

# the Bull Sheet

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

January 10 – MAGCS Chapter-Administered GCSAA seminar at the Midwest Golf House in Lemont, IL. Dr. Fred Yelverton will present “Advanced Weed Management,” and not “Taking Control of Your Grassy Weeds” as previously and erroneously but innocently and agendalessly reported.

January 17 – 19 – The Mid-America Horticultural Trade Show at the Lakeside Center at McCormick Place in Chicago, IL.

January 23 – MAGCS monthly meeting at Rich Harvest Links in Sugar Grove, IL. **Scott Resetich, Jason Funderburg, and Jeff Vercautren** are hosts.

January 23 – 24 – The Southern Illinois Grounds Maintenance School & Trade Show at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville, IL.

January 26 – Deadline for qualified applicants to register to take the certification exam at the GCSAA

Education Conference in Anaheim, CA. Go to [gcsaa.org](http://gcsaa.org) and click on a bunch of buttons to see if you qualify. If you still can't figure it out, you probably shouldn't worry about taking the exam.

February 8 – Annual Assistants Winter Workshop at Midwest Golf House in Lemont, IL.

February 19 – 24 – GCSAA Education Conference in conjunction with the Golf Industry Show in Anaheim, CA.

February 22 – MAGCS Hospitality Suite at the Hilton Anaheim (GCSAA Headquarter hotel) from 6:00 pm til 10:00 pm.

March 13 – MAGCS Chapter-Administered GCSAA education seminar at Midwest Golf House (still in Lemont, IL). Dr. Derek Settle, CDGA and Dr. Bingru Huang, Rutgers University. The topic will be managing the newer bentgrass cultivars.

Be sure to attend the January 23rd MAGCS monthly meeting at Rich Harvest Links. Not only is this a first-ever venue for MAGCS, but our education topic is one that will truly be of interest to everyone in our industry faced with the decision to purchase or lease their golf course maintenance equipment. Mr. Todd Gray of Wells Fargo will discuss the benefits of equipment leasing through a bank, as opposed to through the equipment manufacturers. See you there.

You might also want to check out the “Mid-Am” on January 17 through 19 at McCormick Place. This thing has hundreds of exhibits, educational

offerings, demonstrations, as well as the new Innovation Showcase, just to name a few. Go to [www.midam.org](http://www.midam.org) to register or learn more.

Also on the winter education docket is the Southern Illinois Grounds Maintenance School & Trade Show in Collinsville, IL (just outside St. Louis). This is the 25th anniversary of the show, hosted by the University of Illinois Extension, Southern Illinois Nursery Association, Southern Illinois Golf Course Superintendents Association, Southern Illinois Grounds Maintenance Association, and the Illinois Parks and Recreation Association. Numerous industry luminaries will be on hand to share

their expertise on a wide variety of topics. Recognized names like David Marquardt, Paul Vermeulen, Bruce Branham, Ken Diesburg, Phil Nixon, Dave Williams, and Jim Schuster will join the likes of Messrs. Macho, Darke, and Shadow (I did not make these up) in this education-packed 2-day extravaganza. Go to [www.extension.uiuc.edu/madisonstclair](http://www.extension.uiuc.edu/madisonstclair) to register.

Oh yes, and another annual fixture on our education calendars will be held at Golf House on February 8th. The Assistants Winter Workshop will feature Mr. Jim McLoughlin and his “Strategic Career Planning” presentation. This event is not limited to assistants, and attendance by all classes of MAGCS members is both welcomed and encouraged.

Congratulations to Sara and **Keith Krause** (Reinders, Inc.) on the recent newcomer to their family. Lucille Ann Krause was born on Wednesday, November 29 (during the IPTC where an extremely lucky **Sam Wineinger** guessed the time of birth to within 3 minutes). Little Lucy was a healthy 8 lbs., 5 ozs., and 21 inches long, and is already growing into a fine young lady who lets her dad go out and play hockey when the ice is good like a good little girl should. Mom and dad and Lucy are all doing great!



Sara, Keith and new born Lucille Ann Krause.

