

# the Bull Sheet

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

January 3 – March 10 – The Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School's Two-Year Certificate Program Winter Session in New Brunswick, NJ. Call 732-932-9271 for info.

January 16 – February 3 – The Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School's Three-Week Preparatory Short Course in the same place with the same contact number as above.

January 17 & 18 – MAGCS and GCSAA Education seminars at Midwest Golf House. Information follows.

January 18–20 – Mid-America Horticultural Trade Show at the Lakeside Center at McCormick Place in Chicago, IL.

January 24 – MAGCS monthly meeting at Prairie Landing Golf Club in West Chicago, IL, **Tony Kalina** host.

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

February 6–11 – GCSAA (et. al.) Education Conference and Golf Industry Show in Atlanta, GA.

February 9–10 – MAGCS Hospitality Room at the Hyatt Regency Hotel from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. each night.

February 23 – Tentative date for the 2nd Annual Class C Winter Workshop at Midwest Golf House. Planned speaker is Paul Vermeulen of USGA Green Section. Look for more info online soon.

March 8 – BASF and Lesco educational seminar at Butterfield Country Club (**Mike Vercautren** host). Information follows.

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



John Ekstrom.

The previous item leads obviously to this one—the departure of Chad Kempf as both assistant superintendent of Hinsdale Golf Club and Class C advisor. Chad has accepted a position at EPIC Creative Communications in West Bend, Wisconsin as of November 21. His title is agronomist/project manager, and he will serve as a writer, producer and technical consultant on all educational and marketing projects related to golf course management. Chad plans to remain a member of MAGCS, and may be contacting his friends in the area regarding his new position. Good luck to you, and thanks for all you've done with the Class C Committee, Chad.



Chad Kempf.

MAGCS also welcomes Greg Wiggins, the new assistant superintendent at Bryn Mawr Country Club. Greg hails from Loch Lloyd Country Club in Kansas City.

As mentioned in Dates to Remember, MAGCS and GCSAA will hold two consecutive days of seminars at Golf House on January 17 and 18. On the 17th, Dr. Frank Wong will

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Hey! If you are not currently getting e-mail notification from MAGCS, it's not too late to sign up. Hurry, and act before midnight tonight to receive your FREE e-mail updates and notices hot off the presses from **Luke Cella's** cubicle at Golf House. Contact Luke at 630-243-7900, or find him at cella@cella.us.

Hello, welcome, and Happy New Year to all MAGCS members—especially the newest to join the fold: **Mark Norville**—Class E—Shoreline Sand Company  
**Gregory Hrycyk**—Class A—Sun City Visto Golf Club

**Derek Weber**—Class C—Flossmoor Country Club.

Also welcome **John Ekstrom** (Cantigny G.C.) to the MAGCS Board of Directors. John takes over as Class C advisor for departing **Chad Kempf**. Assistant superintendents: Keep an eye out for notices of upcoming Shop Talk sessions (for which, in his first act as advisor, John procured sponsorship funds from the Board to defray the cost of the sessions). Best of luck with your new responsibilities, John.



present "Fungicide Resistance Management," and on the 18th, John C. Miller, CGCS will present "Building a Better Golf Operation." Both are full-day seminars worth 0.7 PDUs each, so make plans to attend.

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Later this month, on the 24th, Tony Kalina and Prairie Landing Golf Club will host our monthly meeting, which will feature something a little off the beaten track as far as education goes. Mr. Harvey Drucker (having sold his general store in Hooterville to Walmart) will speak on the effects of terrorism and counterterrorism efforts in the United States. This should be a really interesting discussion, and one from which all MAGCS members can benefit in some way. Look for sign-up info at magcs.org.

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It was nice seeing the sizable turnouts at the two big holiday parties offered around town last month. The South Side Superintendents' Party was held on Monday, December 5 at its usual haunt, the Bier Stube in Frankfort. A full house enjoyed all the trappings of a German holiday celebration, including a plateful of varying sizes and colors of sausages.



*The cozy Bier Stube, packed with holiday revelers.*



*Lunch Bier Stube-style.*

Just a week later, the West Side Superintendents' Party was held at its normal venue—Dave & Buster's in Addison. Another large crowd

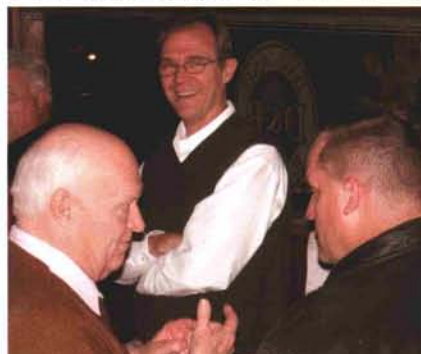
enjoyed the Italian lunch spread, followed by some very competitive billiards and other gaming options.



*The crowd at Dave & Buster's enjoying lunch.*



*No West Side party would be complete without a few games of pool.*



*Perennial attendee Jim Burdett keeps in touch with Nick Hongisto and Tim Anderson.*

Many thanks to the organizers of these fine events, including **Keith Peterson** and **Ed Esgar** on the south side, and **Gary Hearn** and **Don Ferreri** on the west side—you guys sure know how to throw a party!

