

THE BULL SHEET  
John Gurke, CGCS, Associate Editor

# JULY 2012

Welcome to our newest member:  
Justin Olmstead, SM, Glen Flora Country Club

I am writing this as I look at the forecast for the next week to exceed 90 degrees every day, with a bonus 101 degrees on its way in just two days. Oh, and still no rain, and this on top of the already-in-the-books 13 days of 90+ degree days. I'd tell you my hose has road rash from dragging it around the course all day every day, but that might be getting a little personal. Here's to hoping our courses, and more importantly, ourSELVES have survived intact thus far. This tree took a more defiant approach, seemingly sticking its tongue out at Mother Nature and saying, "Bring it on, b@#%&ch!" It will pay. Oh yes—it will pay.



(continued on next page)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- July 10 – The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual John Buck Memorial Golf Outing and Scholarship Fundraiser at Bartlett Hills Golf Course in Bartlett, IL, **Kevin DeRoo** host.
- July 12-15 – John Deere Classic at TPC Deere Run in Sylvis, IL.
- July 13 – Deadline to register products for disposal through the IDOA's Pesticide Clean Sweep Collection program. Go back to last month's issue for details on what you've likely missed as you are reading this after the deadline.
- July 14 – MAGCS Family Night Picnic and Kane County Cougars game at Fifth Third Ball Park in Geneva, IL.
- July 17 – NWIGCSA/ITF Golf Day at Timber Pointe Golf Course in Poplar Grove, IL, Tyler Reiches host.
- July 20 – Deadline for nominations for GCSAA's 2012 Col. John Morley Distinguished Service Award.
- July 28 – Forest Preserve District of DuPage County's annual public auction at the Fleet Services Complex at Churchill Woods Forest Preserve in Lombard, IL. More to follow.
- July 30 – Deadline for photograph submissions for the Superintendent's Best Friend 2013 Calendar presented by TurfNet and sponsored by BASF. Send submissions to [lsalinas@turfnet.com](mailto:lsalinas@turfnet.com).
- July 31 – Wisconsin GCSA Summer Field Day at the O.J. Noer Center in Verona, WI.
- August 1 – Deadline for photograph submissions for the Lebanon Turf 2013 Dog Days of Golf Calendar. Call 800-532-0090, ext. 253 to learn how to shoot your dog.
- August 1 – Deadline for the Daconil Action Tough Turf Video Contest. May's Bull Sheet has all the info if you're still thinking of entering. Or if you've already disposed of your May issue, you can go to [www.ToughTurfVideoContest.com](http://www.ToughTurfVideoContest.com).
- August 20 – The Annual CAGCS founders Cup golf event at Lake Shore Country Club, **Jeff Frentz, CGCS** host.

Oh, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) came out with this happy news: The U.S. continues to shatter previous, long-standing heat records, according to a report released last month. In its "State of the Climate" report, NOAA found that the first five months of 2012 were the warmest January-May period on record for the U.S. Yippee.

And here's more fun stuff to mull over during a drought—the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) recently published a remarkable image helping us appreciate the true preciousness of water. We've all heard the oft-quoted statistic stating that 70% of the Earth's surface is water-covered (most in the form of oceans). Though it sounds like a lot, if all that water were gathered up, it wouldn't take up as much space as you'd think. And if you're more concerned with fresh water—as we all are—then the story gets even scarier. This image gives you an idea. Sorry, but if I were here to make you laugh, I'd tell stupid jokes.



Q: What do you call **Andy Weadge** and **Andy Dauksas** when they're playing **Dave Braasch's** course?

A: Glen Erin Andrews. Oops—I think I just told a stupid joke...

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month, the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County will hold its annual public auction in Lombard. Approximately 300 items will be auctioned, including police confiscated items, vehicles, surplus equipment, and retired golf course equipment. Viewing of all items will take place from 7 to 8:00 a.m., with registration beginning at 7:30. The auction begins at 8:30 with the small stuff, followed at 11:00 by the larger items. For a list of items and all the rules, go to [www.dupageforestauction.com](http://www.dupageforestauction.com).

Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Precision Laboratories of Waukegan, IL. The company, founded in 1962 by Jim Wohlner, has been manufacturing spray pattern indicators, adjuvants, and surfactants for golf courses as well as the agriculture industry for the same number of years that I have existed, which makes it very special.

The American Society of Golf Course Architects held its 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Chattanooga, TN in May. If you can mentally picture an entire hotel filled with walking, talking red plaid couches, you have correctly imagined what that meeting looked like. They did do some business as well, electing Bob Cupp as their next President. Also, five members advanced to Regular member status, including MAGCS member **Doug Myslinski** of Jacobson Golf Course Design, Inc. Congrats, Doug!

# PAF INC.

Tree and Mulch, Inc.



Tree Removal • Trimming • Installation • Stump Grinding • Lightning Protection • Cabling  
Onsite Tub Grinding/Dyed Mulch Product (Turn Your Own Material into Premium Mulch)

**(708) 913-3916**





Your Single Source for:

- pH Control
- Fertigation
- Injection Equipment
- Irrigation System Monitoring & Alarm

Ask about our NEW 990v!



- P VFD Technology
- P Eliminates Overfeed Spikes from On/Off Control
- P Affordable
- P Remote Control from Irrigation Central
- P Optimize Treatment Costs
- P Easy to Use



PRODUCT \* EQUIPMENT \* SERVICE \* SUPPORT

For additional info or to schedule a demo, call 800.677.8097

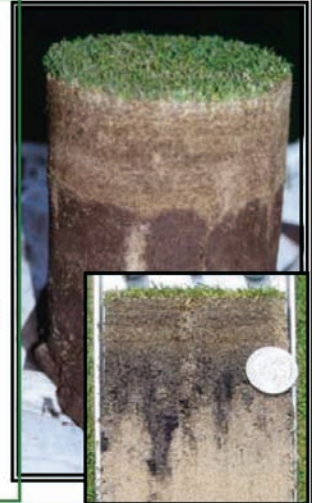


Independent Soil, Tissue and Water Analysis

USGA Physical Analysis

- ◆ Organic matter
- ◆ Percolation rate
- ◆ Pore space study
- ◆ Construction Analysis

Local ~ Experienced Here when you need us!



David Marquardt - Consulting Agronomist  
630-251-1511 Dave@dirty-n-turf.com  
www.dirty-n-turf.com

There has been some recent career movement in the MAGCS ranks. Among them, **Michael Kudrna**, former assistant at Eagle Brook Country Club is the new superintendent at Tanna Farms. **John Ekstrom** has returned to his roots, accepting the assistant's position at Jackson Park GC and leading the staff at the South Shore courses in Chicago (under the management of Billy Casper Golf). Also, Adam Crissey, former superintendent at Broken Arrow GC is the new assistant at Bryn Mawr Country Club, replacing **Brendan Dolan** who left to join his family's business in Chicago. Furthermore, **Tim Valicka** has left McHenry Country Club for the assistant's position at Stonewall Orchard Golf Club. Finally, **Frank Heery**, former superintendent at Westmoreland Country Club has left the area to take on the Director of Golf Course Operations at Mediterra Country Club in Naples, FL. The best of luck to you all.



Bill Vogel, CEO of Spring Valley L. and Craig Reinders, President of Reinders, Inc.

Reinders, Inc. and Spring Valley recently announced that Reinders is the exclusive master distributor of Spring Valley branded fertilizer and ice melt products for Wisconsin as of June 25, 2012. Additionally, Reinders is now an authorized Spring Valley distributor in Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan, N. Dakota, S. Dakota, Kansas and Missouri.

