



THE BULL SHEET  
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Welcome to the following new members of the MAGCS family:  
Mr. Ryan Gilmore, Class SM, Joe Louis, "The Champ"  
Golf Course  
Mr. **Brad Allen**, Class SM, Harrison Lake Country Club  
Mr. **Brad Wagner**, Class C, Butler National Golf Club  
Mr. **Brian Kalal**, Class C, Edgewood Valley Country Club  
Mr. **Kellen Miller**, Class E, EZ-GO

Next month has several great opportunities to get smarter (and albeit lighter in the wallet) with the excellent educational offerings provided at the various events on the calendar. On the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation will hold the first-of-its-kind Turfgrass Conference at the Hyatt Lodge on the Hamburger University campus in Oak Brook. Unlike the IPTC and other past incarnations of the winter conference, this will be an education-first theme in a casual atmosphere, with opportunities to network and meet with vendors without the trade show aspect. The roster of presenters is impressive, and covers a wide variety of topics in all areas of turfgrass management. GCSAA credits have been approved for this event. If you've never been on the campus at Hamburger U, the McDonald's museum will take you back to your childhood.

Also in January is the Mid-American Horticultural trade Show at Navy Pier on the 16<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup> ([www.midam.org](http://www.midam.org)); followed by the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation Conference in East Lansing ([www.mtfconference.org](http://www.mtfconference.org)); next up is the MAGCS monthly meeting and Annual Wee One Fundraiser and Auction on the 24<sup>th</sup> at Seven Bridges; and finally the

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- December 3 – Annual South Side Superintendents Holiday Party at Chef Klaus' Bier Stube in Frankfort, IL.  
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- December 11 – CAGCS Holiday Lunch at Pinstripes in Northbrook, IL.  
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- December 13 – 14<sup>th</sup> Annual West Side Superintendents Holiday Party at Seven Bridges Golf Club in Woodridge, IL, **Don Ferreri** and **Dave Gelino** hosts.  
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- January 8-9 – Turf Conference presented by ITF at the Hyatt Lodge on the campus of Hamburger University in Oak Brook, IL.  
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- January 16-18 – Annual Mid-Am (Mid-American Horticultural Trade Show) at Navy Pier in Chicago, IL. Phone 800-300-6103 or go to [www.midam.org](http://www.midam.org).  
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- January 21-24 – The 2013 Michigan Turfgrass Conference at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing, MI. Go to [www.mtfconference.org](http://www.mtfconference.org) for details.  
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- January 23-26 – 60<sup>th</sup> PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando, FL.  
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- January 24 – MAGCS monthly meeting and Annual Wee One Fundraiser and Auction at Seven Bridges Golf Club, still in Woodridge, IL, and hosted by Don and Dave.  
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- January 29-31 – 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Iowa Turfgrass & Trade Show at the Downtown Des Moines Marriott. Phone 515-232-8222 or go to [www.iowaturfgrass.org](http://www.iowaturfgrass.org).  
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- February 3-5 – GCSAA National Championship and Golf Classic in San Diego, CA.  
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- February 4-8 – GCSAA Education Conference in San Diego, CA.  
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- February 6-7 – Golf Industry Show in San Diego, CA.  
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- February 6 – MAGCS 2013 Hospitality Reception from 7 til 10 PM at the Hotel Solamar at 435 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the Rooftop Lounge.  
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79<sup>th</sup> Annual Iowa Turfgrass and Trade Show in beautiful Des Moines on the 29<sup>th</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup> ([www.iowaturfgrass.org](http://www.iowaturfgrass.org)). Hopefully you can take some time to get away to these valuable events. Oh, and if you mistakenly type [www.madam.org](http://www.madam.org) instead of [www.midam.org](http://www.midam.org) as I did, you'll not find anything even remotely pertaining to horticulture. Just sayin'.

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 Congratulations to **Mike Mumper** on his new position as Golf Sales Rep for Arthur Clesen, Inc. Best of luck to you, Mump!  
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We finally figured out why the weather gods decided to rain on the Annual College Championship parade that was to be held at Calumet Country Club on October 22<sup>nd</sup>: It's because **Chuck Barber** was going to wear this get-up.



