

THE BULL SHEET  
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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 19 – CDGA's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Marathon at Zigfield Troy Golf Course in Woodridge, 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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- May 22-27 – 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Senior PGA Championship at Harbor Shores in Benton Harbor, MI.  
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- May 25 – Deadline for applications for the 2012 MAGCS Scholarships.  
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- June 19 – MAGCS monthly meeting at Blackstone Golf Club in Marengo, IL, **Andrew Perry** host.  
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- June 25 – Wisconsin GCSA Golf Tournament at Oshkosh Country Club in Oshkosh, WI.  
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- July 10 – 12<sup>th</sup> Annual John Buck Memorial Golf Outing and Scholarship Fundraiser at Bartlett Hills Golf Course in Bartlett, IL, **Kevin DeRoo** host.  
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- July 14 – MAGCS Family Night Picnic and Kane County Cougars baseball game at Elfstrom Field in Geneva, IL.  
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- July 17 – NWIGCSA/ITF Golf Day at Timber Pointe Golf Course in Poplar Grove, IL.  
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- July 30 – Deadline for photograph submissions for the Superintendent's Best Friend 2013 Calendar presented by TurfNet and sponsored by BASF.  
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- July 31 – Wisconsin GCSA Summer Field Day at the O.J. Noer Center in Verona, WI.  
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A hearty welcome to the newest members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents:

**Steven Kellerman**, Willow Hill Golf Course - Class C  
**Justin Olmstead**, Glen Flora Country Club - Regular  
**Scott Bordner**, Chicago Golf Club - Regular  
**Tim Valicka**, Stonewall Orchard Golf Club - Class C

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The following MAGCS members are hereby and officially reminded by GCSAA that they are getting older. GCSAA membership milestones this year include: **Quarter Century Club**: Tim Anderson, CGCS, MG, Don Ferreri, John Gurke, CGCS, Henry Michna, CGCS, and Scott Witte, CGCS. In the **26- to 29-Year Club**: Don Altman, CGCS, Dan Anderson, Fred Behnke, CGCS, John Berarducci, Glenn Bereiter, CGCS, Dave Blomquist, CGCS, Brian Bossert, CGCS, Rick Bowden, Eddie Braunsky, CGCS, Steve Cook, CGCS, MG, Ernie Corsi, Greg Coyne, Steve Cummins, Kevin DeRoo, Dan Dinelli, CGCS, Dave Fisher, CGCS, Mike Handrich, CGCS, Gary Hearn, Rennie Jacobson, Tom Jauch, CGCS, Jon Jennings, CGCS, Ed Joerns II, Nels J. Johnson, Jr., Tony Kalina, Randy Kane, Kevin Knudson, CGCS, Craig Lewis, Sam MacKenzie, CGCS, John Otis, George Ott, CGCS, Chris Pekarek, Al Pondel, CGCS, Tom Prichard, Joe Reents, Kerry Satterwhite, CGCS,

Luke Strojny, Greg Thalman, CGCS, Brian Thomson, CGCS, Gilberto Velazquez, Paul Wagner, and Lynn Wesson. **30-Year Members**: Sandra Bemis, Tim Davis, Kurt Galisdorfer, Pete Lieponis, Tom Lively, CGCS, Dan Murray, CGCS, Joel Purpur, CGCS, Dan Sterr, and Tommy Witt, CGCS. In the **31- to 34-Year Club** are: Jerry Arden, Chad Ball, CGCS, Paul Bastron, CGCS, Brian Chalifoux, Brian Comiskey,

