



THE BULL SHEET
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Happy New Year! It is December 21 as I write this, so if the Mayans were right, please disregard.

As we begin the New Year, the MAGCS Board asks that you consider contributing to one or more of the committees that truly make our association hum. This year's committee chairs are as follows: Editorial—**Matt Harstad, Jim Pedersen** and **Chuck Barber**; Golf & Arrangements—**Justin VanLanduit** and **Dave Kohley**; Education—**Matt Kregel** and **Kris Kvelland**; Class C—**Shane Conroy**; Class E—**Jake Vollbeer**. Feel free to contact these folks with your ideas or to volunteer.

Don't miss this month's meeting at Seven Bridges on the 24th. Pat Jones of Golf Course Industry magazine (and Facebook) will be in town to talk about our industry and its future as well as social media, and John Miller, CGCS, our GCSAA Field Representative will tell us what it is he does for us in that capacity. After the education, the Wee One Auction and Fundraiser will take place, which is always a hoot, and a great way to score some cool merchandise while contributing to a great cause. Hope to see you there.

Congratulations to **Harry Lovero** on his being named the golf course superintendent at Broken Arrow Golf Club. Welcome back Harry, and good luck to you!

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 16-18 – Annual Mid-Am (Mid-American Horticultural Trade Show) at Navy Pier in Chicago, IL. Phone 800-300-6103 or go to www.midam.org.
- January 21-24 – The 2013 Michigan Turfgrass Conference at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing, MI. Go to www.mtfconference.org for details.
- January 23-26 – 60th PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando, FL.
- January 24 – MAGCS monthly meeting and Annual Wee One Fundraiser and Auction at Seven Bridges Golf Club in Woodridge, IL, **Don Ferreri** and **Dave Gelino** hosts.
- January 29-31 – 79th Annual Iowa Turfgrass & Trade Show at the Downtown Des Moines Marriott. Phone 515-232-8222 or go to www.iowaturfgrass.org.
- February 3-5 – GCSAA National Championship and Golf Classic in San Diego, CA.
- February 4-8 – GCSAA Education Conference in San Diego, CA.
- February 6-7 – Golf Industry Show in San Diego, CA.
- February 6 – University of Illinois Turfgrass Alumni get-together at an unspecified tavern in the Gaslamp District from 5:30 til 7:00 PM. Luckily U of I alums are smart enough to figure out the venue without being told.
- February 6 – MAGCS 2013 Hospitality Reception from 7 til 10 PM at the Hotel Salomar at 435 6th Avenue on the Rooftop Lounge.
- February 7 – GCSAA's 2013 Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA somewhere.
- March 1 – Deadline for applications for the Billy Casper Golf Agronomy Internship Program.
- March 11 – MAGCS monthly meeting at the Marriott Oak Brook/Willow Crest Golf Club in Oak Brook, IL, **Dave Behm** host.



Harry Lovero

Big news from the Nadlers to start the year—as of January 1st, Nadler Golf Car Sales is now Nadler Golf (complete with a new logo), and celebrates its 50th year in business by announcing its new owners, **Matt Baumgartner** and **Eric Nadler**. This makes the third generation of Nadlers to own and operate the business, which opened in 1963 as Nadler Harley-Davidson Sales, Inc. under the ownership of Bill and Bea Nadler. Congratulations, Matt and Eric, and the best of luck in your new (but not really new) venture!

Additionally on the long-time MAGCS vendor front, Burris Equipment Company is moving from its Frankfort location to Joliet this month. Burris purchased Illinois Lawn Equipment Co., which had been serving the Chicagoland area from its Orland Park site for 50 years, in 2004, and moved to the Frankfort facility the year after. The new Joliet facility is bigger than the two previous homes combined, and is located at 2001 Cherry Hill Road. The same phone numbers are still in use, so give them a call and welcome them to their new home.

Our sincere condolences to **Tim "TJ" Johnson** and his family on the passing of his mother last month.

