



THE BULL SHEET
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DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 23 - Midwest's Assistant Winter Workshop, Midwest Golf House
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- February 25 – Deadline for nominations for TurfNet's Technician of the Year Award presented by Toro. This is the LAST time you will read about this until next year unless one of you wins it.
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- March 1 - Midwest March Meeting, Arrowhead Golf Club, Dr. Mike Fidanza & Dr. Derek Settle
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- March 5 – CDGA's Club Leadership Conference/Officers and Directors Workshop at Medinah Country Club, **Curtis Tyrrell, CGCS** host.
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- March 9 – CAGCS Chicagoland Forum at Naperville Country Club, **Tim Mr. Incredible Anderson, CGCS, MG** host. Dr. Frank Rossi guest speaker.
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- March 9-10 – Reinders 20th Turf & Irrigation Conference at the Waukesha Expo Center in suburban Milwaukee, WI.
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- March 23-25 – The 2011 IGCEMA (International Golf Course Equipment Managers Association) Virtual Trade Show. Find out all about it at www.virtualgolfshow.com.
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- April 1 – Everything in the world of golf gets better.

Best wishes to **Elliott Dowling**, formerly at Ivanhoe Club who is the new superintendent at Cress Creek Country Club.
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Congratulations to **Mark Kosbab**, formerly of Cantigny Golf who is the new superintendent at Sportsman's Country Club.
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Congratulations (belatedly) to Stephanie and **Kyle Jacobsen** (Twin Orchard CC) on the birth of their daughter Erin Reed on July 19th last summer. Erin had some impressive stats, weighing in at 8 pounds, 12 ounces, and measuring 20.5 inches.



December 31st was a fairly significant day in the world of golf—USGA executive director David Fay, the bow-tied man who has been at his post through the administrations of 12 different USGA presidents while garnering the reputation as THE authority on the rules of golf has decided to call it a day. After 21 years at his post, Mr. Fay has stepped down and gone on to greener pastures. Kudos to him for a job well done, and the best of luck in his future endeavors.
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Another guy we've come to know has changed addresses. Larry Aylward, the former editor of *Golfdom* magazine has resigned in order to take on the editorial director's responsibilities for *Superintendent* magazine. Look for big changes to Superintendent under Larry's leadership, and if you are not currently receiving it, you can go to www.superintendentmagazine.com and rectify that.
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How about this? In recognition of their commitment to environmental stewardship, Sunset Valley Golf Course in Highland Park, Illinois and its certified superintendent **Brian Green** have been named the overall winners of the 2010 Golf Course Superintendents Association of America/ *Golf Digest* Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards (ELGA). That is a HUGE deal, and Brian's efforts in stormwater capture and reuse, along with his work on stream bank restoration and native buffering of ponds on the property have earned him this most deserved honor. Brian and the other ELGA winners were recognized at this month's GCSAA Educational Conference during the "Celebrate GCSAA!" presentation on the 8th. Congratulations to Brian and everyone involved from Sunset Valley.



Brian Green

Also getting in on the fun was MAGCS member **Vince Dodge, CGCS** of the Wilderness at Fortune Bay, who in December received the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents Association (MGCSA) 2010 Environmental Leader Award in recognition of his environmental efforts. In his usual manner, Vinny credited everyone but himself for the honor, including the entire staff of Wilderness Golf Course, the MGCSA, Kemper Sports, and the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa.



Vince Dodge

Is it just me, or did Aaron Rodgers start getting good around the same time Scott Verdun moved north of the cheese curtain? Has anyone seen Scott at work on football Sundays? I think not. I think we have another case of a MAGCS member highlighting as a celebrity. You be the judge...



Aaron Rodgers and Scott Verdun

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 And while on the subject of moonlighters, did my old assistant Virgil Range REALLY leave to take a superintendent job in Maryville, Missouri? Or did he go back to Hollywood to make more movies? Would he tell us either way? Hmm....



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 March 9th is the 2011 Chicagoland Forum presented by the Chicagoland Association of Golf Course Superintendents (CAGCS) at Naperville Country Club with **Tim Anderson** hosting. This year's rendition promises not to disappoint, with Dr. Frank Rossi speaking on sustainability among other timely topics and John Miller, CGCS, former LPGA Tour Agronomist and currently the new GCSAA Field Staff Representative with his observations on our industry. Maybe one day at the Forum and the next in Milwaukee? Look for registration emails coming soon.

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 Later in March another compelling event will come to all with internet service. With GCSAA as its presenting partner, the International Golf Course Equipment Managers Association (IGCEMA) will hold its second-ever Virtual Trade Show online from the 23rd to the 25th. This is a really great opportunity for your equipment technicians to learn a ton of information about the stuff they are charged with maintaining and repairing, and you don't have to pay to send them! To learn more or register, go to www.igcema.org.

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 If you are an ISM or AA member of GCSAA, they just wanted you to know that you now have access to the Turfgrass Information File (TGIF). This invaluable tool is presented in partnership with the Turfgrass Information Center through the Michigan State University libraries, and

it just got all the more accessible (though I have no idea what an ISM member is).

