

THE BULL SHEET

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GCSAA has hooked a big fish—David Feherty has signed on to keynote the Golf Industry Show’s General Session in Las Vegas. Feherty is well-known in the golf world for his entertaining commentary and his new Golf Channel show cleverly titled “Feherty.” Look for his “Tales of a Survivor: The Wit and Wisdom of David Feherty” on March 1st at the Show.



Not to be outdone, the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation has announced that Craig Krenz, quarterback and MVP for the 2002 National Championship Ohio State Buckeyes and former Chicago Bear (ugh) will deliver the opening address during the 2011 OTF Conference and Show December 5-8 in Columbus. Having endured his time with the Bears, I would think if he delivers a speech like he delivered a football, about 23% of the audience will receive it. Ba-da-boom.

Heartfelt condolences to the friends and family of **Mark Neuroth** who passed away suddenly last month. Mark worked for the Village of Buffalo Grove for 25 years, serving as golf course supervisor at Buffalo Grove Golf Course since 1989. Please keep Mark’s wife Cheryl, his son Brad, and his family and friends in your thoughts. The Midwest will be taking up a collection at this year’s Turf Clinic for the Neuroth Family.



DATES TO REMEMBER

October 3 – MAGCS monthly meeting and Annual College Championship at the Merit Club in Libertyville, IL, **John Nelson, Arne Nordenson & Joe Baert** hosts.

October 4-December 16 – Fall session of Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School at the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station in New Brunswick, NJ.

October 11 – MAGCS and GCCMA education event at Stonebridge Country Club in Aurora, IL, **Dan Sterr** and **Aaron Hearn** hosts.

October 14 – Deadline for volunteers for GCSAA’s 2012 Committee Service.

October 15 – Deadline for nominations for GCSAA’s 2012 Excellence in Government Relations Award.

October 21 – Illinois Golf Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies at the Glen Club in Glencoe, IL. **Paul Voykin** is among the inductees.

November 6-8 – Irrigation Show at the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego, CA.

November 16 – 59th Midwest Turf Clinic & Annual Meeting at Medinah Country Club in Medinah, IL, **Curtis Tyrrell, CGCS** host.

November 30 – Deadline for nominations for the 11th Annual TurfNet Superintendent of the Year Award presented by Syngenta.

February 27-March 2, 2012 – GCSAA Education Conference in Las Vegas, NV.

February 29-March 1 – Golf Industry Show in Las Vegas, NV.

We also mourn the passing in August of Bob Dickinson, who was the superintendent at Buffalo Grove from 1973 until 1990. Prior to that, Bob was assistant superintendent under Ben Kronn at Twin Orchard Country Club. Bob leaves his wife Betty, daughter Barb, and son Bobby along with his many family members and friends. *(continued on next page)*

November 30th is the deadline for nominations for the TurfNet Superintendent of the Year Award presented by Syngenta. The 11th annual award is given annually to a golf course superintendent who excels in labor management skills, maximizing budget limitations, educating and advancing the careers of colleagues, negotiating with government agencies, preparing for tournaments under unusual circumstances, service to golf clientele, upgrading or renovating the course, or dealing with extreme or emergency conditions. The award will be presented at the Syngenta booth at the Golf Industry Show in Las Vegas. Nominations can be submitted by downloading the PDF form or by filling out the online form which can be found at www.turfnet.com under the "Features" tab. We are fortunate to have two past winners in **Paul Voykin** and **Sam MacKenzie, CGCS**.



The green gloves give away Troy Tietjens of JW Turf loyalty.

Speaking of **Paul Voykin**, this is his month—on the 21st he will be inducted in the 2011 class of the Illinois Golf Hall of Fame. The ceremonies will take place at the Glen Club, home of the Illinois PGA. Paul is the fifth superintendent to achieve this honor, following Ray Gerber, Carl Hopphan, Oscar Miles, and Bob Williams. Congratulations Paul!



Scott Pavalko checks the quality of cut during morning set up.

Over Labor Day weekend, a large number of KemperSports golf courses, included several in our area, participated in the 2011 Patriot Golf Day, which raises money for the Folds of Honor Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides educational scholarships and other assistance for the children and spouses of military men and women disabled or killed during service. Among the courses that participated were Bolingbrook GC (**Jeff Gerdes**), Hawthorn Woods CC (**Nicholas Hillyard**), Royal Melbourne (**Dave Groelle, CGCS**), and the Wilderness at Fortune Bay (**Vince Dodge, CGCS**).



Don Cross and Dan Marco wait in line to perform their pogo stick routine at the talent show contest during the commercial breaks at the Cog Hill.

