of experience in the golf industry to the company.



Scott Speiden.

Finally, **Scott Harris** of Harris Motor Sports announced that **Steve Kashul** is the new director of business development for Harris Yamaha Golf Cars. Most will recognize Steve from his many years as a sportscaster with the Bulls, and more recently on CLTV with his weekly show "Golf Extra." Along with his full-time duties with Harris, Steve will continue to host his show "The Golf Scene" on Comcast Sportsnet, as well as anchor his radio show of the same name on WIND 560-AM. Lastly, Steve will continue as a featured columnist for the *Chicago District Golfer* magazine. Sounds like he'll be a busy man—welcome, Steve!

And while we're at it, MAGCS would like to extend its warmest welcome to its other new members:

Christopher Plumb—

Absolute Service, Inc.—Class E.

Christopher Painter—

CDGA—Class A.

Grayson Harms—

Cress Creek Country Club—Class C.

Jeff Leuzinger—

Legacy Products, Inc.—Class E.

Greg Wiggins—

Bryn Mawr Country Club—Class C.

Brad Allen—

Country Club of Indianapolis—Class C.

Michael Papineau—

White Mountain Golf Course—Class B.

James Lohmann—

Golf Creations—Class E.

Best of luck to all of you!

The Second Annual Class C Winter Workshop will be held once again at Midwest Golf House on the 23rd of this month and will feature Phil Schwarz, meteorologist from ABC-7 News, and **Paul Vermuelen** from the USGA Green Section. This event is not JUST for Class C members—anyone interested can attend. Call Class C advisor **John Ekstrom** at 630-260-8150 for information.

The Indiana-Illinois Turfgrass Short Course is coming to the area at the end of this month (February 27 through March 2). To learn more about this program, call Jennifer Biehl at 765-494-8039 or Carol Preston at 217-333-7738. You can

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also get info and register at <http://www.agry.purdue.edu/turf/>.

Remember, if you want to get MAGCS news lightning fast, there's only one way to do it—sign up for e-mail notification by calling or e-mailing **Luke Cella**. Call Luke at 630-243-7900, or e-mail him at luke@magcs.org.

On Thursday, March 2, the MAGCS monthly meeting will come to Golf House. The educational portion will feature Dr. Joe DiPoala of Syngenta Crop Science, who will discuss "Successful Marketing for the Golf Course Superintendent." Remember, most MAGCS educational seminars are good for GCSAA points toward retaining your current membership status and for recertification, so don't miss them.

You heard it here first—the Golf 20/20 Conference held last fall recently announced the findings of an intriguing and extensive research project: "Study shows golfers

support good course conditions." In the words of Messrs. Guinness, "BRILLIANT!"

Congrats to our dearly departed Vince Dodge (no, he isn't in heaven, but is enjoying life in his own little piece of it), whose golf course, the Wilderness at Fortune Bay in Tower, Minnesota, was named "America's Best New Upscale Public Course" for 2005 by *Golf Digest*. Yah hey dere, Vinnie.

Another recently departed (retired, actually) MAGCS member has some news of his own. Not only have **Jim McNair** and wife, Diane, moved from their Aurora home to the cozy downstate burg of Eureka, where they will be closer to family members in Pontiac and Bloomington as well as to their new house in Arkansas, they also are proud new grandparents. Alexander James Soares was born on December 30, entering the world at 7 lb., 10 oz. Congratulations to the whole clan (they officially earned clan status when

they moved downstate, and may now call each other "kinfolk").

A big congrats to Dana and **Brian Baker** (Chicagoland Turf) on the birth of their new 7 pound, 8 ounce baby boy Gavin Noel on December 19. As proud papa puts it, one more boy and the Bakers are a foursome!

Finally, best of luck to the MAGCS chapter golf teams in the upcoming National Championship and Golf Classic in Houston. Here's the group we're going to war with:

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

Team #2—**Brad Legnaioli, Dave Radaj, Tim Davis and Dave Arden.**

Team #3—**Brad Johnsen, Steve VanAcker, Ed Fischer and Paul Schaefer.**

Team #4—**Al Fierst, Don Cross, Bob Maibusch and Les Rutan.**

Team #5—**Bob Lively, Kurt Sams, Don Ferreri and Tommy Witt.**

Team #6—**Tom Prichard, Rick Wilson, Justin VanLanduit and Ernie Kaplan.**
Go get 'em, fellas!



CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale:

- 20 Standard ball-washers, crank-style, red, in good condition with many extra parts. Asking \$20 each. Call Bill at McHenry C.C. at 815-385-0635.
- The Palatine Park District has the following equipment for sale, all in good condition:
 - * 1999 Toro 5200-D Fairway mower with 4,500 hours.
 - * 2003 Toro Greensmaster Flex 21 mower with under 100 hours.
 - * 2002 Toro Greens Aerator, under 50 hours.
 - * 1999, 2000 and 2001 John Deere 220-A Greensmowers.
 - * 1992 Ryan GA-30 Aerator.
 Call **Brad Helms** at 847-359-4022 or e-mail him at bhelms@palatineparks.org to make an offer or get more information.
- 2004 Toro Sand Pro 5020 in excellent condition—\$6,000 OBO. Call Dan or Mark at Barrington Hills Country Club at 847-381-0140.
- Bryn Mawr C.C. has the following items for sale:
 - * 4 Jacobsen 22" walking greens mowers (2-1991, 2-1992) with new reels, very well kept and used as backup mowers this past season. Groomers not on, but available. \$700 each.
 - * 1992 International (Locke now) bedknife AND reel grinder, works very well. \$4,000.
 - * Very old Jacobsen 548 PTO overseeder. \$350.
 - * 350 traffic control posts, 6" X 6" X 15" high, wooden with anchor spike, tops beveled and painted white for added visibility—make an offer. Call Brian at 847-677-4112 to steal these items.
- Befco 14' tow-behind rotary mower. Good condition. \$3,000 or best offer. Contact Mike Bavier at 847-358-7030.

College Tuition Bills Looming?

The MAGCS offers educational scholarships to the children of Midwest members. The scholarship program is administered by the MAGCS Scholarship Committee. All classes of the Association are eligible to participate. For information and an application, please contact the MAGCS business office or Tim Anderson at 630-355-9807.