



THE BULL SHEET  
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Happy New Year! With the ringing in of 2012 we would like to thank our members for their continued support of this association—especially our commercial members whose generosity makes things like the production of this magazine and the ability to have golf events at such great venues possible. We welcome our newest members to the fold as well—they are:

- Ryan Cummins**, Assistant, Medinah Country Club
- Jeff Heaton**, Assistant, Westmoreland Country Club
- Richard Kyle Haines**, Assistant, Onwentsia Club
- Scott Landstrom**, Assistant, Green Acres Country Club
- John Savoie**, Assistant, Kemper Lakes Golf Club
- William Sharp**, Assistant, Wynstone Golf Club
- Dane Wilson Wilson**, Assistant, Medinah Country Club

## DATES TO REMEMBER

January 10 – Chicagoland Association of Golf Course Superintendents Annual Shop Tour—details to follow.

January 17 – MAGCS monthly meeting and Annual Wee One Fundraiser at Seven Bridges Golf Club in Woodridge, IL, **Don Ferreri** and **Dave Gelino** hosts.

January 26-28 – 59<sup>th</sup> Annual PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando, FL.

February 24-26 – GCSAA National Championship and Golf Classic in Palm Springs, CA.

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

February 29 – MAGCS Hospitality Reception at the Hard Rock Café on 4475 Paradise Road in Las Vegas, NV from 7 to 10 pm.

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

March 2 – “Celebrating Certification!” luncheon at the Las Vegas Hilton Ballroom EFG from 12:30 to 2:00 pm.

March 5-9 – Rain Bird Academy Irrigation Training classes in Elgin, IL. Visit [www.rainbirdservation.com/training](http://www.rainbirdservation.com/training) for info or to register.

Congratulations to **Keith Copersmet** in his new position as Energy Specialist for Conserv FS as of December 5th. Keith’s territory covers the entire Chicagoland area, where he will be in charge of sales and service for all fuel needs including premium diesel, gasoline, motor oils and lubricants as well as fuel contract programs. Best of luck to Keith, who by the way told me he doesn’t take very flattering pictures. I say beauty is in the eye of the beholder (translation: He’s right)



**Keith Copersmet**

The CAGCS Annual Shop Tour is scheduled for January 10<sup>th</sup>, with stops at Makray Memorial Golf Club (**Tim Christians** host), followed by a visit to **Brian Mores’** operation at Inverness Golf Club, and finishing off at the new facilities

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at Medinah Country Club where **Curtis Tyrrell, CGCS** will lead the tour. This event is a great (and cheap) way to get the guys out of your shop for a day to show them how other operations run. Thanks to the three host clubs for cleaning up their shops so we can give them the once-over.

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Condolences go out to the family and friends of **David Marquardt** on the recent passing of David's twin brother Dennis A. "Denny" Marquardt. Denny lost his battle with cancer after a lifetime of service to the Bloomington, IL community where he owned and operated Denny's Donuts since 1974, and was well-known for his tireless charity work.

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The Winnetka Park District recently made a decision that will ensure its Winnetka Golf Club (**Henry Michna, CGCS**) will be able to compete with its many neighboring daily-fee operations for those valuable rounds. What decision, you may be asking, would precipitate this? Was it the passing of a major golf course renovation project? No. Did they decide to lower green fees? Not a chance. Did they opt for GPS in their golf carts? That's not it either. Stumped? They did the simplest thing to keep golfers happy—they amended the liquor law to allow golfers to take the alcoholic beverages that they purchase in the clubhouse and halfway house ONTO the golf course! Apparently the original license allowed the sale of booze to golfers, but not the consumption of it outside the clubhouse or halfway house. That has been rectified thank God, and now Henry and his staff will have enough aluminum cans to throw a nice holiday party next December!

Congrats to Jeff Hoste, who will be starting in his position as golf course superintendent at Indian Lakes Resort in mid-February. Jeff takes over for **Chuck Barber** who left for the green green grass of St. Charles Country Club.



Jeff Hoste

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OK, we've already brought up Chuck so let's take this a step further. Chuck's last name is Barber, which is the term used for a person who cuts hair. Hair can sometimes get so long and unruly that it becomes termed a pelt (e.g., "Geez, check out the pelt on THAT chick!"). ESPN has a guy named Scott whose last name is VanPelt. Pelt? Barber? Don't you see it?