Our sincerest condolences go out to **Harry Lovero** and his family on the passing of his father Harry Lovero Sr. on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Remember last month when I wrote about Prairie Bluff GC's Kevin Bauer, who was a finalist for TurfNet's Technician of the Year Award? Guess what? Kevin isn't a finalist anymore—he's the WINNER! Kevin has been maintaining the equipment at Prairie Bluff, as well as at the Lockport Township Park District, including its fleet of police vehicles since 2006,

(continued on page 18)



working alongside MAGCS members **Luke Strojny** and **Kenny Shepherd**. Reinders' Whitey Anderson presented the award on behalf of Toro, and Kevin's father Don was a surprise attendee for the great day. As the winner, Kevin receives the Golden Wrench Award as well as a weeklong training session at Toro's Service Training center at the company's headquarters in Bloomington, MN. Congratulations Kevin!



Photo credit: Pam Hutton.

Luke Strojny, Kevin Bauer, and Kenny Shepherd bask in the glory.

Q: Where do **Mike Moran**, **Steven Kellerman** and **Ryan Tully** have breakfast after setting their courses up on a Sunday morning?

A: Harborside International House of Pancakes.

I know—you've laughed yourself silly already, right? I do that. **Keith Krause** does it more, though. Go right now to [www.iturf.org](http://www.iturf.org) and click on the video he did to promote the 2013 Turf Conference. Whatever your reasons turn out to be, you'll laugh. And then you'll want to call Keith and ask if everything's ok with him. That's all I have to say about that.

Indian Hill Club has inspired some of the golf industry's most memorably hysterical moments. Caddy Shack, which was based on events that took place on those very grounds featured the likes of Ted Knight, Chevy Chase, Bill Murray, and arguably the greatest stand-up comic ever in Rodney Dangerfield. Hysterical movie, right? Has the club's current superintendent kept this legacy alive? Does **Dave Schlagetter** have a secret life? Is he actually moonlighting as the latest, greatest stand-up comic? You decide...



Louis CK



Dave Schlagetter

*Rooted in Science*

**FLORATINE**

www.floratine.com

**ASTRON** *Special Nutrient*  
Drive Roots

**PERK UP** *ENERGY*  
Heat Stress Relief

**PROTESYN** *Liquid Solution*  
Essential Amino Acids

**CALPHLEX**  
Soil Catalyst

**RENAISSANCE** *Patented*  
Micronutrient Technology

**KNIFE** *Large*  
Rapid Green

**PERVADE**  
Push Water

Distributed by:

**GREAT LAKES TURF LLC**

Jeff Mazur - 630.936.3179 Ed Fischer - 847.337.1091  
Marty Heyen - 630.939.0151 Jim Johnson - 616.292.0260

**SOD**

**Sod That Fits Your Course To A Tee**

All varieties available as washed sod, traditionally cut sod or big roll sod.  
Your Single Source for:

**Bentgrass Varieties**

- Penncross™ Bentgrass Sod
- Pennlinks™ Bentgrass Sod
- Penneagle™ Bentgrass Sod
- L-93™ Bentgrass Sod

**Low Mow Varieties**

- XL2000™ Bluegrass Blend
- Bluegrass Fescue Blend

Installation and turf stripping capabilities available.  
We can custom grow to your specifications.  
Please inquire.

**H&E SOD NURSERY inc.**

3900 West 167th Street, Markham, IL 60428  
708-596-7200  
Member: **Midwest Sod Council**  
1-800-244-7200

WWW.HESOD.COM

The person whose shoes I'm still trying to fill—former long time Bull Sheet editor **Fred Opperman**—recently checked in with news of the goings-on in Bozeman, Montana where he now lives. Fred is rewriting the definition of the word “retirement,” as he keeps busy doing volunteer work for Habitat for Humanity, as well as designing and installing the landscaping at his church, along with serving on several committees while also doing wood projects in the winter for family and friends. And when Fred has some free time, he can be found on the mountain trails hiking, or in a kayak paddling, or in his waders fly fishing, or any other form of outdoor recreation. I've said it before, I'll say it again—THAT's retirement with an attitude! Thanks for checking in, Fred, and keep enjoying all that down time.