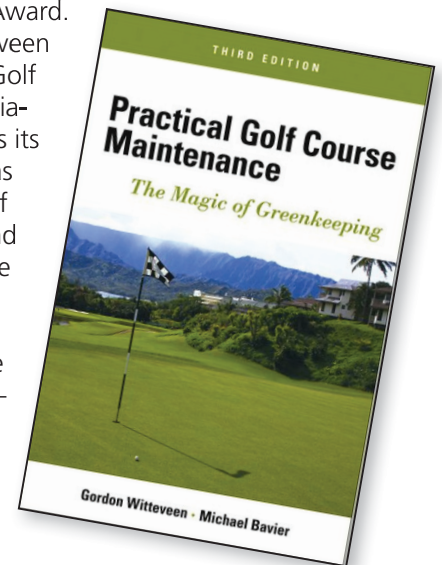
Come to think of it, maybe it was the fashion gods that put the kibosh on the day...

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 Q: Which member of **Brian Bossert's** club hosts a sleazy daytime talk show?

A: Bryn Mawry Povich.  
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Each year the Sunshine Through Golf Foundation's programs help bring joy to people with special needs through golf. To continue to provide these programs and to expand on them, donations are greatly needed. You can donate to this great cause that grows the game which we dedicate our lives to by visiting the website—[www.sunshinethroughgolf.org](http://www.sunshinethroughgolf.org)—and clicking on the "Donate Now" button, or by participating in the Commemorative Brick Program. This is a wonderful way to make a permanent memorial of your support, as the brick you purchase will be forever set in an area surrounding the front entrance to Midwest Golf House. There are two sizes, and you can choose to customize your brick with any message you desire. To participate, go to the website and order online.  
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It's back, and it's better than ever! The highly-acclaimed book from the pens of Gordon Witteveen and **Michael Bavier**, *Practical Golf Course Maintenance*, is hitting the bookstands with its Third Edition. The updated new version offers guidance and tips on the art of maintaining golf courses, and includes the latest information on the tools we use every day in our profession. Mike is the retired longtime superintendent of Inverness Golf Club, and has served as president of both MAGCS and GCSAA, and is a recipient of GCSAA's Distinguished Service Award. The late Gordon Witteveen started the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association in 1965, serving as its first secretary, as well as serving on the Board of Directors of GCSAA and also is a recipient of the DSA. You can pick up a copy at the GCSAA Bookstore on the trade show floor in February—and you might even talk Mike into auto-graphing it for you if you're lucky!



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 Did you know that in this magazine, 60 years ago this very month, the development of the 'Crimson King' Norway Maple in Western Europe was announced? It's true. Beautiful trees, but not so hot on a golf course if healthy turf is your thing. In that same issue of *The Bull Sheet*, this advertisement was causing quite the stir...



Kinda racy for 1952, huh? Then-editor Hugh Hefner moved on to bigger and better things I'm told.  
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The Fall 2012 edition of *Golf Inc.* magazine ran its "The Most Powerful People in Golf" list, with 23 of the 35 people named being from the United States. Steve Mona, past CEO of GCSAA and current CEO of the World Golf Foundation was 19<sup>th</sup> on the list, up from 28<sup>th</sup> in 2011. **Luke Cella**, Executive Director of MAGCS, CAGCS, ITF, Wee One Foundation, and several other organizations I've probably omitted, was not mentioned in the list.

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 This just in from the Organic Arsenical Products Task Force (OAPTF, and yes, there really is such a thing): MSMA applications labeled for use on golf courses (except Florida) for the control of various grassy weeds will be extended for at least 3-4 years until a new National Academy of Sciences review on inorganic arsenic is completed. Therefore, the sale of MSMA for golf course use will not be terminated on December 31<sup>st</sup> as originally called for in a 2009 agreement between OAPTF and EPA.

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 Here are some little known facts that make one feel better about the game of golf—the 2012 John Deere Classic, which is held annually at TPC Deere Run in Sylvan, IL raised a record \$6.79 million for 493 local and regional charities in the Quad Cities area. That's \$1.5 million more than last year! On the national scope, the total charitable impact that golf had in the United States in 2011 was \$3.9 billion (roughly the cost of an Obama family trip to Europe).

