

the Bull Sheet

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DATES TO REMEMBER

September 4 – Deadline for submissions for *Golfweek's SuperNEWS* 2007 Best Friend Calendar.

September 14 – Turfgrass Research Field Day at Midwest Golf House in Lemont, Illinois. Visit www.illinoisturfgrassfoundation.org for registration information.

September 25 – MAGCS monthly meeting and Annual Golf Championship at Makray Memorial Golf Club in Barrington, Illinois, **Chris Blake** host.

October 1 – Deadline for submissions for the James Watson Fellowship Awards funded by Toro.

October 2-December 12 – The Rutgers University Professional Golf Turf Management School Two-Year Certificate Fall Session at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

October 3 – Member registration opens for the 2007 Golf Industry Show (February 19-24) in

Anaheim, California. By the way, housing registration is officially open, and has been since August 1st. Visit golfindustryshow.com for details.

October 10 – 26th Southern Illinois Turfgrass Field Day at the SIUC Horticulture Research Center in Carbondale, Illinois.

October 15 – Deadline for nominations for the GCSAA's Excellence in Government Relations Awards.

October 21 – Deadline for the GCSAA/Golf Digest magazine Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards in partnership with Rainbird and Syngenta.

November 1 – 54th Annual Midwest Turf Clinic at Medinah Country Club, **Tom Lively**, CGCS host.

November 28-30 Illinois Professional Turf Conference, St. Charles, Illinois.

Welcome to the following new MAGCS members:

Joseph A. Vocke, Class A, Carrilon North of Grayslake.

Scott DeYoung, Class E, Municipal Well and Pump.

Logan B. Orr, Class DS, Makray Memorial.

Marshall D. Hill, Class DS, Makray Memorial.

Brett P. Ziegler, Class C, Knollwood Club.

Mark Kosbab, Class C, Cantigny Golf and Tennis.

Again, MAGCS welcomes you all and hopes that your membership provides you with all you expect.

Happy 10th anniversary to GCSAA's web site, gcsaa.org. It's come a long way in a short time.

Now (or in the near future) would be a good time to check out www.golfindustryshow.com to book your accommodations for the 2007 conference and show in Anaheim (Feb. 19-24). Housing registration has been open since August 1, and you KNOW they book fast. Also, as of October 3rd you can register for the show itself at this same convenient site. See you there. Oh, and the MAGCS reception is tentatively

scheduled for February 22nd, so mark it down.

On September 23rd, the Bull Valley Golf Club is holding a fundraiser for superintendent **Sig Kolano** and his family in order to offset the high costs of medical treatments and expenses for Sig's and Susan's 10-month-old daughter Ella. On July 1st, Ella was diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML), and has been receiving treatment ever since. Bull Valley Golf Club and Membership Director Mark Salomone are seeking donations from area golf course superintendents (in the form of foursomes at their courses) to auction off at the fundraiser. Mark can be contacted at (815)337-4411 if you are able to contribute. You can read all about Ella's story and progress by going to www.caring-bridge.org and typing in ellakolano in the "visit site" box. Our prayers and good wishes go out to Sig, Susan, Anya and Ella Kolano and the entire Kolano family during this time.

The MAGCS monthly meeting in July was the Kane County Cougars Family Night Picnic at Phillip B. Elfstrom Stadium in Geneva, Illinois. For the second straight year, it was a scorching-hot afternoon, but that didn't seem to affect the turnout (with the exception of your author). A plethora of activities kept the kids going all night long, with games, face painting, baseball, food, drink, fireworks, and base running among the highlights. This evening of family fun could not be possible without the generosity of the day's sponsors—**Burris Equipment Company**, **Nadler Golf Car Sales**, **Nels J. Johnson Tree Experts**, **Palatine Oil Company**, and **Turf Professionals Equipment Company** and the Women's Center for Health who sponsored the face painter. Thank you to these great companies and to everyone who had a part in organizing the event. A special thank you to Jennifer Cella for all the treats for the kids.

If you didn't receive an e-mail about the family picnic (or any other MAGCS events for that matter), you can by contacting **Luke Cella** at MAGCS at (630) 243-7900.

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Just because MAGCS didn't have a golf event for July didn't mean there was no golf to be played—oh, there was golf, and plenty of it. One of the month's more popular events was the John Deere World Championship Qualifying Tournament held at Foxford Hills Golf Club (**Tom Jauch**, **CGCS** and **Ernest Johnson**) in Cary, Illinois on July 24th. The event pairs golf course superintendents with club managers in a two-person scramble. The prize for qualifying (first or second place) is a trip to the World Championships at the beautiful Reynolds Plantation Resort in Georgia on November 8 through 12. Taking 3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th didn't hurt either, paying \$400, \$300, \$200, and \$100 in pro shop merchandise. It was a beautiful day with a testy breeze, ensuring the survival of only the strongest.