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Don Cross, CGCS, Ron Doruff, Jim Evans, Al Fierst, Brian Green, CGCS, Craig Joscelyn, CGCS, Tim Kelly, Jim Knulty, Mark Kowaliczko, Harry Lovero, Bob Maibusch, CGCS, Bob McCallum, CGCS, Mike Nass, Mike Sauls, Tom Savage, Jeff Smith, Steve VanAcker, CGCS, and Randy Wahler, CGCS. **35-Year Members:** Dave Behrman, Arthur Clessen, Brad Johnsen, Butch Peuvion, CGCS, Tommy Robinson, Les Rutan, and Bruce Williams, CGCS. The **36- to 39-Year Members:** Ron Dohman, CGCS, Peter Leuzinger, CGCS, Jerry Mach, Mike Matchen, Ted Mochel, Dale Nissen, Roger Stewart, CGCS, and Dave Ward. The **41- to 44-Year Club** includes: Julius Albaugh, CGCS, Tom Byrne, Ed Fischer, CGCS, Keith Fuchs, Wally Fuchs, Leon Hartogh, John Krutilla, CGCS, Dick Lamkey, John Lapp, and James Meyer. The **45-Year Club** includes: John Kiraly, Ray Schmitz, CGCS, Tom Van DeWalle, and James Watson. In the **46- to 49-Year Club** are: Mike Bavier, CGCS, Art Benson, Ken Lapp, Bill Leith, Fred Opperman, and Danny Quast, CGCS. Joining the **50-Year Club** are Oscar Miles, CGCS and Dick Trevarthan. And in the grandest club of them all—the **51-Plus Club**—we honor the following REALLY old MAGCS members: Tom DeGuido, Joe Dinelli, Sr., Harold Fredrickson, Jr., Carl Hopphan, and Paul Voykin. Congratulations to all on this important milestone in your careers.

Q: Where do the birds live on **Brian Mores'** course?  
A: Invernessts.

GCSAA and the British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association have announced their intention to share and de-

velop resources that will benefit both organizations, their members, and the golf course management profession. The agreement was inked on March 1 at the 2012 GCSAA Education Conference and Golf Industry Show in Las Vegas.

Also from GCSAA, you can now avail yourself of "Applied Turfgrass Science," a journal of the Plant Management Network, and now a publishing partner of GCSAA. This peer-reviewed, applied journal for turf professionals is dedicated to growing the body of science-based turf knowledge for the turfgrass industry, and includes as its partners the USGA Green Section, 76% of America's land-grant universities, and Division C-5 of the Crop Science Society of America (why not C-1, 2, 3, or 4 is anyone's guess). To subscribe, go to [plantmanagementnetwork.org](http://plantmanagementnetwork.org).

And even more from GCSAA—the 2013 golf championship and education conference schedules are being condensed due to member feedback. For next year, the four-ball competition will take place on Sunday, Feb. 3, with the golf classic and national championship being conducted on Monday and Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. For those not participating in the classic or championship, a new event likely featuring a scramble or shamble format will be conducted on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup>. The education conference will conclude on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup>. So there ya go.

Thanks to the Kendrick B. Melrose Family Foundation, the Environmental Institute for Golf (EIFG) has a million reasons to smile. Ken Melrose, former CEO and chairman of the Toro

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Co., has donated \$1 million to GCSAA's philanthropic organization on behalf of his family's foundation due to his profound respect for golf course superintendents and their role in the game of golf. Which is nice.

Remember, the 19<sup>th</sup> is the day the 100-Hole Golf Marathon takes place at Zigfield Troy Golf Course in Woodridge, IL. The event is hosted by the Sunshine Through Golf Foundation—the charitable arm of the CDGA—and is played to raise funds to help people with special needs. Over the last three years the event has raised over \$250,000! To participate or sponsor a player, contact Alex Nolly at [anolly@cdga.org](mailto:anolly@cdga.org) or call (630) 685-2351.

Thank you to **Mike Mumper** and the people at Arrowhead Golf Club for hosting the MAGCS March meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>. It was a day that should have seen the attendees out on the course, thanks to some outstanding early spring weather, but instead found us indoors getting smarter listening to Dr. Lee Miller and Bob Vavrek. Also many thanks to the day's generous sponsors, who were: **Arthur Clesen, Inc., Burris Equipment Company, Nels J Johnson Tree Experts, Reinders Inc., and Syngenta Professional Products**



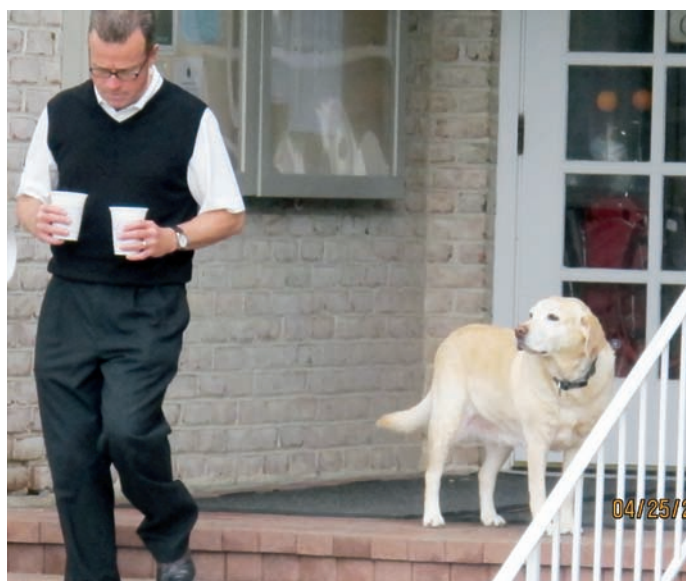
*Mike Mumper and Tim Anderson our March and April meeting hosts.*

