

the Bull Sheet

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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 7 – JW Turf's annual equipment auction and consignment sale in Hampshire, IL. Call your JW Turf rep to find out what you missed.

May 22 – MAGCS/ITF Annual Spring Golf Day at Midlothian Country Club in Midlothian, IL, **Dave Behrman, CGCS** host.

June 7 – MAGCS monthly meeting at Old Oak Country Club in Homer Glen, IL, **Chad Walk** host.

June 20 – 6th Annual John Buck Memorial Golf Outing at Marengo Ridge Golf & Country Club in Marengo, IL, **Luke Roth** and **Bruce Schweiger** hosts.

July 15 – MAGCS Kane County Cougars outing at Elfstrom Field in Geneva, IL.

August 17-20 – PGA Championship at Medinah Country Club, **Tom Lively, CGCS** host.

August 21 – MAGCS monthly meeting at McHenry Country Club in McHenry, IL, **Bill Humphres** host.

Welcome aboard to all of our newest MAGCS members:

Joshua Therrien, St. Charles Country Club—Class C.

Jim Sedrel, Exmoor Country Club—Class C.

Chuck Barber, Beverly Country Club—Class C.

Samuel MacKenzie, CGCS, Olympia Fields Country Club—Class A.

Scott Goniwiecha, Olympia Fields Country Club—Class SM.

John Maman, Olympia Fields Country Club—Class SM.

Tom Porritt, Tech Sales—Class E.
Aaron Hill, Fresh Meadow Golf Course—Class SM.

Travis Fox, Sunset Ridge Country Club—Class C.

Ryan Hinners, Sunset Ridge Country Club—Class C.

William Manning, Grand Geneva Resort—Class SM.

Derek Settle, CDGA—Class H.

Daniel McGuire III, IJGA—Class H.

Matthew Sporleder, River Forest Country Club—Class C.

Derek Solberg, Wynstone Golf Club—Class C.

Jim Johnson, Great Lakes Turf—Class E.

Wow! Membership Committee has been busy lately.

So that lefty guy can win majors after all, huh? From someone who's experienced it, I urge everyone reading this to get down to Augusta and use their credentials to walk the hallowed grounds—it is truly an experience worth the time and effort. Everything you've heard is true—it's hillier than it appears on TV (MUCH hillier), they have really cheap beer and (yuck) pimiento sandwiches, the grounds department is really cool, there's a Hooters within walking distance (and John Daly lives there), and every blade of grass is precisely where it is intended to be. But you just never know when our free passes will be yanked from underneath us, and to have allowed that ship to sail would be tantamount to someone obsessed with space turning down a free shuttle ticket to Mars; or a sports freak ixnaying a free ticket to the Super Bowl; or a sex addict telling Scarlett Johansson, Jessica Alba, Halle Berry, Angelina Jolie, Eva Longoria, and Jessica Simpson that he just wants to be friends while sharing a hot tub with them. Sort of. You get the idea.

Did you know that you can receive up-to-the-minute MAGCS informa-

tion every time you log on to the internet? You can! If you aren't already taking advantage of this FREE service, give **Luke Cella** a call at 630-243-7900 or shoot him an e-mail at luke@magcs.org and get on board.

Speaking of our executive director and publisher of this magazine, you may have noticed that last month's issue reintroduced the "Midwest Personalities" segment that was featured in the back of the magazine in years past. This was always a favorite item for many of our readers, and Luke would like to continue to offer these brief glimpses into the lives and interests of our members. Please help him out by visiting www.magcs.org and filling out the Midwest Personalities form. We want to get to know you!

Best of luck to **Jim Shone** in his exciting new career path. Jim, who as we all know has been with Syngenta for 20 years, has decided to move on to the Director of Sales position for Mid-Tech, a division of Spraying Systems Co. Mid-Tech manufactures and markets electronic controls and guidance systems for sprayers in the turf and agricultural markets. Jim should feel right at home in his new gig. His new contact information is as follows: **Jim Shone, Mid-Tech**
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Jim Shone

Of course, Jim's departure from Syngenta begs the question, "But who will replace Jim in Chicago?"