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Chuck Barber and Scott VanPelt

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 This falls in the "I didn't know they even HAD an award for that" category: On December 10<sup>th</sup>, the PGA Tour's Tournament Advisory Council honored The John Deere Classic, held yearly at TPC Deere Run in Silvis, IL with its "Most Engaged Community" award. With a population of 375,000 in the Quad Cities area, the John Deere Classic drew more than 100,000 spectators to its 2011 event. Additionally, the tournament hosted an extensive armed services program benefiting the military population, as well as a Youth Day that drew more than 500 kids. From a charity standpoint, they took in over 22,000 pledges from individuals in the community. Nice.  
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Speaking of awards, the United States Golf Association has announced that its 2012 USGA Green Section Award recipient is Dr. Wayne Hanna, turfgrass scientist and breeder from Tifton, GA. Dr. Hanna is a native of Texas, settling in Tifton, GA in 1971 where he began a long career as a research scientist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the University of Georgia. During his 40-year career, he produced bermudagrasses such as TifSport, TifEagle, and TifGrand, helping to make Tifton the bermudagrass capital of the world. The award has been presented annually since 1961.  
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In other news from USGA, James T. Snow, the National Director of the USGA Green Section since 1990, has announced his retirement effective at the end of 2011. Under Jim's leadership the USGA supported the creation of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, and contributed more than \$1.5 million to that cause, as well as supporting Michigan State University's Turfgrass Information File (TGIF) through a \$1 million grant. Succeeding Jim is Kimberly Erusha, PhD.  
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Sympathies to **Hank Wilkinson** and his family on the passing of Hank's mother last month.  
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Cress Creek Country Club (**Elliott Dowling** superintendent) had a visit this past October from the world's top-ranked golfer—Luke Donald. In an off-week in his golf schedule, the Northwestern University alum stopped by the Naperville club to hold an exclusive golf clinic and to promote his Chardonnay and Signature Red Claret wines. A PGA Tour golfer in the wine business? Go figure.  
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Congratulations to **Dan Tully** of Kemper Lakes Golf Club on being named a Director for the Chicagoland Association of Golf Course Superintendents at its Annual Meeting in November.  
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Kudos to everyone who had a hand in last month's ITF Winter Education program held at Golf House on the 14th and 15th. The presenters did a fabulous job—ESPECIALLY the panel of handsome, intelligent superintendents that kicked the 2-day event off. Thanks go out to the sponsors of the event, who were: Driver Level: **Syngenta**; Iron Level: **Dirt-N-Turf Consulting, Inc.**; Wedge Level: **D & K Products, Arthur Clesen, Inc., BASF, Reinders, Inc., and Dow AgroSciences**; Putter Level: **The Andersons, BTSI, and Nadler Golf Car Sales, Inc., Authorized Club Car Distributor.**  
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If your Holiday spirit has carried over into the New Year, you can scratch that itch by supporting the Sunshine Through Golf Foundation. Your generosity will help provide programs for more than 1,200 children and adults with mental and physical challenges and dozens of disabled veterans who deserve our support. To learn more or donate, go to **www.sunshinethroughgolf.org** and click on the Donate Now button.  
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*Golf Course Industry* magazine recently featured an article co-written by **Bob Lohmann** (Lohmann Golf Designs, Inc.) called "Say What?" in which Bob and GCSAA past-president Dennis Lyon, CGCS try to dissect what managers and superintendents are really trying to say to each other. Bob tackled "A club manager's guide to superintendent speak" while Dennis handled the opposite side of the issue. Fun reading.  
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Congratulations to absentee MAGCS members **Tom Lively, CGCS** and **Vince Dodge, CGCS** whose courses were selected in Golfweek's 2012 Top 100 Resort Courses. The two were neck and neck, with Tom's TPC San Antonio taking 40<sup>th</sup> and Vince's Wilderness at Fortune Bay grabbing 41<sup>st</sup>.  
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**Items For Sale:**

- Five Jacobsen 522A Greens King mowers with groomers—in great condition.
- John Deere Sweeper used only 4 fall seasons for fairway plugs. Machine has new brushes and new hydraulic motor for brushes.
- 2004 Jacobsen 628 Turf Cat with mulching kit—in great condition with 650 hours.

Contact Justin VanLanduit at Briarwood Country Club for more info at 847-945-3350 or justinv@briarwoodcountryclub.com.  
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The holiday season has spawned two MAGCS traditions—the South Side and West Side Superintendents Parties. Celebrants gathered at Chef Klaus' Bier Stube in Frankfort for the South Side Party on Monday December 5th, and finished the week off at Seven Bridges Golf Club on the 9th. Great times, great food, and great turnout! Thanks to everyone responsible for planning and helping make both parties a success!  
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