‘Twas the season once again—the season for our traditional region

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sensational unbeatable parties, and this past December did not disappoint. Kicking the season off was the annual South Side Superintendents Celebration at Chef Klaus' Bier Stube in Frankfort, IL on the 4th. The traditional German meal of tubular meats (and meat byproducts) was served family-style with a painter's palette of colorful side dishes, and the cozy bar room offered a great chance for MAGCS members to get intimate with each other (eew!) and ring in the holiday season. Thanks once again to **Ed Esgar** and **Keith Peterson** for their tireless work in arranging the party and manning the registration table—another great job, guys!



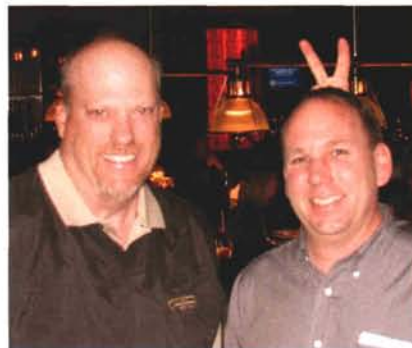
The men who put it all together—  
Ed Esgar and Keith Peterson



The 2 hardest working Germans on  
the south side—Ray Schmitz and  
the bartender at Chef Klaus's

Just a week later found MAGCS members converging on Dave & Buster's in Addison, IL for the annual West Side Holiday Party. Around 90 folks from all walks of MAGCS life attended, enjoying refreshments and an Italian buffet lunch followed by billiards, shuffle board, and a huge variety of arcade games. **Gary Hearn** and **Don Ferreri** were the men who saw to it that all was well (as they do every year), and another

job well done it certainly was. Thank you to everyone involved in making both of these holiday events so successful!



Gary Hearn and Don Ferreri

You may have noticed a new addition to your incoming mail list that you'll want to open—the Chicago District Golf Association has sent out its "State of the Game" bi-yearly electronic newsletter intended to provide pertinent information to individuals holding administrative positions at golf facilities this past December. Presented by CDGA, Illinois PGA, IJGA, and MAGCS, it highlights industry news from around our area in the past year. Check your spam filter and let this one through—there's something for everyone at your facility. Okay, maybe not for the janitor. Or the hostess. Or valet.

### Industry Notes and News:

- In an effort to gain entry into the golf market, Ariens has acquired National Mower Company.
- Great Lakes Golf Course Products has changed its name to the Prestwick Golf Group.
- And finally, FMC Specialty Products Business has changed its name to FMC Professional Solutions.
- This all really happened.

As most all of us are already aware, the minimum wage in the state of Illinois will increase to \$7.50 per hour in July of 2007 from its current \$6.50 per hour. This legislation calls for subsequent increases in future years to eventually bring the state's minimum wage to \$8.25 per hour by 2010, potentially the highest in the country.

Another change for 2007 is the extending of daylight-saving time for another month. Under the new configuration, we will be springing forward 3 weeks earlier (on the second Sunday in March), and falling back a month later (on the first Sunday in November). The legislation, passed in 2005, is an attempt to conserve energy, but has strong opposition that claims any savings in electricity will be countered with increased gasoline usage. We shall see...

While we experience our usual fickle midwest winter with its ups, downs, and assorted extremes, here's what Bruce Williams, CGCS (Los Angeles CC) has to say about the weather: "I love the changing of the seasons ...but it is better to watch it on TV. I can drive 2 hours and ski, can play golf 365 days a year, and swim in the ocean about 9 months of the year, and all that with only 4 days in the 90's typically and about 4 days of frost! Yes, it is crowded here but the weather is unbeatable." Yeah, but can you play ice hockey on your water hazards? I thought not...

The USGA seeks your help. You may not have known it, but USGA has a library in which it maintains a collection of complete runs of most every major golf magazine, including those from foreign countries. Some of these collections are missing various issues, and the collection of programs from the many PGA and LPGA Tour events is also incomplete. Anyone with magazines and/or programs that they are willing to donate can call Doug Stark at (908) 234-2300 or e-mail him at [dstark@usga.org](mailto:dstark@usga.org). Donators can claim a tax deduction for the full value of any items donated to the USGA, a not-for-profit 501(C)3.