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 Did anyone notice the conspicuous absence of **Nick Baker** throughout the entire presidential election? And did you

further notice his miraculous reappearance on the scene immediately after the whole dog and pony show was over? Could it be that maybe, just MAYBE he was unsuccessfully campaigning for vice president?



**Paul Ryan**



**Nick Baker**

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 It looks like it's official—the USGA and the R & A have agreed on a "proposed rules change" banning the anchoring of any golf club against the body. Per the ruling, the following cannot be done anymore: anchoring the end of the grip against the body; securing the club by making a fist and anchoring that fist against the body; and creating a fulcrum or anchor point with the forearm against the body. The rule is set to go into effect on January 1, 2016. That's three whole years to change a crappy putting stroke back to a different crappy putting stroke. I think we'll be okay.

 A large advertisement for PAF INC. The top section features the company logo in white on a red background. Below the logo is a photograph of a golf course with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of yellow, orange, and red. In the foreground, there is a green fairway with a sand trap. At the bottom of the ad, there is a list of services and a phone number.
 

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Last month it was announced that Jemsek Golf has received an extension on its lease for Pine Meadow Golf Course in Mundelein, which they have operated since the course's opening in 1985. **Frank Jemsek** is a member of the Illinois Golf Hall of Fame, and Jemsek Golf owns and operates St. Andrews Golf and Country Club in West Chicago (**Brian York** and **John Lapp**) and Cog Hill Golf and Country Club in Lemont (**Scott Pavalko**, **Ken Lapp**, **Nick Marfise**, **Frank Latzko**).

Also announced last month was that Rich Harvest Farms in Sugar Grove (**Jeff Vercautren** superintendent) will be the site of the NCAA Division I Men's Golf Regional hosted by Northern Illinois University from May 15-17, 2014. The site of the 2009 Solheim Cup also hosted the NCAA Regional in 2007.

Q: What does **Jim Knulty** get when he has a few cocktails and rambles on too much?

A: Big Foot in mouth disease.

MAGCS members in the news: **Tim Christians** of Makray Memorial Golf Club was spotted in TurfNet's Blog Aggregator letting his blog readers know that all pesticide labels and MSDS's are available for their information on his blog. Also, in the October GCM, **Chase Bonnell** of Rich Harvest Farms penned a great article titled "Knowing how to ask," which details methods for assistants to ask for more responsibilities from their superintendents in order to become more well-rounded superintendent-candidates. Good stuff.



Calling it "an important development for the game of golf," GCSAA president Sandy Queen, CGCS praised the International Golf Federation's recent statement on its commitment to sustainability. The statement, signed by 153 golf organizations (who knew there were that many?) placed sustainability as a core priority with focus on the management of golf facilities, administration of golf events, and the influence of golfers as consumers. You can read the statement in its entirety at [www.wearegolf.org/news](http://www.wearegolf.org/news).

GCSAA announced that eight of its affiliated chapters have made donations recently to the Environmental Institute for Golf (EIFG), and one of those eight was MAGCS. With our contribution of \$1,000, we are proud members of the Golden Tee Club for annual giving, and the Governor's Club for cumulative giving. We rock!

If you are hoping to attend the GCSAA Education Conference in San Diego, but aren't sure if your employer will foot the bill, you can download the 2013 Attendee Justification Kit at [www.gcsaa.org](http://www.gcsaa.org). It contains tools to help you demonstrate the value of attendance to your higher-ups. Didn't work for me, but I'm positive it will for you...

A friendly reminder from GCSAA that you are provided with free life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment coverage as part of your membership. To review your coverage, or to check on your beneficiary information (don't want some pesky ex-wife cashing in on your demise do you?), call GCSAA headquarters at 800-472-7878.

