

# # BullSheet



**JANUARY 2014**

## Dates to Remember

**January 7-8** – ITF Turf Conference 2014 at the Hyatt Lodge in Oak Brook, IL, Ronald McDonald host.

**January 13-15** – 2014 Michigan Turfgrass Conference at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI.

**January 14** – CAGCS 2014 Shop Tour. Details follow.

**January 22** – 5th Annual MAGCS/Wee One Meeting/Fundraiser at Seven Bridges Golf Club, Don Ferreri and Dave Gelino hosts.

**January 28-30** – Iowa Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show at the Downtown Des Moines Marriott. Go to [www.iowagcsa.org](http://www.iowagcsa.org) for the details.

**February 1-6** – 2014 Golf Industry Show in Orlando, FL.

**February 5** – MAGCS Hospitality Reception at Miller's Ale House in Orlando, FL.

**March 11** – Conserv FS' Tech Day at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL, Dan Murray, CGCS host.

Happy New Year, and a big welcome to our new MAGCS members:

**Jay Druhan**, Class A, Palos Hills Golf Club  
**Matt Lohmann**, Class E, Lohmann Golf Designs, Inc.  
**Andrew Narlow**, Class C, Idlewild Country Club  
**Clark Rowles**, Class E, Pendelton Turf Supply  
**Kyle Schwieter**, Class C, Sunset Ridge Country Club

Congratulations to **Shane Conroy**, who has accepted a position with Spectrum Technologies. Shane was formerly assistant superintendent at Park Ridge Country Club, as well as our Class C Advisor and PMTCM (Permanent Midwest Turf Clinic Moderator). Good luck to you Shane!

If you know of someone who is interested in becoming a golf course equipment technician, Kishwaukee College has just the thing. This spring semester, Kish is offering a new class on Turf Equipment Maintenance that will cover proper operation and maintenance techniques dealing with turf equipment, including reel and bedknife grinding, basic welding, basic spray painting, and how to develop a complete equipment inventory for capital budgeting in a golf course environment. Classes will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:15 to 6:15 starting on January 14th and running through April 14th. Hurry and call **Pete Leuzinger** at 815-825-2086 ext. 2970 to sign up.



The Chicagoland Association of Golf Course Superintendents is holding its Annual Shop Tour this month on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Always a great way to get the crew (what crew you may have at this time of year) out of the shop for a day to see other maintenance facilities, this year will feature stops at Biltmore Country Club (**Brian Thomson**, CGCS), Hawthorn Woods Country Club (**Scott Hillyard**), and Wynstone Golf Club (**Ben McGargill**). Call Luke Cella to let him know you're attending.

Remember that thing you received in the mail last month? You know—the thing from MAGCS that said something about dues renewal having begun? If you haven't already done so, go ahead and dig it out of the pile on your desk and return it with your dues payment. You can also renew online, which is really easy. Thanks!

Another reminder—this month, on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Wee One

Fundraiser will take place in conjunction with our January monthly meeting at Seven Bridges Golf Club (**Don Ferreri** and **Dave Gelino** hosts). If you haven't signed up, get on that—it's a day not to be missed. The morning education will feature Dr. Thom (pronounced Tom) Nikolai from Michigan State University who will discuss the history of putting green maintenance along with the most up-to-date research and techniques utilized in the field. Doc Thom's presentations never disappoint. Following that, Mr. Timothy Eavenson, Attorney at Law will talk to us about how to defend ourselves when we get a job and how to protect ourselves if we lose our job. Following lunch, it's auction time, where you can find some great deals on all sorts of goods and services, with all of the proceeds going to the Wee One Foundation. Hope to see you there.

Condolences to the family and friends of **John Kiraly**, who passed away on December 17th. John was the father of **Pete Kiraly**, and had served as golf course superintendent for the Des Plaines Park District for 42 years. Rest in peace, sir.

What can you make with a pickle bucket, an old rotary blade, a piece of steel rod, a Mountain Dew can and some peanut butter? If you're **Vince "MacGyver" Dodge**, the answer is simple—you make a mouse trap. Just as effective as a shop cat, but no litter box to clean.