The last month was quite the opportunity for MAGCS members to get their names and efforts in print in the industry publications. *Golf Course Industry* magazine featured **Bob Lohmann's** article “Think Big” about how golf courses can be a solution to their communities' water mitigation problems as well as **Bruce Williams** taking the opposite and unfamiliar seat as interviewer when he spoke with Olympic Club's Pat Finlen on “Hosting the U.S. Open.” *GCI* also gave U of I's **Dr. Bruce Branham** some ink in its article “The Dirt on Soil and Bio-nutrition.” *TurfNet* found MAGCS members prominently featured in its many venues, including **Dave Schlagetter** and **Chuck Barber** going back and forth on the TurfNet.com Forum about wetting agents, **Joel Purpur's** and **Steve Cook's** blogs on their Blog Aggregator feature, and **Bryan Stromme** and the seven Chicago Park District courses under his and Billy Casper Golf's direction in John Reitman's article “Family Ties.” *Golfdom* editor Seth Jones wrote of a memorable moment he shared with **Mike Bavier**, recounting when Mike approached him at the GIS earlier this year with a gift—a copy of the May, 1967 issue of *Golfdom* he'd found on his bookshelf. **Dan Dinelli** and **Tom Lively** were interviewed in *Golfdom's* June issue in an article by Beth Geraci called “Plant Progress,” which documents the huge improvements to plant health that have taken place in the past 30 years. Way to get the word out, guys.

Stay tuned for the rollout of Environmental Institute For Golf's (EIFG) new national campaign aimed at generating resources to address the shortage of funding for turfgrass research. Expanding on the Carolinas GCSA's Rounds 4 Research program, the program will generate funds through securing donated rounds of golf (defined as a foursome) by facilities and then making them available to the public through an online auction. Since 2009, the Carolinas program has generated nearly \$350,000, and this national drive is expected to expand significantly on that. Might be a good idea to start promoting the idea at your facility now—research in

our industry has been drastically cut, yet is essential to our livelihoods and to the facilities we care for. Donating a foursome can only help.

In related news, **Dan Dinelli, CGCS** reports that his visit with representatives of the We Are Golf coalition to Washington D.C. this past spring bore fruit. Through the group's efforts, Congressman Robert Dold is now cosponsoring HR2718—the Disaster Tax Relief Act, which provides funds to businesses affected by weather disasters. This act would include golf courses as eligible businesses for relief (which were previously not included). That is important news for us, and shows what hard work and perseverance can accomplish. Great work!

The MAGCS June meeting was held on a warm Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> at Blackstone Golf Club in Marengo, IL with **Andy Perry** hosting. The education for the day was provided by University of Wisconsin-Madison Assistant Professor and UW Extension Specialist Doug Soldat, who spoke on Foliar Fertilization Fundamentals and Wetting Agents (a synopsis of which you can read in this issue). The golf course was in fabulous condition, thanks to Andy and his staff, and the competitors who braved the heat were rewarded with a great time on a great golf course. Winners of the 2012 Dom Grotti Championship were **John Nelson** and **Arne Nordenson**, edging out **Don** “too heavy of a” **Cross** to carry for Jacob Miskiewicz who were runners up. **Jacob Miskiewicz** did retain the Class C Championship. Non-competitors walked away with some

(continued on page 20)



Delivers  
brains  
and  
brawn.

CAN A UTILITY VEHICLE  
REALLY DO THAT?

Vehicles that go where you need them to go, doing the jobs you need them to do, day in, day out, without problems. Brains and brawn. Now available in utility vehicles.

Nadler Golf Car Sales, Inc.