I received a note from the VERY busy **Bruce Williams, CGCS** (more on that follows) last month, describing a trip he and **Al Fierst** (Oak Park CC) took to East Lansing for the Michigan State/Ohio State game (one of the teams which was actually bowl eligible). The game was a squeaker won by OSU 17-16, and the boys enjoyed all of it from the sidelines (for the second straight year) standing next to the MSU bench.



Al Fierst

They both had to dash out of town, as Bruce had to catch a plane to Tierra del Fuego or Ulan Bator or Timbuktu or another of his exotic destinations, and Al had to get back to the WGN studios for his side job.



Cookie

In news that involves both of the aforementioned scholastic institutions, on December 3rd Dr. Joe Vargas of Michigan State University was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Ohio State University during the Ohio Turfgrass Conference. In 58 years, Dr. Vargas is only the second recipient of this prestigious award.



Dr. Joe Vargas

Q: What social network did **Rick Bowden** join?

A: Bob O' Linked In.

Billy Casper Golf, the owner and operator of more than 130 golf facilities is once again offering a comprehensive agronomy internship program designed to identify and further educate future leaders in turfgrass management. Applicants must be currently enrolled in an accredited associate, bachelor or graduate turfgrass program or agronomy degree program with career aspirations in golf course management. The deadline for applications is March 1, and they can be found at www.billycaspergolf.com/agronomyinternship.

The United States Golf Association recently announced that Davis Love III is the recipient of its 2013 Bob Jones Award. Presented annually since 1955, the Award is the USGA's highest honor and recognizes as individual who demonstrates the spirit, personal character, and respect for the game exhibited by Jones, winner of nine USGA championships.

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Reinders is pleased to announce that Chris Frank has joined the company to help serve the south side of Chicago and Northwest Indiana as Territory Manager in the Soft Goods Business Group. Chris is responsible for sales and product support, and can be reached at 630-297-5827.



Chris Frank

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 This just in: Eagle One Golf Products, which was acquired by Canadian company Golf Supply Warehouse back in June, announced that it has acquired Fore-Par. With this acquisition, Eagle One claims it is "the largest distributors of golf course and golf range equipment, supplies and accessories in the world." This is awful news to **Jan Jarvis**, whose catalog just surpassed that of Grainger's in both weight and bulk.

I alluded earlier to the fact that Bruce Williams was a busy man. To that point, here is a small sample of his travel schedule recently: After returning from Myrtle Beach and the Cayman Islands, he taught a quick webinar before heading to China for the Asia Golf Show in late November, where he hopped from Beijing, Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Hong Kong, and Kuala Lumpur, after which he spoke at the Asian Pacific Golf Summit in early December in the royal sultanate Brunei Darussalam, and then hitting the local trail with stops in Cleveland, DC, Atlanta, Daytona Beach, Orlando, Birmingham, Lookout Mountain, and Chicago this month. You can read a really great summary of Bruce's travels—called his Reporter's Notebook—in *Golf Course Industry*, where he goes

the extra mile to not only describe the event he's covering, but the things that someone traveling to such destinations would find helpful, such as the local customs, climate, food, and seemingly simple things like public transportation and negotiating a cab fare. - Compelling reading from the one-time MAGCS and GCSAA president.

Audubon International has announced that Laura Karosic has been hired as the organization's Special Projects Coordinator, a newly-created position.

The results of a new survey conducted by Google Consumer Surveys concluded that most golfers are bending the rules. Based on over 6,800 screened responses, here are some of the findings: An overwhelming majority admitted to infractions such as taking a mulligan, using a foot wedge, taking gimme putts and improving their lie. Also, 63% said they would consider using equipment that was banned from professional play, so don't throw that belly putter away—just follow the majority and cheat!

For the second consecutive year, the PGA Tour has recognized the John Deere Classic, played at TPC Deere Run in Silvis, IL with its "Most Engaged Community" Award. Last month we reported that the tournament raised \$6.9 million for 493 charities in the Quad Cities area—over \$1.5 million more than the previous year. It was due to this, as well as the 12 percent increase in ticket sales over the 2011 event, and a laundry list of other great things the tournament and community have come together to produce that this award was so richly deserved. Congrats to our northwest Illinois neighbors.

