

THE BullSheet

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Dates to Remember

April 15 – Deadline for applications for the inaugural Stanley Zontek Memorial Scholarship. Details to follow.

April 15 – Deadline for applications for GCSAA's Legacy Awards scholarships. Details to follow.

April 16 – CAGCS monthly meeting at Makray Memorial Golf Club in Barrington, IL, **Tim Christians** host.

April 30 – MAGCS monthly meeting at Calumet Country Club in Homewood, IL (second time's a charm), **Matt Harstad** host.

May 5 – J.W. Turf's Annual Equipment Auction at their Hampshire location beginning at 8:00 AM. Contact **Danna Curtis** for information at danna@foxvalley.net.

May 13 – MAGCS/ITF combined event at Beverly Country Club in Chicago, **Kirk Spieth** host.

May 18 – Sunshine Through Golf Foundation's 100-Hole Golf Marathon at the Zigfield Troy Golf Course in Woodridge, IL, **Dennis Troy** host.

June 1 – Deadline for MAGCS Scholarship Applications. Applications can be found on our website.

June 1 – Deadline for applications for GCSAA Scholars Competition. Details to follow.

June 15 – 13th Annual John Buck Memorial Golf Outing at Randall Oaks Golf Club, **Mike Sprouse** host.

June 17-23 – Champions Tour's Encompass Championship at North Shore Country Club, **Dan Dinelli, CGCS** and **J.D. Dinelli** hosts.

Congratulations to Jen and **Elliott Dowling** (Cress Creek Country Club) on the birth of their baby boy Elliott Lane on February 3rd. The confirmed Red Wings fan came into the world ironically in the midst of the Blackhawks unprecedented streak at 8 lbs., 0 ozs., and 20" long.

Big congrats to **Jeff Hoste** on being named the golf course superintendent at the Village Greens of Woodridge. Jeff started in his new role on March 18th.

Best wishes to **David Schingel** on his new position as Director of Maintenance at Canyata Golf Club in Marshall, IL.

Also on the move recently were **Andrew Decker**, formerly at Oakland Hills Country Club who is now assistant superintendent at Lake Shore Country Club; and **Christopher Gray**, formerly at Elkhorn Golf Club who is the superintendent at Villa Olivia Country Club in Bartlett. Congratulations and best wishes to you.

Speaking of Chris Gray, can you guess the most famous musical performer to play the lounge at his course? Villa Olivia Newton-John.

And even more good news: The golf industry may be heading in the right direction, based on this year's Chicago Golf Show attendance. The 30th Annual event presented by the BMW Championship and held on February 22-24 shattered its previous attendance record by 15%, with 19,200 attendees versus 16,700 last year. Hopefully that translates to more revenue for all of our courses. And more play. And more divots. And more ball marks. Oh just forget I mentioned it.



The Dowlings

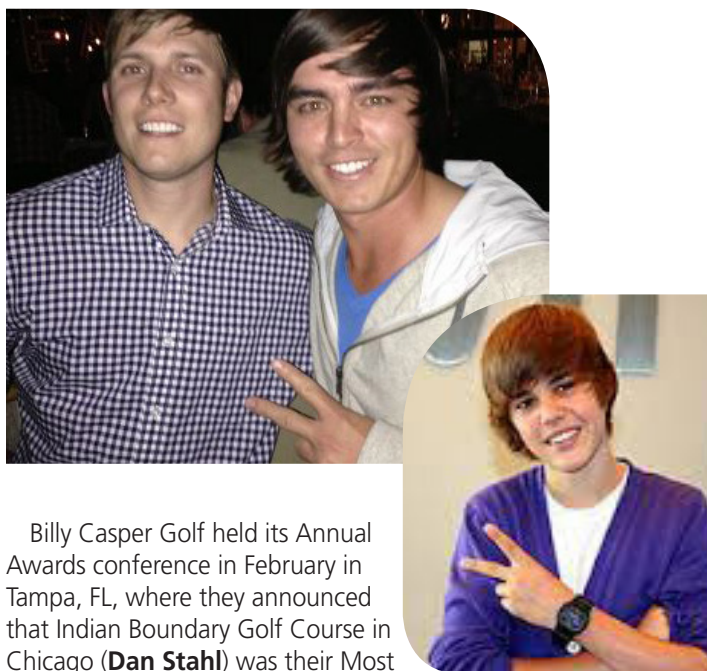


Jeff Hoste, new Superintendent at Village Greens of Woodridge

This is better news: The drought that overwhelmed much of the central United States the past two summers might be making an encore. This news came on Valentine's Day from a panel of experts

speaking to the U.S. Senate committee on agriculture, nutrition and forestry. "The continuing conditions really look like they're setting up for a very similar level of drought in the Midwest and West," Roger Pulwarty of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration told the committee. Time to restock the hose repair kit.