Next on the MAGCS agenda was the April meeting, held on the 25<sup>th</sup> at Naperville Country Club. Hosts **Tim Anderson, CGCS, MG and Steven Biehl** were FINALLY able to prove that yes, there actually IS a golf course out there behind the clubhouse, thanks to the rare cooperation from Mother Nature. The day began with a solid education presentation from **Brad Marks** of SePRO on strategies for using growth regulators.



*Steve Van Acker (r) will have to explain the Van Acker rules of winning raffle prizes to Harrell's new sales representative, Kevin Montgomery.*

From there it was time to mount up and hit the course. And WHAT A COURSE! Conditions were outstanding, with fast and firm being the theme of the day. I think I spotted Steven Biehl stimping a tee! The traditional April scramble format was a great way to ring in the golf season without worrying about an occasional snap hook, flub, two-jack, or wicked slice. When the dust had settled, it was the team of **Don Altman, Dave Groelle, Bruce Schweiger, and Scott White** who took top honors with a net 51.1, just squeaking past Tim Anderson, **Dave Blomquist, Jim Canning, and Keith Krause** and their 51.4. The post-golf reception featured some great eats and quite a few laughs as participants recalled their heroics on the course. Thanks to Tim and Steven and everyone at Naperville Country Club for hosting us, and to our sponsors without whom the day would not have been possible: **Arthur Clesen, Inc., Aquatrols, Aerial Images Photography, Burris Equipment Company, Great Lakes Turf, Nels J. Johnson Tree Experts, ProGro Solutions, Reinders, Inc., and Syngenta Professional Products.**



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Congratulations and the best of luck to Mike Mumper in his new position as golf course superintendent of Riverside Golf Club in North Riverside, IL.



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And the reason Riverside Golf Club needed a new superintendent? Because its former superintendent **Josh Langell** has accepted the same position at Ridgemoor Country Club, taking the reins from longtime supe **Peter Hahn**, who is retiring.



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Q: What happens to **Greg Thalmann** after he judges his course's chili cookoff?  
A: He gets the Fox Runs.

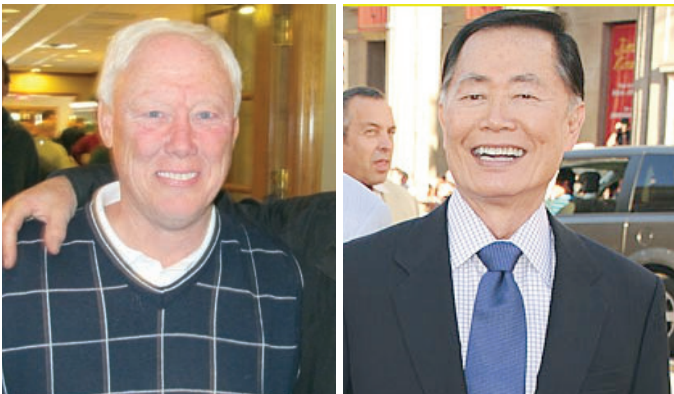
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I've heard of a duck blind before, but how about a blind duck?



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Congrats to **Greg Martin**, whose Martin Design Partnership has been selected by the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County to prepare a master plan for and then renovate the Oak Meadows Golf Course in Addison, IL.

More photos on pages 29 and 31.

I can't figure out why every time I cross paths with **Brad Johnsen**, I get the uncontrollable urge to raise the shields on the Enterprise and say "Aye Captain." What could be causing that?



*Greg Martin*

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Condolences to the family of **Todd Zimmerman**, golf course superintendent at Aspen Ridge Golf Course in Bourbonnais on the passing of Todd's mother Barbara Zimmerman last month.