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Who???" As it turns out, the answer was just down the freeway in Indianapolis, and he's headed back north. **Brian Winkel**, or "Wink" is very excited to announce that he will be "coming home", as he has recently accepted the position as Regional Sales Representative for Syngenta in Chicago. He will be relocating from Indianapolis where he has been employed by Syngenta as the Regional Sales Rep for the state of Indiana for the past 6 years. He is "house hunting" now, and hopes to be "up and running" very shortly. Until then, he can be reached on his mobile phone at: (317) 694-0856 OR via email at: brian.winkel@syngenta.com Congratulations and welcome back Wink!

Brian and Jeune Winkel are even prouder to announce the birth of their 2nd child, another son!!! **Joseph Carl**, (NOT THE ONE FROM CADDYSHACK), Winkel was born on Sunday, March 19th at 9:11am in Indianapolis, IN. Joseph was nicknamed "Speedy" by the doctors and nurses because he arrived way ahead of schedule like Brian and Jeune's other son Joshua did two years ago, while "Wink" was trying to sell Syngenta stuff at the GCSAA Convention in San Diego! Wink DID make it home for Joshua's birth with ½ hour to spare, BUT lost the battle to name Joshua "Justin Time Winkel!"



Joshua (inset) and Joseph Winkel and proud parents.

Chuck Ardell, superintendent of Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomington, IL received some great news after the Golf Industry Show in Atlanta—he was chosen as the winner of a golf package for 2 at The Phoenician resort in Arizona compliments of Phoenix Environmental Care. The appropriately-named Master's Getaway includes 4 days of deluxe accommodations and unlimited golf on the resort's 27 holes. Congratulations, Chuck!



Chuck Ardell

The Radaj family recently became a fivesome! Congratulations to Tracy and **Dave Radaj**, CGCS on the March 29 birth of son Samuel Russel at 8:29 AM. Sam joined sister Kathryn and brother Jack on the joyous day weighing 10 lbs., 4 ozs., and 20.5 inches long. Great news!

Congrats and best wishes to **Craig Shepherd**, former assistant superintendent at Ruth Lake Country Club on his new position down the road a ways as assistant superintendent at Butterfield Country Club.

Looks like **Sam MacKenzie**, CGCS, the new man at Olympia Fields Country Club, will have his hands full come late July/early August. The South Course is slated for a major restoration project designed by golf course architect Steve Smyers. The project is intended to not only restore, but modernize the 1915-era track, reintroducing its original style and strategy that has been lost throughout the years and through 2 prior renovations. About 500 yards will be added which will push the championship tee yardage to 7,200 yards, and the irrigation and drainage systems will be improved as well.



Let's talk Top 100 now—

The March 11 issue of *Golfweek* featured its perennial "America's Best Courses" (both classics and moderns), and the Chicagoland area once again plays a prominent role. Of the 100 best classic courses (pre-1960), these local courses made the list:

- 11 – Chicago Golf Club, Wheaton – CB Macdonald, 1894; and Seth Raynor, 1923 (**Jon Jennings, CGCS**).
- 27 – Shoreacres, Lake Bluff – Seth Raynor, 1921 (**Tim Davis**).
- 41 – Olympia Fields North Course, Olympia Fields – Willie Park, Jr.; 1922 (**Sam MacKenzie, CGCS**).
- 57 – Medinah Country Club, Medinah – Tom Bendelow, 1928; Roger Packard, 1986; and Rees Jones, 2004 (**Tom Lively, CGCS**).
- 72 – Skokie Country Club, Glencoe – Tom Bendelow, 1904; Donald Ross, 1915; and W. B. Langford and Theodore J. Moreau, 1938 (**Don Cross, CGCS**).
- 82 – Point O' Woods Country Club, Benton Harbor, MI – R. T. Jones, Sr., 1958 (**Ron Fox**).
- 87 – Beverly Country Club, Chicago – Donald Ross, 1916 (**Keith Peterson**).

In the modern category (post-1960), our area had 2 notables:

- 35 – Butler National Golf Club, Oak Brook – George and Toma Fazio, 1974 (**Mike Sauls**).
- 53 – Black Sheep Golf Club, Sugar Grove – David Esler, 2002 (**Dave Biery**).