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 GCSAA also wants you to know that they have partnered with several trusted companies to offer its members savings on a variety of personal and professional products. The companies most recently partnered with are Nike Golf (pay 5% over wholesale on accessories, apparel, bags, balls, clubs, and footwear), Jos. A. Bank Clothiers (save 20% on regularly-priced merchandise), and Zones (corporate discounts on technology products and solutions).

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 Our sincere condolences to **Tom Prichard** and his family on the passing of his father Edward D. Prichard on January 18th at the age of 77.

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 From the desk of **John Turner**, Bayer will be offering 6 new webinars featuring information on disease and pest control during the 2011 season. To see the schedule and/or register, go to www.bayerbeyondthebasics.com.

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Gratuitous golf course dog photo section:
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C'mon, wake up! I was just playing!

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So, if you can't get to the Masters in person, and SINCE you pretty much can't play Augusta National unless you REALLY know someone, at least soon you'll be able to do the next best thing. Officials at the storied club have recently announced that Augusta National is joining forces with EA Sports to be part of its 2012 installment of the Tiger Woods PGA Tour golf game franchise. Included in the game will be the chance to beat each of Woods' four scores when he won the green jacket, as well as advice from an Augusta caddie. Hell, it even has Jim Nance and David Feherty announcing the thing. Sounds cool if you're into that sort of thing—maybe the beginning of a new “tradition unlike any other”?

Also in the news regarding Augusta National was the story that one of two replica Masters trophies which were produced about 10 years ago with the club's blessing and the intent to house them in two golf museums has been put up for sale. So, if you have a strong desire to have a phony Masters trophy, and you have an extra \$140,000 laying around, you're a winner.

Sorry Plochman's. Take a hike, Heinz. As for you, Grey Poupon? Nice try. The January, 2011 issue of GCM had an item about one of MAGCS' own in its “In the News” feature. **Henry Michna, CGCS** of Winnetka GC was featured for his search for used *French's* yellow mustard bottles, which the club has used to hold divot mix for crew members to take with them on the course. *French's ONLY.*

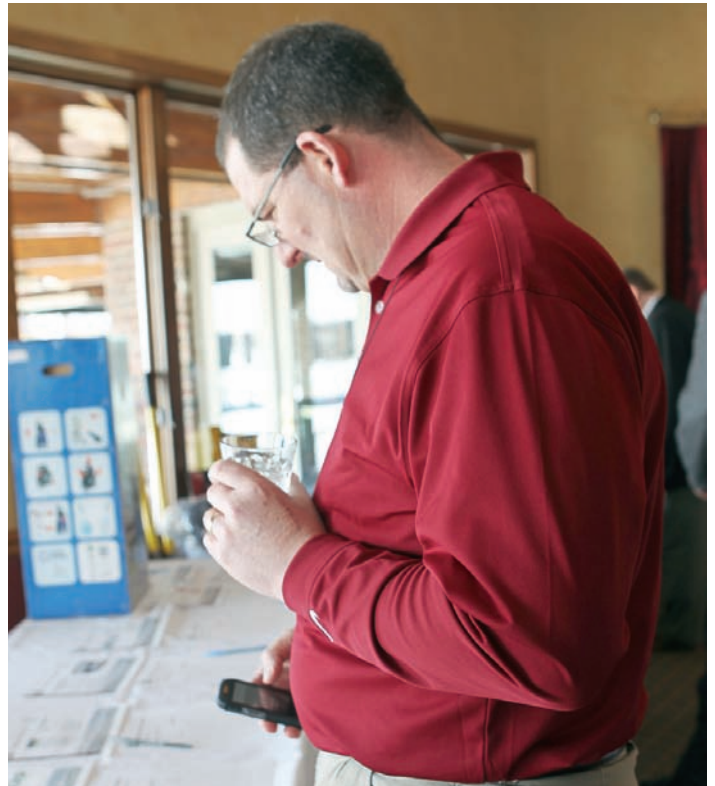
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The MAGCS monthly meeting for January was held at Seven Bridges Golf Club on the 19th with **Don Ferreri** and **Dave Gelino** hosting. Seems like we were just there, doesn't it? The day featured presentations from **Bruce Williams, CGCS** and **Tommy Witt, CGCS** on “Negotiating for Success,” as well as a look at “Digital Media and Your Golf Course” by Matt Yost and Andrew Rios. After all that good learnin' stuff was a great afternoon of Wee One auctions and silent auctions and loud auctions and whatnot, all of which helped the Wee One Foundation add more apples to its pie. Close to \$40,000 was raised during the event. The day was a blast, and we thank everyone and their mother for the great support and generosity they provided, especially **John Deere Golf & J. W. Turf, Nels J. Johnson Tree Experts, Inc., and Syngenta.**





Barber explains to Braunsky and Robbins how the Steelers are a shoe in for the Super Bowl.



Dan Sterr presented Wee One Board members Dave Radaj and Paul Bastron a check for \$1000 from the Wadsworth Golf Charities Foundation.

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