Along these same lines, on August 18th Billy Casper Golf hosted approximately 2,200 golfers at 80 properties in 24 states during the "World's Largest Golf Outing" to benefit Wounded Warrior Project." The event raised over \$40,000 for the cause, eclipsing the previous golf outing participation by 70% according to the Guinness Book of World Records. Good stuff there.

Congratulations to **Scott Pavalko, Nick Marfise, Ken Lapp**, and everyone at Cog Hill for their fantastic work in preparing the Dubsdread course for the BMW Championship last month. The course was absolutely perfect, and the tournament truly was fun to watch. Also thanks to **Tracy Murphy** and the folks at Lemont Paving for hosting their annual hospitality tent during Saturday's round on their VERY NEARBY property. Great job by everyone!



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Why don't they ever televise the Pro's doing the ball mark fix pirouette?



Nick Marfise color coordinates his attire with his ride each day, and does a nice job of it.



From the O in Joy, the 18th green of Dubsread during set up on Thursday morning.

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Cantigny Park and **Scott Witte** welcomed a friend home last month—a red-tailed hawk that was delivered by the Willowbrook Wildlife Center. The bird had been picked up from Cantigny by Willowbrook on August 14th when it was discovered on the ground unable to fly, apparently suffering from exhaustion due to a lack of food. The bird was treated at the facility in Glen Ellen and upon its recovery was released back on the grounds of Cantigny. Watch out squirrels!



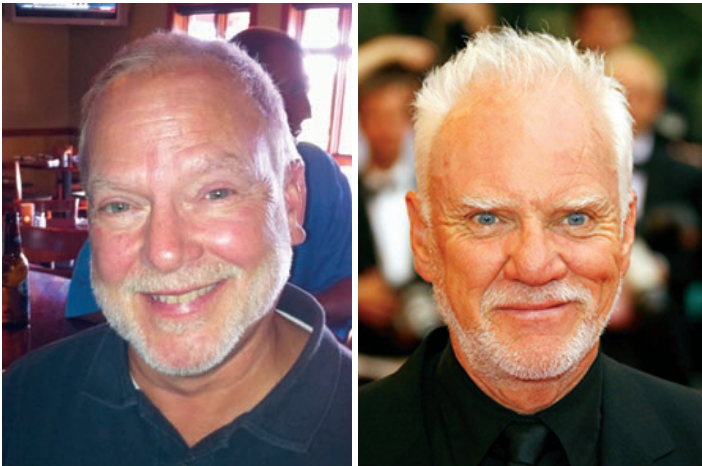
And after the game they even got to hang with that really muscular guy called Sparty (Sparty is the tall one)

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The results are in from golfers who participated in the first year of Tee It Forward, the national initiative supported by The PGA of America and the United States Golf Association that encourages golfers to play faster and have more fun by playing from tees best suited to their abilities. Initial responses from a consumer survey indicated that 70% of the respondents found golf more enjoyable; 90% said they played faster or at about the same pace; 91% were likely to recommend Tee It Forward to a friend and would likely use it again; and 52% stated they were likely to play golf more often knowing they could use Tee It Forward. So there ya have it.

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Do we have another match here? **Jan** (the Wizard) **Jarvis** and Malcolm (the Madman) McDowell? Can't you picture a young Jan playing Alex in "A Clockwork Orange," jamming to a little Ludwig Van while sipping a milk plus? Am I dating myself here?



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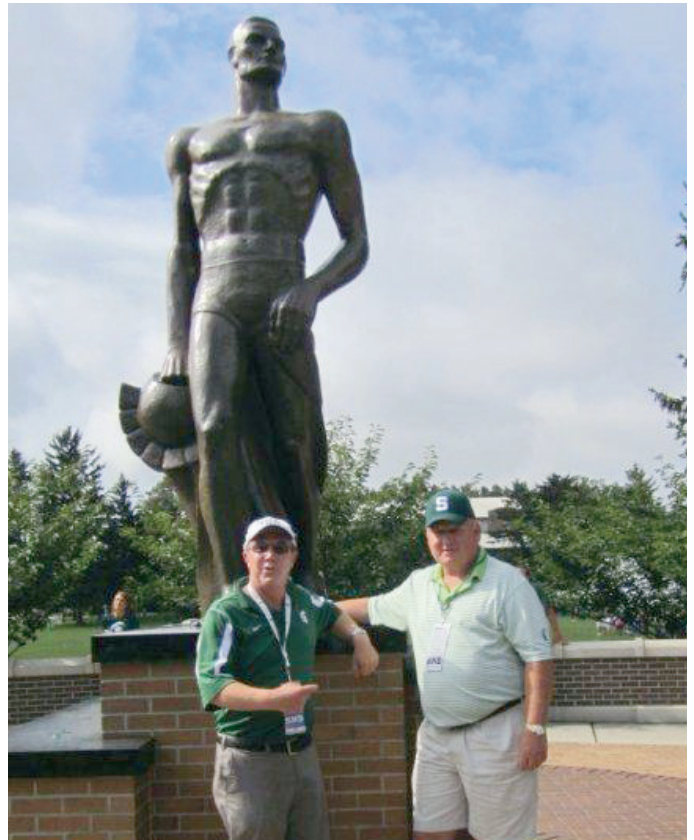
Happy 100th birthday to Glen Flora Country Club.

