



THE BULL SHEET
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DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 11-13 – International Golf Course Equipment Managers Association's (IGCEMAA) Virtual Trade Show online at a computer near you.
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- May 17 – ITF/MAGCS Spring Golf Day at Idlewild Country Club in Flossmoor, IL, **Kurt Sams, CGCS** host.
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- May 28 – Deadline for applications for the MAGCS scholarships. More if you read on.
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- June 5 – Sunshine Through Golf Foundation's Second Annual Golf Marathon at the Zigfield Troy Golf Course in Woodridge, IL, **Dennis Troy** host.
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- June 14 – MAGCS monthly meeting at Elgin Country Club, **Phil Zeinert, CGCS** host.
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- June 29 – 10th Annual John Buck Memorial Golf Outing at Crystal Woods Golf Club in Woodstock, IL.
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- July 5-11 – The 2010 John Deere Classic at TPC Deere Run in Silvis, IL,
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- July 17 – Annual MAGCS Kane County Cougars Game and Family Picnic at Elfstrom Field in Geneva, IL.
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- July 22-24 – Illinois Women's Open State Championship of Golf at Mistwood Golf Club in Romeoville, IL, **Ben Kelnhofer** host.
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- July 30 – Deadline for submissions for TurfNet's 2011 "Superintendent's Best Friend Calendar" presented by BASF, the original golf course dog calendar. If your best friend is not a dog, disregard.
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- August 2-7 – 108th Western Amateur Championship at Skokie Country Club in Glencoe, IL, **Don Cross, CGCS** host.
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- August 21, 2010 – ITF's World's Largest Closest to the Flagstick Contest, visit bigpar3.com
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- August 31 – Deadline for the call for presentations at the 2011 GCSAA Education Conference in conjunction with the Golf Industry Show in Orlando, FL.
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The MAGCS has 3 \$2,000 scholarships available to the children or grandchildren of MAGCS members who are outstanding students and have demonstrated strong potential for future success. You can download an application at magcs.org, but hurry—deadline for applications is May 28th at 5:00 p.m.

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Congratulations to Nazira and **Larry Collins** on the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Teagan Martha last month.



Teagan Martha Collins

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Also congratulations to **Jeff VerCautren** and Rich Harvest Farms on their recent designation as a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" through the Audubon Cooperative

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Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, an Audubon international program. Rich Harvest is the 47th course in Illinois and the 753rd in the world to receive the honor.

CDGA recently announced that it has chosen Thor Guard to provide real-time weather information to its 400 member facilities. Thor Guard Weather—the company’s proprietary weather information service—delivers broadcast-quality local, regional, and national radar images via the internet in five-minute increments, and will be available to golfers and staff on computers located at each CDGA facility.

Congratulations to MAGCS members **Scott Goniwiecha**, the new superintendent at the Glen Club, and to **Scott Hillyard** who is now superintendent at Hawthorn Woods Country Club.

Also with a new address change is MAGCS member Aaron Johnsen, formerly with Spectrum Technologies. Aaron has accepted a position with Olds Seed Solutions, a WinField Solutions company as a Professional Products Advisor, supporting turfgrass seed, fertilizer, and crop protection chemicals in Minnesota and Northwest Wisconsin.

The ITF recently sent all superintendent members a letter introducing their newest event to help raise money for turf research and to promote our profession. The **BigPar3** will be the **World’s Largest Closest to the Flagstick Contest** and will target the end user of our your fine turf, the golfer. The ITF is asking for your participation on August 21, 2010. Please step up and offer your course, a few hours of your day (great job for your assistant and staff) and help promote our profession. The ITF plans to submit to the Guinness Book of World Records at the end of the event. Check out bigpar3.com

If you attended the Golf Industry Show in San Diego, you can now take advantage of a unique follow-up tool that allows you to contact exhibitors whose booths you visited while there. Go to www.golfindustryshow.com to view your detailed trade show information, and see contact information along with links to the exhibitors’ web sites.

In a somewhat related matter, GCSAA announces its Call for Presentations for the 2011 Orlando Education Conference. To submit your ideas for presentations, or to deliver one yourself, fill out the Call for Presentations form at gcsaa.org. And while you’re there you can also check out GCSAA TV’s “Optimized Land Use in Chicago” presentation featuring **Tony Kalina** and Prairie Landing Golf Club. Whoever said the camera adds ten pounds? I think it’s much more.

Finally! It’s here! DuPont’s new, updated Weeviltrak.com is up and running for superintendents to keep current with all things Weevil (as in Annual Bluegrass Weevil), including tips on comparing their size so that you can choose which is the lesser of two weevils. Get it? See what I did there?

Neuroscientists at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia have discovered that the scent of fresh-cut grass triggers two sections of the brain—the amygdale which deals with emotions and the hippocampus which deals with memory. As a result, sniffing your golf course can help relieve stress and boost your memory. I wonder if they studied what the smell of dead grass triggers.

Green Care for Troops, a program of Project EverGreen, is a nationwide effort that connects green industry professionals with local military families to provide landscape assistance while troops are serving away from home. The program already has thousands of military families and numerous industry professionals and volunteers signed up, and welcomes more. To help, go to www.projectevergreen.com and click the Green Care for Troops box.

