

# # BullSheet



**APRIL 2014**

## Dates to Remember

**April 9** – CAGCS meeting at Lake Shore Country Club, Jeff Frentz, CGCS host.

**April 27** – 2014 National Club Conference at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, CA.

**April 29** – MAGCS monthly meeting and Spring Scramble at Silver Lake Country Club, President Dave Kohley host.

**May 5** – ITF/MAGCS Combined event at the Country Club of Peoria in Peoria Heights, IL, Andy Morris host.

**May 15-17** – NCAA Division I Men's Regional hosted by Northern Illinois University at Rich Harvest Farms (the "Home of the Huskies") in Sugar Grove, IL, Jeff Vercautren host.

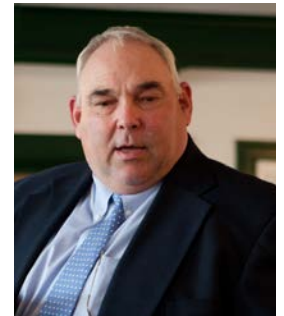
**June 16** – MAGCS monthly meeting at Aurora Country Club, John Gurke & Aaron Reinhart host.

**August 26** – Midwest Golf Championship at Harborside International, Ryan Tully host.

Welcome and the best of luck to our newest MAGCS members:

Janet Dietz, Fiore Nursery – Class E  
Drew Kleinmeyer, River Bend Golf Club – Class A  
Dustin Peterson, Rain Bird International – Class E  
Tom Rasmussen, The Toro Company – Class E  
David M. Ross, SePRO Corporation – Class E  
Jeff Szymonik, Pinecrest Golf Course – Class DT  
Adam Wiles, Conway Farms Golf Club – Class C  
Rusty Willard, The Glen Club – Class SM

Congratulations to **Rick Bowden** on his retirement from Bob O'Link Golf Club after a long and illustrious career there. You've worked hard for a long time, Rick—now get out and enjoy your freedom!



*Rick Bowden*

While on the retirement thing, two gentlemen from the Joliet Park District celebrated their retirements together last month. **Mike Conroy** had served for 31 years at Woodruff Golf Course and **Jim Hall** had 25 years of service at Inwood Golf Course. Congrats to both!



*Congratulations to Mike Conroy and Jim Hall.*

Best wishes to **Scott Pavalko**, formerly at Cog Hill Golf & Country Club, on being named Bob O'Link's next superintendent, filling Rick's big shoes. (Pictured right)



Also congratulations to **Bob Rigney**, who is the new golf course superintendent at Nettle Creek Country Club in Morris, IL.



*Bob Rigney, new Superintendent at Nettle Creek in Morris.*

Matt Ceplo, CGCS of Rockland Country Club in Sparkhill, NY has been elected to Audubon International's board of directors. Why do you care? He replaces **Dan Dinelli**, CGCS of North Shore Country Club, who spent the last four years on that same board. Congrats Dan on your "retirement."

Also from Audubon International, Doug Bechtel is the new President of that organization after working with the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for golf courses most recently.

No, he didn't get a new wife, but **Dan Murray**, CGCS DOES have a new boss. Pheasant Run Resort, where Dan is superintendent, has recently sold to a group of hotel investors and operators called Saint Charles Resort, LLC. The resort, which sits on 250 acres features a 473-room hotel, an 18-hole golf course, a 38,000 square foot expo center, two restaurants, two pool bars, and a 320-seat theater was opened in 1963, and will undergo a \$5 million rejuvenation in the coming months.

The governing body at Augusta National has once again extended complimentary daily admission to the Masters (this month from the 7th through the 13th) to all GCSAA Class A, A-Retired and AA Life Members who have a valid gold membership card. So as tempted as you may be to buy tickets from that guy in front of Hooters, don't. Use your card.

graduation, Ron took a position at Exmoor Country Club, where he has been serving as **Kurt Galisdorfer's** assistant until now. Good luck Ron—it just may be a busy start to your new job!



No, this is not the storage area behind **Justin VanLanduit's** shop. This is the state-of-the-art equipment that was used to prepare for the U.S. Open at the Champions Golf Club in Houston, TX in 1969 (for those who don't recall, Orville Moody won) (and those yellow things in back were called tractors).

We've come a long way in 45 years.



