



THE BULL SHEET

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Welcome to the new members of MAGCS, who are:

- Stephen Hope**, Class C, Ivanhoe Club
- Mike Mausolf**, Class SM, Oakland Hills Country Club
- Ryan Ochs**, Class C, Wysntone Golf Club
- Patrick Holubetz**, Class E, Profile Products
- Brent Miles**, Class A, Nettle Creek Country Club
- Brian Milam**, Class E, Calcium Products

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First off I would like to right a couple of wrongs from the January issue. In my article about MAGCS' 85 year history, I TOTALLY dropped the ball when I failed to mention one of our very own being President of GCSAA in 1981. That person was **Mike Bavier, CGCS**, whose year at the helm of our national association featured the first Old Tom Morris Award as well as the hiring of Jim McLoughlin as Executive Director (who brought the first computer to the GCSAA offices).



Mike Bavier

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DATES TO REMEMBER

March 17 – CDGA Club Leadership Conference (formerly the Officers and Directors Workshop) at Medinah Country Club, **Curtis Tyrrell, CGCS** host.

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March 21 – MAGCS monthly meeting at Arrowhead Golf Club in Wheaton, IL, **Mike Mumper, Justin Kirtland, Josh Therrien**, and **Tim Johnson** hosts.

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March 26 – Deadline for nominations for *Golf Course Management's* (GCM's) Most Valuable Technician Award (MVT). Details will follow.

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April 1 – Deadline for nominations for TurfNet's Technician of the Year Award.

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April 19 – Northwest Illinois Golf Course Superintendents Association (NWIGCSA) monthly meeting at Swan Hills Golf Club in Belvedere, IL.

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April 23 – Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association (WGCSA) monthly meeting at Geneva National Golf Club in Lake Geneva, WI.

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April 25 – MAGCS monthly meeting and Annual Spring Scramble at Naperville Country Club, **Tim Anderson, CGCS, MG**, and **Steven Biehl** hosts.

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May 6 – J.W. Turf's Annual Equipment Auction in beautiful Hampshire.

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May 14 – WGCSA monthly meeting at Trappers Turn Golf Club in Wisconsin Dells, WI.

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May 15 – NWIGCSA monthly meeting at Mendota Golf Club in Mendota, IL.

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May 21 – ITF Golf Day at Twin Orchard Country Club in Long Grove, IL, **Kyle Jacobsen** host.

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Also, in Bull Sheet I inadvertently ran an incorrect photo of **Keith Copersmet** alongside an item about his new employment. For that I apologize and offer this more recent and much more becoming photo of Keith for you.



Keith Copersmet

Oops, wrong one again—THIS is the right one...



Keith Copermet

Congratulations to **Jeff Leuzinger** who is the General Manager of Pearl Valley Organix.

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 This must be Technician Month—nominations for both the *GCM* magazine MVT Award (most valuable technician) AND the TurfNet Technician of the Year Award are due at month's end (more specifically the 26th for the MVT Award and April 1st for Technician of the Year Award). If your guy is Golden Wrench-worthy, get on the ball quick and nominate him. You can find the forms online at gcsaa.org and turfnet.com.

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 MAGCS Scholarship Applications are online. College kid home for Spring Break? Get them to download and fill out an application. High school seniors with a letter of intent are eligible too. Completed applications are due in May, but it is never too early to start reminding them.

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 Speaking of TurfNet, if you are a member and missed any of their TurfNet University Webinars from the past year, you can find recordings of all 2011 webinars for free at turfnet.com. And even if you're NOT a member, you can gain access to all 2008, 2009, and 2010 webinars for free at the same address.

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 We had a couple of our more famous MAGCS members get even famouser last month. In February's *GCM* magazine, page 97 had this ad featuring **Dr. Bruce Branham** from the University of Crappy Basketball,



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Teach for GCSAA

Dr. Bruce Branham

and page 115 was graced with this Hallmark moment from **Dan Dinelli, CGCS** of North Shore Country Club.



Dan Dinelli

Another reason MAGCS rocks! And I understand famouser isn't a word, so no calls please.

So...Global Warming. Is it real or just something that sells books? If you believe the U.S. Department of Agriculture, you'd vote for real. In the first time since 1990, they have revised the official plant hardiness zone guide for the nation's 80 million gardeners, reflecting the new reality that the coldest day of the year isn't as cold as it used to be. Translation: Go ahead and plant that palm tree on your course if you are so inclined. Or not.

The much ballyhooed renovation of Mistwood Golf Club (**Ben Kelnhofner** superintendent) has been completed, and the course will re-open in June according to owner Jim McWethy. The course's original designer, Michigan architect Raymond Hearn directed the renovation, the intent of which was to create a destination experience for golfers from Chicagoland and throughout the Midwest. Can't wait to play it—you reading this Ben?

Nick, we hardly knew ya! Nick DeVries has completed his third and final season with the CDGA Turf Program. From all of us who have benefited from Nick's work at Sunshine Course and Golf House, we thank him for his service to our profession.