Okay, I'm fairly certain the guy on the left is **Craig Shepherd** below. He claims the other guy is Ricky Fowler (and that Ricky's a really nice dude). I have a sneaky suspicion Sheppy just didn't want us to know he was at a Justin Bieber concert and had just met his ultimate heart throb.



Billy Casper Golf held its Annual Awards conference in February in Tampa, FL, where they announced that Indian Boundary Golf Course in Chicago (**Dan Stahl**) was their Most Improved Facility of the Year for 2012. Congrats Dan on a great job last year!

It was a sad winter for several MAGCS families whose loved ones passed away. Zachary Zeinert, the son of Naomi and **Phil Zeinert** (Elgin CC) lost his long battle with cancer at the age of 28 in February. In March, Bill Nadler, the father of **Dave Nadler** and grandfather of **Eric Nadler** and **Matt Baumgartner** passed away. Also last month, Joyce Jacobson, mother of **Rick Jacobson** passed; Dennis Augdahl, the father of **Dan Augdahl** left us and David Lapp, the son of Carol and **John Lapp** lost his struggle with an extended illness. Our heartfelt sympathies are with you all.

The 15th of this month is the due date for applications for two scholarship opportunities. The Stanley Zontek Memorial Scholarship presented by Golf Course Industry magazine honors Stan's legacy and his passion for turf and the game of golf. The \$2,500 grant is available to any current student, and details and an application form can be found at www.golfcourseindustry.com. The GCSAA Legacy Awards, funded by Syngenta and sponsored by the Environmental Institute for Golf, are \$1,500 awards for children or grandchildren of GCSAA members who have been active Class A, Superintendent Members, Class C, Class A-Retired, Class SM-Retired or Class AA members for five or more consecutive years. Applicants must be enrolled full time

at an accredited institution of higher learning or be a high school senior who has been accepted at such an institution for the next academic year. Application forms are available at www.gcsaa.org by clicking on the Education tab and then the Scholarships tab.

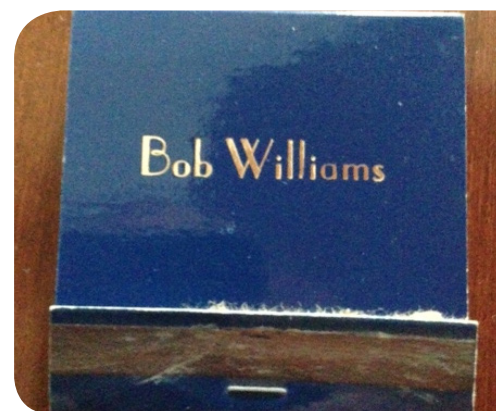
June 1st marks another deadline for students to get some cash. The GCSAA Scholars Competition is available to members who are enrolled in a recognized undergraduate program in a major field related to turf management with at least 24 credit hours or the equivalent of one year of full-time study. Selection criteria include academic excellence, work experience, extracurricular activities and potential to become a leading professional in the golf course management industry. The scholarships range from \$500 to \$6,000, and applications can be found at www.gcsaa.org at the same place as the previously mentioned one.

Q: How does **Tommy Robinson** feel if his neighbor **Mike Bavier Jr.** at Deerfield gets a new irrigation system?

A: He is Ravinia Green with envy.

KemperSports has had a busy winter in our neck of the woods. In February, it was announced that they had been selected by the Illinois International Port District to manage its Harborside International Golf Center in Chicago, and it will also partner with Rockford Country Club to provide turnkey management of the private, member-owned club. In March, the company held its Annual Leadership Awards Conference in Glenview, IL, where it was announced that the Glen Club (**Scott Goniwiecha**) was named the 2012 Facility of the Year.

Remember these things? We used to use them to start fires before there were Bics. **Bruce Williams** found these among his dad's belongings—back in the day if you bought fertilizer, you got your name on a matchbook. Nowadays you get a trip to Pinehurst. I prefer nowadays.



If you are a user of WeedAlert.com—PBI Gordon's online weed identification and control resource since 1998—you've probably noticed its new look. New to the site are color photographs of 109 weeds, allowing turf professionals to search and identify weeds by name, appearance or region. Have a gander if you haven't checked it out—it's a really nice resource.

Nice retirement, Ron! Last month we reported that Ron Dodson, the founder and president of Audubon International had retired after 25 years at the helm. If you blinked, you missed it, because he is now the chairman of the International Sustainability Council and Audubon Lifestyles (ISC-Audubon). "For over 25 years I have dedicated my professional life to advocating properly designed and managed golf courses. For the remainder of my

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professional life I intend to focus my attention on getting people more connected with nature and sustainable living and lifestyles. I am starting this effort by focusing on the golfing public," said Dodson.