If you fancy yourself a budding filmmaker, Syngenta has something you might be interested in—the Daconil Action TOUGH TURF Video Contest. The grand prize is a trip for two to San Francisco, CA, including airfare, three nights' stay at a four-star hotel and spending money AND an automatic seat at the 2012 Syngenta Business Institute. Honorable Mentions will receive \$300 Visa gift cards. Get busy—deadline for entries is August 1. To learn all about it, email [Contest@ToughTurfVideoContest.com](mailto:Contest@ToughTurfVideoContest.com).

If you don't win the automatic seat at the Syngenta Business Institute, you can still go. For the fourth consecutive year they are inviting golf course superintendents from across the country to apply to attend the event on December 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup> in North Carolina. Syngenta teamed with the Wake Forest University School of Business to provide this unique four-day experience focusing on financial and human resource management, delegation skills, effective communications and negotiating skills and more. To be considered, you must fill out a 250-word essay on why you believe you should be selected, along with filling out the application found at [greencastonline.com](http://greencastonline.com). Deadline for is August 21.

One of our members was recently featured in TurfNet's Turf Blog Aggregator, a periodic collection of different superintendents' blogs from their own courses. **Joel Purpur, CGCS** at Park Ridge Country Club got famous by showing his membership the benefits of their purchase of a Hydro-Jet drain jetter after a tile collapse under a path near the 7<sup>th</sup> tee. I want to borrow it, Joel—call me?

I found this news kinda funny—Metedeconk National Golf Club in Jackson, NJ is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. OK, that's not really too funny, but the press release, stating "...is gearing up for its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year by publishing a book detailing the club's rich history, ..." definitely is. Can anything have a rich history in 25 years? Heck, **Kevin DeRoo** has socks older than that. Just sayin'.

The world of golf lost a great man recently. George (Tony) Poillo, one of the original founders of the Central Illinois Golf Course Superintendents Association and the longtime superintendent at Decatur Country Club passed away in March at the age of 97. Condolences to the family and many friends of Tony.

Q: What is it called if you play **Brad Anderson's** course and really hit it off with the bar cart girl?

A: A Bittersweet romance.

The ITF/MAGCS Spring Golf day is just around the corner, and this year's venue will not disappoint. **Kyle Jacobsen** and Twin Orchard Country Club are our gracious hosts, and the format will be a 2-Man Best Ball with Match Play scoring based on 75% of each competitors established handicap index. Each winning team will be awarded one point for a victory and ½ point to each team in the event of a tie. Teams will be chosen by the two captains the ITF president and the MAGCS president. Sounds fun hope to see you there.

**EQUIPMENT FOR SALE:**

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  - 3 Groomers for Toro 3150 DPA: . . . . . \$500
  - 3 Groomers for JD 2500E: . . . . . \$500
  - 2 LF 128 backlap hoses: . . . . . \$50
  - Husky air compressor—7HP, 240V, 60-gallon: . . . . . \$300
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**The MAGCS Charles Bartlett Award**

*by Dan Dinelli, CGCS*

Throughout his career Charles Bartlett served as an ambassador for the game of golf. He spent 36 years chronicling the major golf events of his time. He was a confidant to the great players of his era, and earned a wide spread reputation for his devotion to the game. Upon his death, then MAGCS president, Dudley Smith, established the MAGCS Charles Bartlett Award. This award is completely separate from the Bartlett Award given out by the Golf Writers Association of America. The GWAA Bartlett Award did not come into existence until 1970. The MAGCS Charles Bartlett Award was first presented in 1967 (the year of Bartlett's death). The award is presented to an individual who, through his or her devotion to the game of golf, exemplifies the spirit of Charles Bartlett – a true ambassador of the game. The Charles Bartlett Award is unique in that it is not given out annually, and the recipient is not selected by the MAGCS Board of Directors. Instead, past award recipients decide when a deserving candidate is to be acknowledged. During its 45 year history the award has only been presented 16 times. The past recipients are:

**CHARLES BARTLETT AWARD RECIPIENTS:**

Paul Voykin . . . . . 1967	Mike Bavier . . . . . 1990
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Norman Kramer . . . . . 1970	Tim Kelly . . . . . 1996
Ray Gerber . . . . . 1971	Fred Opperman . . . . . 1999
Robert Williams . . . . . 1975	Mike Bavier . . . . . 2000
Julius Albaugh . . . . . 1983	Carl Hopphan . . . . . 2003
Ken Zanzig . . . . . 1986	Dan Dinelli . . . . . 2008
Oscar Miles . . . . . 1987	

This distinguished list includes: innovators, visionaries, authors, poets, mentors, activists, environmentalists, instructors, public speakers, GCSAA Past Presidents, CAGCS Past Presidents, MAGCS Past Presidents, recipient of the GCSAA Distinguished Service Award, Recipient of the GCSAA Leo Feser Award, recipient of the GCSAA Presidents Award and inductees into the Illinois Golf Hall of Fame.