The 60<sup>th</sup> Midwest Turf Clinic was held on November 14<sup>th</sup> at Medinah Country Club, thanks to host superintendent **Curtis Tyrrell, CGCS, MG**. The theme of the day was "2012—The Year That Was", and a really excellent program was presented for the many in attendance. After **David Marquardt** gave the invocation, **Jimmy Frels** did a stirring rendition of the National Anthem, setting the mood for the day. President **Bob Kohlstedt** conducted the Annual Meeting, which was suspended at 9:00 for the morning's education. **Shane Conroy** moderated the morning session, which began with a panel discussion on the year that was led by **Dr. Derek Settle** and manned by **Brad Chamra** of Hinsdale Golf Club, **Tim Christians** of Makray Memorial, **Scott Pavalko** of Cog Hill, and **Bob Vavrek** of the USGA. Kudos to Doc D and the panel on a tight, well-done presentation. Dr. Rick Latin followed with his insights on bacterial wilt, sharing that he "is not a big fan of anecdotal information unless it's my anecdote." The election of officers came next, and the 2013 MAGCS Board of Directors consists of President **Dave Groelle, CGCS**, Vice President **Dave Kohley**, Secretary-Treasurer **Chuck Barber**, and returning Directors **Matt Harstad** and **Matt Kregel** (each with one remaining year), and new Directors **Kris Kvelland** (Ridge Country Club), **Jim Pedersen** (Hughes Creek Golf Club), and **Justin VanLanduit** (Briarwood Country Club). After a Mexican feast for lunch, Chuck Barber presented the Ray Gerber and Fred Opperman Editorial Awards to **Ken Shepherd** and David Marquardt respectively for the articles they wrote for On Course magazine. Following a brief update from chapter delegate **Don Ferreri**, afternoon moderator **Nick Marfise** called **Steve Cook, CGCS, MG** to the podium to deliver his often humorous talk on "When Weeds Become Hard," referring to the tree removal program at Oakland Hills Country Club. Dr. Nick Christians spoke on the effects of the drought of 2012 next, and then keynote speaker Tom Thayer, former Chicago Bears lineman and current radio play-by-play analyst entertained the audience with his stories from the past and his thoughts on the current team (and if he had a southern accent you'd SWEAR he was James Carville). The day came to an end with the ceremonial passing of the gavel from Bob Kohlstedt to Dave Groelle, and the attending members headed home smarter than when they arrived. Many thanks go out to Curtis and the people at Medinah, which is such a fine facility for the clinic, to the presenters and moderators for their contributions, and to our invaluable sponsors, who were **Arthur Clesen, Inc., Aerial Images Photography, BASF, Burris Equipment Company, Great Lakes Turf, LLC, Nels J. Johnson Tree Experts, Reinders, Inc., and Syngenta**.

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*Eric Mundt, Kris Kvelland, and George O'Hara*



*Dave Kohley, Dave Groelle, Matt Kregel*



*Mike Mumper and November Mustache winner Andy Weadge*



*PM Moderator Nick Marfise, Panel Discussion Moderator Derek Settle, and AM Moderator Shane Conroy*



*Dare I say two old timers, Dave Ward and Carl Hoppman*



*Brian Winkel, Randy Lusher and Chad Hauth*



*Kevin DeRoo, Mike Bavier, Ron Townsend and Michael Miracle*

**Equipment For Sale:**

4 sets of 3 cutting units for Toro 3100 riding greens mowers. All are 11-blade, center-adjust, with groomers and are sharpened and ready to mow. \$1,200.00 per set of 3. Call **Steve Partyka** at White Pines Golf Club at 630-766-9579 or email him at partykasteve@yahoo.com.

The following items are in good working condition, and are being offered up for sale:

- 5- John Deere 220A walking greens mowers— \$1,000 each, or all 5 for \$4,000
- 1- John Deere 260B walking tee mower—\$1,500
- 1- 2002 John Deere 3215B 2wd fairway mower with 2200 hours—\$3,250
- 1- 2004 Jacobsen T628 4wd with Lastec deck, 5200 hours—\$4,000
- 1- Toro Hydroject with 860 hours—\$1,500.

Call or email Scott White or Gordon Watson at The Mauh-Nah-Tee-See Club at 815-399-2961 or purdueturf@comcast.net. **-OC**