Greg Martin has another couple of feathers for his VERY feathery cap. In its spring 2013 edition, *By Design* magazine, the quarterly publication of the American Society of Golf Course Architects (those guys who wear the plaid jackets), ran an article listing ASGCA's first-ever Design Excellence Recognition Program award winners, and Greg was among them for his work on Phillips Park Golf Course in Aurora. On top of that, Greg was nominated to serve on ASGCA's Executive Committee through 2017, assuming its Secretary role for this year. Congratulations, Greg!



While kinda on the subject of Audubon International, it was recently announced that Katie Hopkins has been hired as the new External Communications Coordinator, AND that they have moved into their new headquarters in the Rensselaer Technology Park in Troy, NY.

One of MAGCS very own has a new employer. **Tom Fermanian** has joined the team of turf scientists at Lebanon-Seaboard to lead the development of its product lineup. Tom's specific area of expertise will be research review, as well as to evaluate and refine the biological and biostimulant offerings of the company's products. Tom joins Drs. Mike Kernan and Clark Throssel to form the team. Best of luck to you, Tom!

What's going on with these sinkholes? First we hear about a poor guy in Florida disappearing into one while he slept, never to be found; and then in our own state, a golfer at Annbriar Golf Course in the St. Louis area fell through the 14th fairway into a 15-foot deep sinkhole just last month. Luckily for him, he was extricated with only minor injuries. Another reason not to play golf in March.

MIDWEST Doppelgänger



Has anyone ever seen **John Anderson** after 10:00 PM? I think he's pulling double duty on late-night TV (above).



Drs. Fermanian, Throssel and Kernan

MAGCS Milestones: The following gentlemen—all of them industry icons—have passed a major professional milestone. Congratulations to **Oscar Miles, Dick Trevarthan, Harold Fredrickson, Tom DiGuido, Carl Hoppfan, Joe Dinelli, and Paul Voykin** on being GCSAA members for over 50 years!

In gearing up for the season that thankfully took its sweet time arriving, the final frenzy of winter workshops and educational events is officially over. On February 19th, the Class C Winter Workshop was held at Midwest Golf House in Lemont, with

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round table discussions on making the leap to superintendent (below: **Justin VanLanduit, Chuck Barber, Justin Kirtland, and Elliott Dowling**) and exploring other career options featuring Dave Blomquist, Keith Krause and Brett Ziegler highlighting the event.



On March 6th, the Chicagoland Association of Golf Course Superintendents held its 29th Annual Forum at Naperville



Country Club, with Tim Anderson and Steven Biehl hosting. The theme was "New Tools and Technology," and a highlight of the day was the presentation of a plaque to Dr. Derek Settle pictured with **Dave Ward** in

recognition of and appreciation for all the fine work he has done for Chicagoland superintendents.

On March 13th and 14th Reinders held its 21st Green Industry Conference outside of Milwaukee, with "Catch the Wave" being the theme. The conference featured more than 80 leading suppliers on the trade show floor, and more than 35 educational seminars.

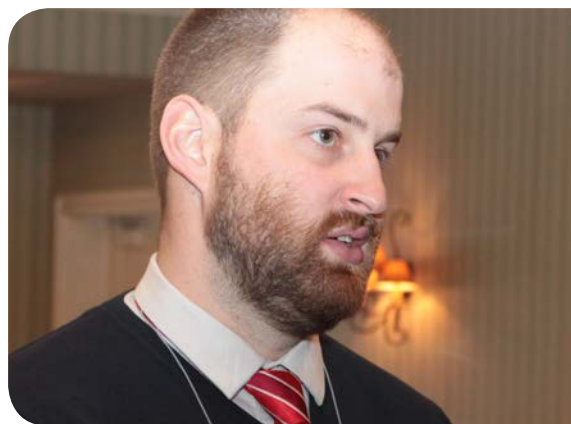


Members Matt Kregel, Mike Murphy and Dave Radaj enjoy the Reinders show.

On March 11th, president Dave Groelle hosted the MAGCS March meeting, with Dr. Karl Danneberger of the Ohio State University speaking on Managing on the Edge.



MAGCS Commercial Representative Jake Vollbeer helps at the registration table greeting members with his smile.



Bill Meyer of Park Ridge Country Club readies himself for a day of education



Eric Radkowsky and Scot Spier share a conversation during one of the morning break.



GCSAA would like you to know that PowerPoint presentations delivered at the 2013 Education Conference in San Diego are now available online at www.gcsaa.org in case you missed one. Or several. @