Congrats to **Steve VanAcker, CGCS** on retaining those four letters after his name by completing the renewal process for Certified Golf Course Superintendent status. A 33-year GCSAA member, Steve has been superintendent at Crystal Lake Country Club since 1991, and has been a CGCS since 1987.



Steve VanAcker

You think WE'VE been having some strange weather? What about Texas? A recent report stated that at least 500 million trees—about 10% of the state's forest cover—have been lost to the late-season drought of 2011. That's more trees than Medinah cut down last year.

By the time you read this the outcome will already be known, but regardless of that here's a shout-out to Skokie Country Club's **Don Cross, CGCS** on being a finalist for TurfNet's Superintendent of the Year Award presented by Syngenta. Also congratulations to **Glenn Bereiter, CGCS** (Aldeen GC), **Scott Pavalko** (Cog Hill G&CC), and **Kirk Spieth** (Beverly CC) on being nominated for the prestigious award, which was previously won by MAGCS members **Paul Voykin** in 2003 and **Sam MacKenzie, CGCS** in 2008.



Don Cross

Another couple of MAGCS members (okay, one is a former MAGCS member) were honored recently by GCSAA and *Golf Digest* magazine as 2011 Environmental Leaders in Golf Award (ELGA) winners. Tom Brodeur of TPC Boston (and former superintendent of Crystal Tree Golf & Country Club) won the award in the National Private category, and **Tom Lively, CGCS** of TPC San Antonio took the honor in the National resort category. Congratulations guys!

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Tome Lively and Tom Brodeur

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The GCSAA Board of Directors has approved the 2012 GCSAA Priority Issues Agenda, which outlines the association's legislative and regulatory priorities. This year's agenda will focus on six areas: The Americans With Disabilities Act, fertilizers, labor and immigration, pesticides, value of golf, and water management. It was also updated to include GCSAA and member activities regarding the H-2B visa program, Clean Water Act NPDES pesticide general permit, and federal disaster tax relief. So there.

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Last month once again was Education Central for the golf course industry in our neck of the woods. Kicking things off (and actually in January on the 30th) was Chicagoland Turf's (**Brian Baker, Nick Baker, Wally Fuchs, Jason Funderburg, Keith Krause, John Lebedevs, and Bruce Schweiger**) "Success Through Knowledge" seminar which featured presentations by Dr. Richard Latin of Purdue University who spoke on "All you wanted to know about fungicides but were afraid to ask," and Dr. Jim Kerns of the University of Wisconsin at Madison speaking about the "Fundamentals of disease management: What works and what doesn't."



Dr. Kerns

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And isn't it odd that Dr. Latin, who does his work in The Office and gives educational talks so people can Get Smart, also bears a resemblance to Steve Carrell? Hmmmm...



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On February 8th, the Chicagoland Association of Golf Course Superintendents (CAGCS) held its Annual Forum at Naperville Country Club with **Tim Anderson** and **Steven Biehl** hosting. The day's program included presentations from **Dr. Bruce Branham** and **Dr. Tom Voigt** from the University of Lousy Football Too, along with **Dan Dinelli's** talk on hosting the Western Amateur last year, and topped off with a panel discussion on irrigation and drainage strategies to minimize turf stress featuring **Dan Marco** (Ruth Lake CC), **Ben McGargill** (Wynstone GC), **Henry Michna** (Winnetka GC), and **Scott Vincent** (Onwentsia Club).

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Dave Ward moderates the afternoon session at the CAGCS Forum (l to r). Dan Marco, Scott Vincent, Henry Michna and Ben McGargill.

Then on the 15th the Class C Winter Workshop was held at Midwest Golf House, where **Greg Martin, David Esler,** and **David Marquardt** enlightened and entertained the large group of assistants (who left NOT A SCRAP of food for the famished MAGCS Board of Directors which had held its own meeting at the same venue).

And last but certainly not least, on the 16th Harrell's (**Chad Hauth, Kevin Fuchs, Pete Kiraly**) held their Winter Education Seminar at the very difficult to find (at least for my assistant) Glen Oak Country Club Gun Club with **Andy Dauksas** hosting. The day featured talks by **John Turner** of Bayer Environmental Science, **Brian Winkel** of Syngenta, Geoff Simril from Hocking International, and **Randy Lusher** of BASF Turf and Ornamental Products.



FOR SALE

Twin Orchard Country Club has the following items for sale:

- 2001 Toro 660 Aerifier. \$3,000
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- 1999 Verti-Drain 7316. \$1,000
- Set (5) verticut heads for Jacobsen LF-3400 \$2,500
- Set (3) verticut heads for Toro Triplex \$300
- Set of groomers for Toro 3150 DPA \$500
- Set (3) groomers for John Deere 2500E \$500
- Two Jacobsen LF-128 backlap hoses. \$50
- Husky air compressor—7 hp, 240V, 60 gal. \$300
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