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Welcome back PCNB! A U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Columbia has granted a motion for a summary judgment and vacated the Stop Sale, Use or Removal Order that had been issued in August, 2010 by the U.S. EPA for the popular snow mold fungicide PCNB.

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Gotta love college football season! **Al Fierst** and **Bruce Williams** got to love it even more, taking in a Michigan State Spartans game recently with those coveted sideline passes.



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Another elephant bites the dust. **Tim Anderson, CGCS, MG** of Naperville Country Club has been named the winner of GCSAA's 2011 Leo Feser Award for his story "Shoot the Elephants First." The article first ran in *On Course*, and then was reprinted in the June, 2011 issue of *GCM*. The Leo Feser Award is presented annually for the best superintendent-written article published in *GCM*. It is named after the late Leo Feser, a pioneer golf course superintendent and a charter member of GCSAA who is credited with keeping the association's official publication alive during the Great Depression. For three years (1933-'36) he wrote, edited, assembled and published each issue of *The Greenkeepers' Report* from his home in Wayzata, MN. Tim will receive his award on February 28th at the 2012 GCSAA Education Conference during Celebrate GCSAA! presented in partnership with Syngenta. Congratulations, Tim!

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Tim Anderson

Retired MAGCS member Dick Trevartha, CGCS has something you might be interested in: He is selling his 1979 Cushman Haulster, which has been in storage since his retirement in 1996. The truckster is in excellent condition, with a great engine and no body damage. The asking price is \$1,350. Give Dick a call at 815-919-2487 or shoot him an email at rtrevartha@aol.com.



Brings back memories, doesn't it?

The 3rd Annual iTurfExpo was held on September 22nd at Midwest Golf House on the grounds of the Sunshine Course. The event included research presentations from local turfgrass experts such as **Dr. Bruce Branham** (University of Illinois), **Dr. Ken Diesburg** (Southern Illinois University), Dr. Aaron Patton (Purdue University), Dr. Jim Kerns (University of Wisconsin), **Dr. Derek Settle** (CDGA), **Tim Sibicky** (CDGA), Shelby Henning (University of Illinois), and Dr. Lee Miller (University of Missouri). These hands-on presentations allowed visitors to see with their own eyes the results of the research conducted on plots very similar to their own courses. After lunch, attendees were able to enjoy the afternoon mingling with colleagues and commercial reps while visiting the various product showcases and equipment demonstrations, taking part in the silent auction to bid on donated products and services for the benefit of turf research, take a shot at Chicagoland Turf's Golf Skills Challenge, and to view and vote on their favorite varieties at the Flower Trials. The weather cooperated, and the event was enjoyed by all in attendance. Special thanks to those whose tireless preparation made it possible—**Erwin McKone** and the ITF Board (with the exception of me—I didn't help at all), **Luke Cella**, Dr. Settle, CDGA Executive Director **Robert Markionni**, Sunshine Course superintendent **Chris Painter**, assistant Niki Munroe, Manager of Turfgrass Research **Tim Sibicky**, summer research assistant Nick Devries, summer intern from

Purdue Peter Westfall, and summer helper Anthony Petrarca. Also many thanks to the day's sponsors—the Platinum Level: **Chicagoland Turf** and **Syngenta**; Gold Level: **BASF**, **Arthur Clesen, Inc.**, and **J.W. Turf**; Silver Level: **Bayer**, **Tyler Enterprises, Reinders, Inc.**, **Gruenmann Turf**, **Burris Equipment**, and **Dow AgroSciences**; and Bronze Level: **AGRO Chem West** and **Spectrum Technologies**. Great job everyone!



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Lee Miller hasn't changed a bit since leaving to get the PhD after his name.



Chuck Anfield lifted his head way too early during the golf part of the iTurfExpo.



Kevin DeRoo went home with the 50" LCD as the winning participant superintendent of the BigPar3.

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