The Longshore Club Park Golf Course in Westport, Conn. has an answer for all the courses worldwide that are suffering through cutbacks in labor as a result of the economic downturn. To assist with course cleanup in the spring, anywhere from 30 to 50 local residents simply come out with their own rakes and start cleaning. Superintendent Dan Rackliffe, CGCS has been there 23 years, and doesn’t know how long before that the trend began—probably during that other economic downturn in the 20’s.



Photo courtesy of the Westport Patch.

Members of the Staples High School boys golf team rake debris from the fairways at Longshore Club Park Golf Course in Westport, Conn.

MAGCS offers its condolences to **Bob Kronn, Sr.** and **Bob Kronn, Jr.** on the loss of Richard Kronn, the brother of Bob Sr. and uncle of Bob, Jr. in March. Our sympathies also go out to **John Turner** and his family on the passing of his father William Turner on April 10th at the age of 87. And sincere condolences to **Mike Handrich, CGCS** of Racine Country Club and his family on the passing of daughter Holly M. Verdiguél in April after a courageous battle with cancer.

Let’s all wish happy trails to our friend **Keith Rincker**, CDGA’s Manager of Turfgrass Research and Website Coordinator as he heads off to greener pastures—literally. Keith will be leaving on June 14th to join Dr. Brian Diers at the University of Illinois to work on soybeans, and more specifically to map the resistance of brown stem rot. His work for the next four years will obviously be much different than what he has been doing for us at Golf House, but he is confident he is up for the challenge. To fill his ample shoes, **Tom Sibicky** has been

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hired, and will train under Keith until his departure. Congratulations and best of luck to you, Keith and Tom!



Keith Rincker

The MAGCS March monthly meeting was held at Midwest Golf House on the 16th with a full house in attendance. Featured speaker Dr. Peter Dernoeden of the University of Maryland presented several interesting topics, including his research on "The Nature of Dollar Spot and its Management", "Managing Greens Under Stress," and "Tenacity: A New Herbicide for Golf Courses." Also making presentations were CDGA's **Dr. Derek Settle** who spoke on disease control of Waitea and Fairy Ring, and Keith Rincker who enlightened us on, among other things, biorationals such as Rhapsody, EcoGuard, and Dew Cure. It was a great day of learning, and we thank everyone who had a hand in making it possible. Oh, and if you're looking to see the mugs of Derek and Keith in print, check out the March Golfdom on page 12. Dr. D. and Keith are shown flanking **Dan Dinelli** during a boat cruise of the San Diego harbor during the Golf Industry Show.

You can also catch **Mark Petitgoue, Paul Bastron** and **Brian Baker** taking a technology test drive on the trade show floor on page 60 of April's GCM. If you want.

Congratulations to **Josh Therrien** and his new bride Andrea on their recent nuptials. Josh is assistant superintendent at St. Charles Country Club (**Jim Keith, CGCS** superintendent), which is also where the reception was held and some crazy dancing MAGCS-style took place according to our sources. Best wishes to you two in your long lives together.



Josh is the one in the tux and probably the last time he will wear a flower on his lapel.

Belated congratulations to **Brad Chamra**, formerly at the Beth Page State Park Golf Courses who is now assistant superintendent at Arrowhead Golf Club (**Mike Mumper** superintendent).

CLASSIFIEDS

Equipment For Sale: Another way to ease your budgets is to take a look at these fabulous offerings from your fellow superintendents:

- Park Ridge Country Club has the following items on the block: 1 Jacobsen LF 3400 Fairway Mower, year 2000, 3916 hours, asking \$4,900 OBO; 1 Ryan GA-60 Aerifier, year 2000, 261 hours, asking \$2,500 OBO; 1 Ford 250C Diesel Tractor with torque converter transmission, 1650 hours, asking \$8,000 OBO; 1 Ford 231 Tractor, 7137 hours, asking \$3,500 OBO. Call **Nick Marfise** at 708-224-8829 for details.
- Lincolnshire Country Club is selling a Tycrop MH400 Material Handler with only 20 hours of use, in excellent condition, with conveyer belt attachment included. Give **Brian Racette** or Harry a call at 708-672-5709 for information.
- A first-time-ever for this magazine. White Pines Golf Course has a Package Sewage Treatment Plant for sale. This is a membrane bioreactor package treatment plant with ultraviolet disinfection system and a 10,000-gallon per day capacity. It is a compact alternative to septic systems and aeration/settlement ponds. Equipment is housed in a modular concrete building with a 30'x8' footprint, and is manufactured by Enviroquip of Austin, Texas. It was originally installed in the fall of 2005 at a cost of \$300,000. The asking price is \$150,000. Contact **Steve Partyka** at 630-768-0906 or email him at partykasteve@yahoo.com.
- Bryn Mawr Country Club has the following items for sale: 1990 Ryan GA-60 aerifier with low hours; 1993 MP1100 160-gallon Toro sprayer with computer controls; 2005 electric Salsco greens rollers with 1392 hours. All items are in very good condition and are ready to use. Call Brian at 847-677-4112.
- Indian Hill Club offers these beauties for sale: 1993-ish Jacobsen Turfcut 422D with 72" deck, runs well; a 1997 3-wheel Cushman truckster 27HP water-cooled engine with GA-60 controls mounted; a 1992 Ryan GA-60 aerifier that runs well; and a Turfcro F12D Belt Topdresser with a 6' chevron belt. All offers considered and likely accepted. Call Dave at 847-528-6656. **-OC**

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