“Yada yada yada beautiful day with a testy breeze, ensuring the survival of only the strongest.” In the end, the strongest turned out to be the team from Glen Oak Country Club featuring **Andy Dauksas**. The second and final spot on the roster for a trip to Georgia was determined in a playoff, pitting the team from the Highlands of Elgin (**Brad Legnaioli**) against the Willowhill Golf Club (**Dave Arden**). The playoff lasted but 1 hole, and the Highlands of Elgin prevailed. Congratulations to all of the day's winners, and best of luck in the finals in Georgia.

What I love most about the joys of summer:

I love explaining to golfers that the dead semi-circles and circles of turf in their greens, tees, and fairways are actually caused by fairy rings, and then watching their reactions as they conjure up visions of little winged fairies flitting around the golf course in the wee hours of darkness, spreading their magic death dust with their little wands, frolicking and giggling along the way. I love that.

Having a college-bound kid just got a little more lucrative—the MAGCS Board of Directors has voted to increase the value of its 4 scholarships from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for 2007. Be it known, though, that if sufficient

funds are not available to raise all 4 awards the scholarships would increase in this order: MAGCS, George Minnis Memorial, John Buck Memorial, and Paul Burdett Memorial. Funds for these scholarships are currently being generated through several venues, including line-item budget amount, raffles and hospitality suite, hole sponsorships at the August event, the numerous “betting holes” or proximity events at our monthly meetings and donations from JW Turf and Master of the Links. If you have a young adult on his or her way to college, you definitely want to check into these opportunities at magcs.org. A scholarship application can be downloaded from the Members Area.

Congratulations and best wishes to **Justin Wheeler** (Prairie Landing Golf Club) on his big move to South Carolina to further pursue his career. Justin has been an active member of several committees, and a contributor to this magazine with his computer acumen. We will miss his presence in our association.



Justin Wheeler

One of the committees Justin was involved with was the Class C Advisory Committee, where his vacancy has opened the door for **Adam Pierce** (Biltmore Country Club) to step in and fill Justin's big shoes. Congratulations to Adam, and good luck with your new responsibilities.

Another news item from the Class C Advisory Committee is that it is famous! Chairman **John Ekstrom** (Hinsdale Golf Club) has been invited to share his experiences with his committee's efforts at the Iowa Turfgrass Show in Des Moines on January 30th. Congrats on this honor, John!



John Ekstrom

In case you haven't heard, our 2-year run as GCSAA's “Best in Class” chapter publication is officially over. This is not because we now suck, but simply because GCSSA has opted to do away with its Editorial Contest for the future. The reasons cited: Declining entries due to the intimidation of going up against *On Course* (and other really good pubs), too many repeat winners, and an overall feeling that the feedback from the editors session was the important thing, and not the tiny little statue of a pyramid. Thus, for the future GCSAA will continue to offer its chapter publications people a critique and support service without the award. That's OK.

Congratulations to **Peter Leuzinger**, **CGCS** on being named Instructor of Turfgrass at Kishwaukee College. Peter, a natural teacher throughout his career, takes over the turf program from recently-departed **Rusty Stachlewitz** (who isn't REALLY going to Antarctica to grow sod—duh), and is a perfect fit. We wish you all the good fortune in the world with your new position, Pete!



Peter Leuzinger

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Dr. William Meyer has again been nominated for the GCSAA Distinguished Service Award to be presented in Anaheim in February, 2007. Dr. Meyer is a familiar face to all of us in MAGCS—his father Tony Meyer and brother **Dave Meyer** (both deceased) are legends in the area. Dr. Meyer has made significant contributions to the golf industry in the turfgrass breeding field, and is a driving force at Rutgers University in their program, making a valuable and permanent impact to the turf research program their since his arrival ten years ago. Letters of support for Dr. Meyer can be sent to Pat Payne, CMP, GCSAA, 1421 Research Park Drive, Lawrence, KS 66049 or faxed to (785) 832-4471. Good Luck, Dr. Meyer!

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If you buy any of the new Scott's Memorial creeping bentgrass seed, you'll be doing Wayne Otto a favor. The Scott's/Landmark Seed company will donate \$5.00 to the Wee One Foundation for every 25-pound bucket of Memorial it sells. As you know, the Wee One Foundation was established in memory of Wayne Otto to provide financial assistance to families of golf course management professionals who incur extensive medical expenses due to an injury or illness.
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Here's a lulu—For Sale: 2006 Jacobsen LF-3400, brand spankin' new, 1.2 hours, never mowed anything. It has a unique story that you can hear by calling Dennis at (815) 634-4018. The asking price is \$35,000 or best offer.
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For Sale: 1992 John Deere 1800 Sprayer, 200 gallon tank, foam marker, Raven 440 computer, 1150 hours, green and yellow. Asking \$6,000 or best offer. Call Brian at Conway Farms Golf Club at (847) 295-0288.
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