Congratulations to **Alan Hoogstraat**, formerly the assistant superintendent at Ravisloe Country Club who is now the golf course superintendent at Ravisloe.

Q: What do you call Anfield when he plays Ben Kelnhofer's course?

A: A Mistwoodchuck.

We have just learned that another of our members has been moonlighting on the side at WGN. **Aaron Hearn**, it turns

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out, has been concealing his true identity for years until this undated photo of him was made public.



Aaron Hearn and Aaron Hearn?



It was PARTY CENTRAL around these parts last month. On the 3rd, the Annual South Side Superintendents Holiday Party took place in its customary location—Chef Klaus Bier Stube in Frankfort, where the traditional lunch of all things German (and mostly tubular) was enjoyed. Next up was the CAGCS Holiday Lunch at Pinstripes in Northbrook on the 11th. From there it was off to Seven Bridges on the 13th for the West Side Superintendents Holiday Party, where the annual Texas Hold ‘em card game took place, and those who didn’t want to stop the carnival when the bar tab was finally closed sashayed over to Tilted Kilt to keep things going. The very next day a very special party was held in honor of two very special men—**Tim Davis** and **Eddie Fischer**. The scene of the affair was Morgan’s Pub in Mundelein, and a host of MAGCS members were present to pay their respects to these two “Sod Fathers” (stole that from **Randy Wahler**). Congratulations to Tim and Ed on their memorable careers, and we wish them the best in their next phase.

Southside party



Westside party



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Steve Cook was featured in an article about irrigation system upgrading/replacing called "Use Your Head."



The 2013 Old Tom Morris Award winner was announced recently, and that person is Mike Hurdzan, the renowned golf course architect who gained critical acclaim for his designs with a focus on environmental stewardship and affordability. The award will be presented at Education Conference in San Diego on February 6th.

GCSAA members now have a chance to earn a \$25 GCSAA gift certificate by referring a friend for GCSAA membership by January 31st. All you need to do is email your friend's information (name, facility name and address, and email address) to them by the 31st (mygcsaa@gcsaa.org) and claim your reward (if that friend actually joins).

If you are registered for the Show in San Diego, you can access your "My Planner" tool at gcsaa.org by clicking on the Education Conference button. The tool is an interactive technology that allows you to chart your course the entire week, map your route on the trade show floor, plan your sessions and seminars, and communicate with exhibitors to set appointments before you arrive in San Diego.

Equipment For Sale:

7 John Deere 220A walking greens mowers with groomers, some 2001, some 2002, all in good working condition. Call Dave Biery at Black Sheep Golf Club and make an offer. 630-761-0379.

4 sets of 3 cutting units for Toro 3100 riding greens mowers. All are 11-blade, center-adjust, with groomers and are sharpened and ready to mow. \$1,200.00 per set of 3. Call **Steve Partyka** at White Pines Golf Club at 630-766-9579 or email him at partykasteve@yahoo.com.

The following items are in good working condition, and are being offered up for sale:

- 5- John Deere 220A walking greens mowers— \$1,000 each, or all 5 for \$4,000
- 1- John Deere 260B walking tee mower—\$1,500
- 1- 2002 John Deere 3215B 2wd fairway mower with 2200 hours—\$3,250
- 1- 2004 Jacobsen T628 4wd with Lastec deck, 5200 hours—\$4,000
- 1- Toro Hydroject with 860 hours—\$1,500.

Call or email Scott White or Gordon Watson at The Mauh-Nah-Tee-See Club at 815-399-2961 or purdueturf@comcast.net. **-OC**

Last month was another big one for finding MAGCS members in OPP's (Other People's Publications). TurfNet's Blog Aggregator had **Don Cross, CGCS** of Skokie Country Club's blog informing his membership about their greens covering program, **Steve Cook, CGCS, MG** chimed in on goose control, **Shane Conroy** updated the Park Ridge CC membership on the completion of his path project, and **Steven Biehl** spoke on the winterization of the Naperville CC irrigation system and pump station. Elsewhere, in *GCI*,