



THE BULL SHEET
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Welcome to the growing MAGCS family to these new members:
Michael VanDeVelde, Class E, Breezy Hill Nursery
Stan Baker, Class DT, Oregon State University
Justin Pawlicki, Class C, White Eagle Golf Club

As the summer from hell, of hell, IN hell comes to a merciful end, we would be remiss if we didn't send a shout out to the many wonderful Class E commercial members of MAGCS who were there when we needed them on countless occasions. The unsung heroes of our industry deserve a big round of thanks from those of us who rely on them day in and day out, and often take for granted the superb service and assistance they provide. CHEERS to you all! And thanks to **Brian Bossert, CGCS** for the reminder...

Ladies and gentlemen, Elvis has left the building. By Elvis, I mean **Tim Anderson, CGCS, MG** of Naperville Country Club, and the building to which I refer is the grounds maintenance facility. The MG after Tim's name can officially be turned around to read GM, as in General Manager, as the club recently announced that Tim has been promoted to that role from the interim Club Manager position he previously held. Accompanying this announcement, NCC also promoted **Steven Biehl** to the position of golf course superintendent from his previous assistant's role at the club. Congratulations and best wishes to both gentlemen! Oh, and elephants beware!

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 17 – Annual Wee One Outing and Fundraiser at Pine Hills Country Club in Sheboygan, WI, **Rod Johnson** host.
- September 20 – CDGA's 41st Annual Husband & Wife Championship at Crystal Tree Golf & Country Club in Orland Park, IL, **Les Rutan** host.
- September 24 – MAGCS Golf Championship at Big Foot Country Club in Fontana, WI, **Jim Knulty** host.
- September 25-30 – The Ryder Cup Matches at Medinah Country Club in Medinah, IL, **Curtis Tyrrell, CGCS, Ross Laubscher, Jake Mendoza, and Jim Wallace** hosts.
- October 2 – Northwest Illinois Golf Course Superintendents Association (NWIGCSA) monthly meeting at Dubuque Country Club, presumably in Dubuque, IA.
- October 3-December 14 – Fall Session of the Professional Golf Turf Management School Two-Year Certificate Program at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ.
- October 15 – Deadline for nominations for GCSAA's 2013 Excellence in Government Relations Award.
- October 19 – Deadline for nominations for the 2012 GCSAA/Golf Digest Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards.
- October 19 – Golf course equipment auction at Graystone Golflinks. Information to follow.
- October 22 – MAGCS Annual College Championship at Calumet Country Club, **Matt Harstad** host.
- October 24-26 – PLANET 2012 Green Industry Conference in Louisville, KY.
- October 25-26 – GIE + EXPO in Louisville, KY. For info, go to www.gie-expo.com.
- October 29-30 – Symposium on Affordable Golf at Southern Pines, NC. Information on this event is available at www.symposiumonaffordablegolf.com.

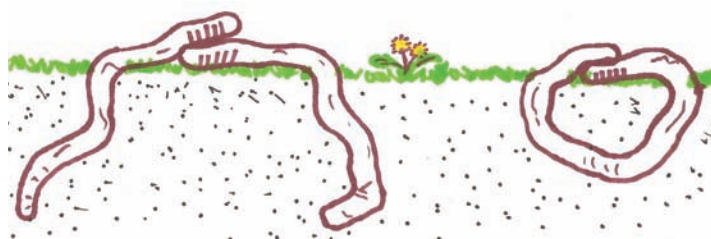


Steven Biehl and Tim Anderson, CGCS, MG

Also big congrats to **Renny Jacobson** on his exciting new endeavor. Renny has started CS Turf—Common Sense Turf Management, Inc., which specializes in Deep Tine Aeration of greens, tees, and fairways. For more information, you can contact Renny at 815-791-7404 or at renny@csturf.net. Good luck Renny!

A bit of sad news, and a sign of the times—after 18 years of operation, Graystone Golflinks, 7600 W. 191st St. in Tinley Park is closing permanently. All golf course equipment will be auctioned at the site on October 19th at 9:00 am. Information is available by contacting owner Karen Gray at 708-908-0011.

Ever look at your fairways this time of year and wonder what is REALLY going on under the surface?



Married worms

Single worm

Q: What is the bank of Lake Kadija at the Ryder Cup's host club called?

A: MeDinah Shore.

Thank you to **Brian Green, CGCS** of Sunset Valley Golf Course on alerting the MAGCS membership to a potential health hazard on our golf courses. It turns out that Blue Green Algae (no relation to Brian), which can bloom in water bodies during the summer months, are toxic to dogs that drink it. Check out the video on what precautions to take with your dog(s) at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CGG50pfBEh&feature=player_detailpage.

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were to be flat vs. 2011, 2012 would end +5.7% (the equivalent to a year-over-year bump of more than 26MM rounds).