2700 N. Farnsworth Ave.

Aurora, IL 60502

Call: 630-898-1616 for Eric, Chad or Dave

www.nadlergolf.com

YES, IF IT'S A



1 800.CLUBCAR • clubcar.com



fine MAGCS merchandise as a scorecard raffle ensued after the official hardware was handed out. **Lohmann Companies** (Blackstone was designed by Bob) donated a Kindle Fire and a Taylor Made R11 Driver and **Todd Quitno** sold raffle tickets during the event, netting over \$900 for the MAGCS Scholarship Fund. If you haven't played Blackstone yet, put it on your list for when things slow down – a good solid, challenging course, designed for all – and bring a putter stroke too. Thanks to our sponsors: **Arthur Clesen, Inc., Aerial Images Photography, BASF, Burris Equipment Company, Chicagoland Turf, Layne-Western, Nels J Johnson Tree Experts, Reinders, Inc** and **Syngenta Professional Products**.

**MULLIGAN:**

In the June 2012 issue we mistakenly published a feature article that needs to be corrected: The article pertained to the use of mercury seals in submersible well pump motors and the banning of such seals in new motors beginning July 1, 2012. The article stated that "owners will no longer be allowed to purchase, repair, or reinstall the type "H" motor with a mercury seal". After verifying these facts with the IEPA, the authorized Flowserve/Byron Jackson dealer in northern Illinois has informed MAGCS that the part of the author's statement above is untrue...Any existing Byron Jackson Type H submersible motors CAN be reinstalled, as long as the mercury seal is not repaired or replaced.

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like clarification from the motor manufacturer's dealer representative, please call Tom Healy at Layne Christensen – Aurora, IL (630.897.6941).

[ed note: Thanks Tom for bringing that to our attention. To his knowledge, there are only 11 or so of these motors in use in our area. If you are unsure if you have one, give Tom a call and he will be able to help you find out.]

**EQUIPMENT FOR SALE:**

Turfco SP-1530-TM Topdresser. 2002 model, excellent condition, mounts to John Deere ProGator with auxiliary hydraulics. Price reduced from \$3,200 to \$2,700. Call **Dave Braasch** at 608-757-2328.



-OC

# THE LITTLE GIANT RTV500

**Starts quicker.  
Runs quieter.  
Stops smoother.**

The new Kubota RTV500 compact utility vehicle has all the comfort, technology and refinements of a larger utility vehicle. Available in Kubota orange and Realtree® camouflage, the four wheel drive RTV500 is ready for work or play. Visit your local Kubota dealer to test drive the only utility vehicle of its kind.

**Martin Implement, Inc.**  
18405 115th Avenue  
Orland Park, IL 60467  
(708) 349-8430

**Kubota**  
www.kubota.com  
\*Realtree is a registered trademark of Jordan Outdoor Enterprises, Ltd.  
© Kubota Tractor Corporation, 2008

**DUNTEMAN**  
TURF FARMS  
Growers of Quality Sod

**SERVICE!**  
LOCAL GROWING FOR  
EASY PICKUP OR QUICK DELIVERY.  
DELIVERY ON TIME, EVERYTIME.

**QUALITY!**  
FEATURING  
ELITE KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS,  
BENTGRASS SOD, AND  
TURF-TYPE FESCUE

- LOWER MAINTENANCE
- MORE DROUGHT & SHADE TOLERANT
- BETTER WEAR RESISTANCE

**PRICE!**  
CALL FOR A QUOTE

**630-557-2900**

**MAIN STREET  
11 MILES WEST  
OF BATAVIA, IL**









# THORNTON EQUIPMENT SERVICES, INC.

Office: 708.479.7531 Mobile: 708.774.8751  
 Jim@WhenItsOutOfReach.com



*Stream & Pond Bank  
 Restoration and Stabilization*



*Low Impact Construction Methods*



*Bunker Renovation*

*\*In House Participation Welcome*