If you are heading to Orlando next month for the Show, be sure to take the opportunity to do something that could save your skin some day—GCSAA and the Sun Safe Tee Program are teaming up to offer free skin cancer screenings to everyone in attendance. Stop by booth #2279 and get screened—early detection is critical when dealing with this most prolific, most preventable, and most curable form of cancer.

In this month's GOLF Magazine, one of our member courses was honored. Mistwood Golf Club in Romeoville (**Ben Kelnhofer** supt.) was awarded its "Best U.S. Renovation You Can Play" for 2013. The renovation by architect Ray Hearn took two years to complete, and was well worth the wait according to the review: "The result? Mission accomplished. Mistwood may have been young for a face-lift, but this beauty is ready for its close-up." Congratulations to Ben and Mistwood GC for this honor.

Q: What mysterious creature is rumored to be slithering around in **Rich Kensinger's** irrigation pond?

A: The Ken-Loch Ness Monster.

Michael Heustis is a smart guy. BUT...is he Mega Mind smart?? Or is it possible that they are one and the same?

## MIDWEST Doppelgänger



How smart is Michael Heustis?

Congratulations to **Brian Bossert, CGCS**, Luke Cella, CGCS, and **Tim Scott, CGCS** on their successful recertification through GCSAA.

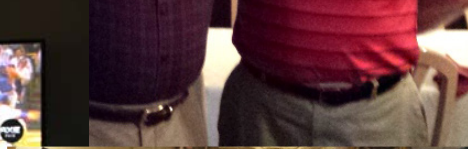
Good luck to **Mike Embree**, formerly of Acme Materials in Muscatine, Iowa who after 40 years on the job has retired to sunny Arizona. Many of us have gotten to know Mike over the years, and we wish him well.

After 34 years on the road, **Steve Stewart** (right) is moving inside. As of the first of the year, Steve has taken over as Reinders, Inc.'s Manager of Operations and Transportation. Congratulations, Steve!



Congratulations to **Matt Kregel** and **Erwin McKone**, who were selected as two of 22 golf course superintendents to participate in the Syngenta Business Institute in December. The program focuses on financial and human resources management, delegation and negotiation skills, effective communications techniques and managing generational differences.

Last month was a festive one for the MAGCS members who hopped on the Holiday Party Train. The South Side party was held at Chef Klaus Bier Stube in Frankfort on the 2nd, followed by the West Side gathering at Seven Bridges (Don Ferreri and Dave Gelino hosts) on the 5th. Closing things out was the North Side party on the 17th at Twin Peaks. All three events were well-attended and were a wonderful way for friends from both near and far to gather and toast the end of another season. Thank you to all who helped make these parties so successful. Pictures on page 13.



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On November 26 of last year, TurfNet Blog Aggregator posted one of our member's blogs, and it was noteworthy. First, try to remember what happened earlier that month on the 17th, when our state was hit by an outbreak of deadly tornadoes. Country Club of Peoria superintendent Andy Morris, whose own facility was spared, made the short trip to nearby Washington, IL to visit the Hillcrest Golf Course and offer his help. The photos Andy posted were unbelievable—the destruction to both course and buildings was utterly complete. There were four people in the pro shop when the storm hit, all of whom survived—a miracle considering that the shop was leveled with a car flipped upside down on top of it. Hillcrest is a two-man operation, with owner Brian Brubaker's and superintendent Chuck Bishoff's and their families sole livelihoods hanging in the balance. Andy was asked to serve as their consultant throughout the rebuilding process, a daunting task to say the least. Stories like these remind us of how lucky we are, whether because we were not in harm's way when it happened, or because we have people around us like Andy and the countless others who selflessly pitched in to help others in distress. Let's hope for the best for all the people whose lives were affected on that fateful day.



If you are still on the fence about whether to get down to Orlando for the Conference and Show, there is a pretty snazzy tool you can use called Getting You There—2014 Attendee Justification Resource that can help you out. It can be found at [gcsaa.org](http://gcsaa.org) by clicking on the Golf Industry Show tab. Hurry. 

**For Sale**

2014 Cushman Beverage Cart/Refresher for Sale. \$18,000 or best written offer. Jay Druhan 708-473-8706. Palos Hills Golf Course.



\*Not actual beverage cart for sale - stock photo.