Audubon International has announced that after a nationwide search, its Board of Directors has named Ryan Aylesworth as the new executive director of the organization. Audubon International was founded by its current president Ron Dodson (who originally re-established the Audubon Society of New York State in 1987 after it ceased holding meetings in 1930, and which subsequently became Audubon International in 1996), and is the force behind the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses. Among its Board members are Dr. Frank Rossi of Cornell University and **Dan Dinelli, CGCS** of North Shore Country Club.

Condolences to **Kerry Anderson** and his family on the passing of Kerry's mother Marian on August 18th at the age of 84.


Not that this news should affect anything from the customer standpoint, but Eagle One Golf Products was recently purchased by Canadian company Golf Supply House, which plans to continue to operate the Eagle One Golf office and production facility in Anaheim, CA, as well as its Eastern Distribution Center in Charleston, S.C.

I love a happy ending, especially when it involves a dog. Let me explain—while Joe Stoudt, the superintendent at Lander (Wyoming) Golf & Country Club was playing his course one afternoon in June, he was informed that a fire had engulfed the community center where his office was located and where he had left his dog Gizmo. He rushed back to the site, finding the building in flames, and feared the worst. Miraculously, Gizmo appeared unscathed in a window that

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Congratulations to **Larry Flament** and the staff of Stonewall Orchard Golf Club on their successful hosting of last month's 90th Illinois Section PGA Championship from the 27th through the 29th. All players were in unison in their praise of the excellent course conditions, and that can be a tough group from which to get praise. Nicely done guys!

Encouraging news from the National Golf Foundation came out last month: NGF tracked a modest recovery in several areas of the industry this year, most notably in rounds played and in golfer confidence. With regard to national rounds played: June was up 3.2% vs. June 2011; YTD rounds are up 12.2% over last year; The YTD rounds increases are nearly double at public facilities (+13.5%) vs. private courses (+7.6%); And if rounds played for the remainder of the year




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had blown out of the office, apparently saved by hiding under a table that shielded him from the falling, smoldering debris. He even got to ride on the 1927 fire truck in the town's 4th of July parade. That's what I call a feel-good story.

Infamous Chicago mobster Al Capone purportedly had a hideout somewhere outside of the city to the south. Old Oak Country Club is somewhere outside of the city to the south. Chad Walk is the superintendent of Old Oak. Could there be a connection? You decide...



Q: What does Phil Zeinert, CGCS refresh himself with after a long, hot summer day on his course?

A: An Elgin and Tonic.

When hazards go too far...



Oops!



Double oops!



Picture of the month swiped from Facebook. Jeff VerCautren caught a rainbow at the end of his driving range after one of the passing showers this summer.

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GCSAA Class A and SM members have the opportunity to attend the 2013 GCSAA Education Conference and Golf Industry Show in San Diego thanks to the Environmental Institute for Golf (EIFG) and a grant established by Ken Melrose, retired CEO and Chairman of the Board of the Toro Company. Up to 20 individuals will be selected to participate in the Melrose Leadership Academy, which includes numerous activities at the conference and show from February 4th through the 8th. The grant will cover a full package registration, seminars and sessions, four nights lodging, airfare, a \$200 stipend for incidental expenses, and regular communications including tools and resources. You can apply online at www.gcsaa.org, and you can get more information by calling Mischia Wright, GCSAA Senior Manager of Development at 800-472-7878, ext. 4445.

If you feel you or someone you know are excellent in government relations, maybe you should nominate yourself or them for the GCSAA Excellence in Government Relations Award. Go to www.gcsaa.org and find the nomination form, and do it by October 15! It's an excellent opportunity to demonstrate your excellentness.

Also open for nominations are the 2012 GCSAA/Golf Digest Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards (ELGAs), which are presented in partnership with Syngenta and Rain Bird, and recognize golf course superintendents for their commitment to environmental stewardship. Same deal as above—go to www.gcsaa.org for the form. Deadline is October 19th.

It was another month that found several MAGCS members' work featured in industry publications. Among them were **Bob Lohmann's** feature in Golf Course Industry magazine on two programs that are growing the game of golf—First Links and Links Across America. The same magazine ran an article titled "High and Dry" that highlighted **Brad Anderson's** efforts at Bittersweet GC at reducing water usage through changing out full circle sprinkler drives to part circles on the outer edges of fairways in order to stop irrigating the rough. And *TurfNet's* Turf Blog Aggregate featured **Tim Christians** (Makray Memorial GC) and the rebuilding of the club's unique water features. Good stuff guys.

STUFF FOR SALE:

- 2 Toro 3000 Triplexes, structurally ok but need engines.
 - 1 GA-60 aerator good for parts only.
 - 2 Cushman trucksters good for parts only.
- Call **Elliott Dowling** at Cress Creek Country Club at 630-355-5736 and make an offer.

STUFF TO BUY:

If anyone has a used golf cart/utility cart that still has some life left in it, I may have a buyer. Condition not too important, just so it runs or has the potential to run with a little work. Email me at boomding@aol.com. **-OC**



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