Our most envious congratulations to **Tim Kelly** of the Village Links of Glen Ellen on his recent retirement from his position as golf course superintendent. Tim, who served as this organization's president in 1993, and as golf course superintendent at Village Links for an

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astounding 32 years (39 total years at the course) made it official on December 29th. Tim has been an instrumental force in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses in our area, and the recipient of numerous environmental awards for his efforts both on the course and in the community. We wish Tim Kelly the best of luck in whatever adventures his future may hold, and we thank him for his years of service and dedication to MAGCS. Congratulations, Tim!

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Making it a real family affair, **Pat Kelly**, the long-time equipment technician at Village Links has decided to move on to greener pastures as well. Although not quite retirement-ready, Pat will be exchanging his wrench for a nail gun in order to pursue his home remodeling business full-time. Good luck to you, Pat!

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Growing Solutions would like to congratulate **Nick Baker** of Riverside Golf Club as the 2007 pHirst Water Amendment early order program raffle winner, held at IPTC in November.

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Speaking of IPTC, congratulations to the folks at Illinois Turfgrass Foundation and all of the people who took part in presenting another fabulous event on November 28 through 30 in St. Charles. Over 800 registrants (not including the many vendors and educational presenters) could be found walking the trade show floor and taking in any of the countless educational presentations offered. The highlight of the event was the presentation of the ITF's Distinguished Service Award to **Dr. Randy Kane** on Wednesday afternoon in Chicagoland Turf's hospitality room. Several of Randy's old cohorts took the podium to wax nostalgic (they basically roasted him), bringing up fond memories of pythium outbreaks, dollar spot trials, and fairy ring diagnoses. Once the likes of **Hank Wilkinson, Brian Winkel, and Carl Hopphan** were finished with their touching tributes, the doc took the mic and, in his usual unassuming way (by sadly having to Google "acceptance

speeches", he reluctantly admitted), thanked everyone for the honor of having his name on our "Stanley Cup." To the sponsors, the vendors, the attendees, the hard-working people who worked behind the scenes, and the Rabines (you know why) we thank you and congratulate you on a great event.



*Dr. Randy Kane, winner of the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation's Distinguished Service Award.*

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Okay, so you're going in for that BIG interview, right? You might want to check [www.CareerBuilder.com](http://www.CareerBuilder.com) to ensure that you are fully prepared. Among the strangest mistakes people make in interviewing listed on the site are items such as: Don't get so nervous that you look like you're going to get sick; don't resort to "liquid courage" before the interview, and don't bring your mother, father, wife, dog, or anyone else with you to an interview. Who'da thunk it?

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The Annual MAGCS Fall Dinner Dance was held on the 18th of November at Ruth Lake Country Club. Dan and Bridget Marco were our hosts for this fantastic evening out. The food was fabulous and abundant, the room was a perfect fit, and the lip-syncing DJ provided entertainment beyond spinning digital files. Thanks to our fine sponsors who make the event unique and affordable to all. As always, thanks to Nadler Golf Car Sales for sponsoring the beverages, TPEC for the music (and entertainment), Bayer Environmental Science, Chicagoland Turf, J.W. Turf for the Hors d'Oeuvres, and Reinder's for the flowers for the women folk. What a great night.



*Amy Feltz and Pat Maksymiu*



*Peggy Adducci & Mike Mumper, Susan & John Jennings.*



*Brian and Dana Baker*



*Harry and Judy Lovero*



*Kerry Anderson & Jill Obermoeller*



Susan and Rick Wilson



Jim and Sandy Knulty



Dawn & Scott Speiden



Sandy Knulty and Tim Davis



The first official line dance of the night.



Dave and Debbie Nadler



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Participation is the key to making our association what it is and to making these events possible. Serve on a committee, sponsor an event, or host an event. Hosting an event brings in revenue for your club while showing the fruits of your labor. I wish everyone a Happy New Year!



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