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If you're heading to Atlanta for the Golf Industry Show, don't forget about the MAGCS Hospitality Room at the Hyatt Regency on Thursday and Friday evenings. The room is open from 6 to 9 p.m. both evenings, and will no doubt be the social event of the entire show.

Come on in and have a refreshment and bite of food courtesy of our valued and generous sponsors while meeting with all of your friends and colleagues. See you in Atlanta!

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As long as you're going to be in Atlanta (and if you are a University of Illinois turf alumnus), why not stop by the U of I Turf Alumni Reception, taking place from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 9, in the Hanover B room of the Atlanta Hyatt? This will be a great way to catch up with old acquaintances before heading over to the MAGCS room.

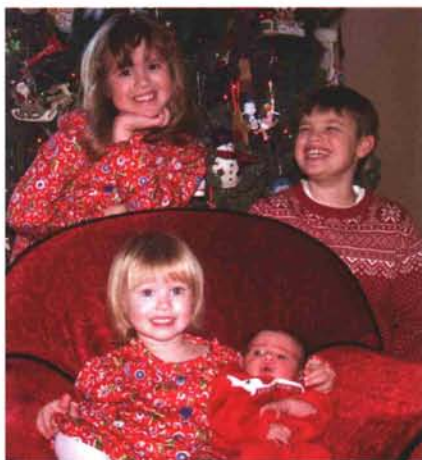
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Another prominent university will make some noise at this year's show when Dr. Joe Duich of Penn State receives GCSAA's 2006 Old Tom Morris Award for his countless contributions to the world of golf course turfgrass. Dr. Duich has taught more than 6,000 students during his 36 years at Penn State, and there could not be a more deserving recipient of this prestigious award. Congratulations to Dr. Duich and to all of our Penn State alums who share in this honor.

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Kudos to **Paul Voykin** (Briarwood C.C.), who notes that he recently became the oldest Class A superintendent to pass the Illinois Department of Agriculture's pesticide exam. A beefed-up, harder version of the test debuted in November, and the examiner informed Paul that he was not only the first person taking the new test to pass it on the first attempt, but he also earned one heckuva score. "I studied hard and got a very good mark," says Paul, who hopes his success will inspire his colleagues to take a stab at it.

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Congratulations are in order for our own **Cathy Miles Ralston** and her husband, Phil—Cathy gave birth to Dana Elizabeth Ralston on Tuesday, November 29 at 1:59 a.m. Dana was 7 lb., 10 oz., and 20-3/4" long, and everyone is doing great. And Cathy says yes, this IS the last one!

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Dana Ralston solo at three weeks old and with siblings Amy (2), Kristin (5) and Ryan (8).

Another bit of newbie-news comes from **Peter Leuzinger** in Arizona, where his daughter Megan Mogan and her husband, Chris, welcomed Pete's fifth grandbaby into the world on November 16. Madyline Beth Mogan weighed 7 lb., 15 oz., and was 21" long. Congrats!

## CLASSIFIEDS

### Winter Equipment Clearances:

20 standard crank-style ballwashers, red, with extra parts for sale. They are in good condition, and the asking price is \$20 each. Call Bill Humphres at McHenry Country Club at 815-385-0635.

### The Annual Bryn Mawr Sale:

- \* 1989 Ford F250XLT with Western plow. Runs well—\$3,000.
  - \* Four Jacobsen 22" putting green mowers (2-1991, 2-1992) with new reels, very well-kept and used as back-up mowers this past season. Groomers not on, but available—\$700 each.
  - \* 1992 T.I. International (Locke now) bedknife AND reel grinder, works very well—\$4,000.
  - \* 1988 Jacobsen Greens King IV diesel triplex. 9-bladed reels, 1,966 hours—\$900.
  - \* 1974 Ford 2110 tractor—\$3,000.
  - \* Very old Jacobsen 548 PTO overseeder—\$350.
  - \* Never-installed two-year-old Reelcraft underground syringing system (hose reel and hose buried in the ground)—\$850.
  - \* 1988 Cushman Core Harvester—\$700.
- Call Brian at 847-677-4112 for info on any of these hot deals.

Our deepest condolences go out to **Bob and Bruce Williams** and family on the passing of Bob's wife and Bruce's mother, Bobbie, in early December. Please keep the Williams family in your prayers.

Hopefully this is not a trend—after seeing the sale of Timber Trails Golf Course to development, another fine course is following suit. Woodmar Country Club in northwest Indiana closed its doors when its membership voted (by only five votes) to sell the property to Cabelas, a large hunting and fishing chain. What a shame.

And finally, the biggest shame of them all—we lost another of our brethren when **Dan Nielsen** of Golf Club of Illinois passed away on December 12. As most of you know, Dan was battling pancreatic cancer this past year. An extended tribute appears on page 22 of this issue. Please have Dan, his family and his friends in your thoughts and prayers during this terribly difficult time.



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