*Dave Ward had more equipment on one fairway during the 2013 Open than was used on the entire course in '69*



*Ron Townsend, Dr. Nangle's newest translator.*

Congrats to **Ron Townsend**, the new Research Manager at CDGA. Ron grew up in Columbus, OH where he caught the golf bug while playing some of central Ohio's finest golf courses while on his high school golf team. From there he attended Ohio State University, serving internships at Pinnacle Golf Club, Oakhurst CC and Kirtland CC. During his college years Ron also worked with the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation's turfgrass pathology team, performing numerous trials and making site visits and diagnostic appointments. Upon

Q: If **Greg Coyne** is the last presenter of the day at this year's Midwest Turf Clinic at Medinah, what would he be called?

A: The Kankakeenote Speaker.

FMC Corp announced last month its plans to separate its agriculture and health care units from its other units that include lithium and alkali chemicals. The Philadelphia-based company said the transaction, which will take the form of a tax-free distribution of shares to shareholders, will result in two companies called New FMC and FMC Minerals. New FMC will comprise the agricultural units, including the products we in our industry use.

Here's some not so encouraging news: Horticulture and agriculture have officially made the list. Unfortunately, the list which has the two at #2 and #3 respectively is the Daily Beast's list of the 20 Most Useless College Degrees. According to their

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research, from 2008 and predicted through 2018, horticulture in the United States is set to lose 15,200 jobs while agriculture will lose 9,100 jobs in the same time frame. I guess my dad was right all along when he implored me to stick with the Philosophy degree.

Ever notice you never see **Troy Tietjens** on days the Cubs play? Is it possible his alter-ego is actually play-by-play man Lenny Kasper? Hard to believe he can smile like that having to watch the Cubs 162 times a year.

## MIDWEST Doppelgänger



Troy Tietjens v. Len Kasper

Don't forget to go to [www.rounds4research.com](http://www.rounds4research.com) and donate rounds of golf at your facility—it's a great way for golf courses to benefit from turfgrass research funded through the

auctioning of rounds of golf. It's really easy, and you can set the rules (times of play, dress codes, etc.). The first auction is April 15th, so hurry; or you can get in on the second auction which takes place on June 16th.

With robotic golf course maintenance equipment now being pretty much the norm (we all have at least two of those robot greens mowers right?), it comes as no surprise that someone



in Japan is developing a robotic chainsaw that can shinny up a tree (as long as its diameter is between 2.3" and 9.8") and lop off any branches (as long as their diameter is 5 centimeters or less) while the operator stands a safe distance away with the remote control. Okay, maybe the geniuses who came up with this don't have a degree that made the Top 20 Most Useless College Degrees list, but they sure did develop a useless as hell tool.

Steve Cook, CGCS MG spent part of his winter vacation

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climbing some ice in Ouray, CO at HorseTail Falls - not the greatest name of the place to go rock climbing.



GCSAA would like you to know that there is an online Self-Assessment Tool available for you to identify your strengths as well as your potential areas of improvement, so you can take control of your career and plan your professional development program. Upon completion of the self-assessment, you'll receive 0.5 education points. If you don't have many areas of improvement, it should take just a few minutes. Took me two days...

The Sunshine Course at Midwest Golf House is searching for a couple of mowers this year. They are in need of a tee mower and a surround mower. If you are in the process of trading one in, please consider a donation to the CDGA Sunshine Course. All donations are tax deductible - usually an amount greater than what you would receive on a trade-in. Please contact GCS

Chris Painter directly at [cpainter@cdga.org](mailto:cpainter@cdga.org) or 630.685.2311

Speaking of used equipment, Westmoreland Country Club has a few items for sale:

2002 Chem Turf 220 gallon with 20' boom and 8 HP Kohler engine. Everything works perfect, included are three sets of nozzles: \$5,000.



2003 Chem Turf 220 gallon with 20' boom and 8HP Honda engine. Everything works perfect, included are three sets of nozzles: \$5,000

1995 Toro MultiPro 1500. Runs great: \$500

1993 SDI 300 gallon PTO driven sprayer. Included is electric hose reel: \$1,000



2002 Salsco Roller. New hydro, drums and chains. Comes with another set of 4 inch rollers and brushes: \$1,500.

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