It is our pleasure to recognize John Gurke, CGCS with the Charles Bartlett Award in his efforts and support for our industry in golf. To name a few... John serves on the Illinois Turfgrass Foundations Board; has worked with researchers as a cooperater for on-site research; is a member of the Advocates' Circle for his support in the Environmental Institute for Golf; and is the Editor of the Bull Sheet in On Course. As editor, John keeps his readers up to date monthly with past, current and future events, any MAGCS Member life changes and fun facts he creatively squeezes in. John has a special talent for writing that keeps us informed while being entertained. As a hobby John is a meteorite hunter, leaving no stone un-turned. Congratulations John! **-OC**

*Dan Dinelli (L) presents  
The MAGCS Charles Bartlett Award to John Gurke.*











# M.A.G.C.S. 2012

Place #	TEAM	Score	Handicap	NET
1	Anderson - Bromauer - Krause - Canning	67	15.6	51.4
1B	Fereeri - Cella - Witte - K. Anderson	71	15.4	56.6
2	Murray - Hoxley - Randall - Scott	60	3.5	56.5
2B	Altman - White - Schweiger - Groelle	62	9.9	51.1
3	Powers - Lemmari - VanLever - Johnson	65	7.7	57.3
3B	DeRoo - Steer - Nadler - Rotert	64	8.1	55.8
4	Merna - Mores - Tully - Bobb	66	9.6	56.4
4B	Brwiler - Grimme - Lamurei - Turton	71	7.6	63.4
5	Muebel - Bourdeau - Corde - Zimmerman	64	10.0	54.0
5B	Hall - Shepherd - Jacobson - Kowalczko	69	13.4	55.6
6	Vukmir - Flameot - Eosko - Spindel	67	13.5	53.5
6B	Purpur - Comroy - Stewart - Schmitz	69	13.1	55.9
7	Senagetter - Irvin - Baker - Hucan	62	8.9	53.1
7B	Rico - Senatra - Nere	69	8.6	60.4
8	Lisler - Hauri - Sams - Montemery		10.5	
8B	Dowling - Shepherd - Krefel - Prichard	69	14.4	54.6
9	Gruke - Stachewitz - Bransky - Brasell	74	13.9	60.1
9B	Utne - Gilmore - Eggert - Davis	76	15.8	60.2
10	Johnson - Fischer - T. Davis - Berkman	68	7.2	60.8
10B	Knully - Wailer - Kronn Sr. - Kronn Jr.	62	5.5	56.5
11	Wertz - Marks - Witkowski - Zinner	72	7.6	64.4
11B	Heastis - Marco - Mumper - Brindegar	64	11.0	53.0
12	Cunnehan - Louman - Bemis - Cleese	72	4.2	57.8
12B	Adams - Leuzinger - Mozur - Kirtland	65	12.4	52.6 (1.0)
13	Daly - Ollara - Bryowski - Copersoy	72	16.6	55.4
13B	Yerkes - Anfield - Buck - Douman	65	5.0	60.0
14	Lemanski - Baum - Jarvis - Maravarti	64	11.2	52.8
14B	Kiraly - Nelson - Carlson - Poole	64	11.6	53.4
15	Norville - Robbins - Cross - Vollbeer	67	14.4	52.6 (1.0)
15B	Rounds - Vincent - Frenz - Tiersens		7.3	
16	Barber - Nealy - Ziemer - Biehl	68	9.9	58.1
16B	Kuelland - Holubetz - Radas - J. Anderson	67	9.1	57.9
18	Frels - Bremer - Harstad - Pivalko	72	12.0	60.0
18B	Kerry - Anderson - Johnson	82	17.0	65.0
	C.T.P. #7 - John Kirtland			
	C.T.P. #10 - Jack Randall			
	L.P. #18 - Tom Prichard			

