

# #BullSheet



**JUNE 2014**

## Dates to Remember

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

**June 23** – 2014 U.S. Senior Open Qualifier at Village Links of Glen Ellen, IL, Christian Pekarek host.

**June 29** – Deadline for applications for the Green Start Academy presented by Bayer and John Deere Golf.

**July 1** – Deadline for the Call for Nominations for candidates for the 2015 GCSAA Board of Directors.

**July 10** – MAGCS 9 Holer at Woodstock Country Club, Bob Kronn Sr., host.

**July 10** – Toro Company's 100th birthday.

**July 11** – The Mark Olson Benefit Golf Outing at Old Oak Country Club in Homer Glen, IL, Chad Walk and Peter Lieponis hosts.

**July 15** – Purdue Turf and Landscape Field Day at the W. H. Daniel Turf Center in West LaFayette, IN.

**July 21** – the 14th Annual John Buck Golf Outing at the Highlands of Elgin, IL, Brad Legnaioli, CGCS host.

Welcome to our newest MAGCS Members:

**Adam Wiles**, Conway Farms Golf Club, Class C  
**Matt Whitsitt**, Lincolnshire Fields Country Club, Class C

Congratulations to John Ekstrom and his family on their newest arrival. Claire Ann Ekstrom was born on May 6th, weighing in at 8 lbs., 7 ozs., and 20 " long. Happy days!



There has been some movement in the ranks recently. **Rusty Willard**, formerly at the Golf Club at Harbor Shores is the superintendent at the Glen Club in Glenview, IL. **Nicklaus Yackle** is a new assistant at Medinah Country Club. **Aaron Hearn**, former assistant at Stonebridge Country Club is the new superintendent at Salt Creek Golf Course. And last but certainly not least, **Fred Behnke**, CGCS, retired superintendent at Mount Prospect Golf Club is now a Customer Service Representative for Growing Solutions. Congratulations to all of these gentlemen!

This seems to be the year of important milestones throughout our area. CDGA turns 100 this year, as do several clubs including Aurora, Oak Park, and Indian Hill Club (apologies for those I've omitted). Perhaps an even bigger milestone is that which is being celebrated by **Modesto "Moe" Sanchez**, who on May 15th began his 50th year of employment at Briarwood Country Club. When you think about it, it is truly an incredible accomplishment, especially in our industry where transience among our members (see the previous item for an example of this) is considered the rule and not the exception. Moe is that exception, and he is really an exceptional gentleman. He worked side by side with **Paul Voykin** throughout his illustrious and long career at Briarwood, and when Paul retired, Moe decided to stick around and help the new kid on the block. Congratulations, Moe Sanchez on this amazing career accomplishment!

Speaking of Paul Voykin, he recently spent a 3-week stint in the hospital to recover from a pinched nerve in his



back. Let's all wish him a full recovery so he can get back to his old self again.

If you want (or need) a little refresher in on-course etiquette for modern times, the TPC Network—comprised of 32 properties designed to host PGA TOUR events—has released etiquette tips culled from the head golf pros in its network. These aren't your traditional "rules" that you were brought up on, but tips for the 21st century golfer on such subjects as cell phone use and playing from the tees you'll have the best chance of success. A few simple clicks gets you to all 10—just go to [www.clubandresortbusiness.com/2014/04/17/tpc-network-releases-top-10-etiquette-tips/](http://www.clubandresortbusiness.com/2014/04/17/tpc-network-releases-top-10-etiquette-tips/).

John Deere Golf and Bayer CropScience are now accepting applications for the 2014 Green Start Academy. They are inviting 50 assistant superintendents to attend an all-expense-paid, two-and-a-half-day education and networking event October 15-17, 2014 at the Bayer and John Deere facilities in North Carolina. The deadline to apply is June 29<sup>th</sup>, so hurry. Go to [www.BackedbyBayer.com/Green-Start-Academy](http://www.BackedbyBayer.com/Green-Start-Academy) for the application form.

Mark July 11<sup>th</sup> down on your calendar—the Mark Olson Benefit Golf Outing will take place at Old Oak Country Club in Homer Glen, IL with Pete Lieponis and Chad Walk hosting. For those of you who don't know Mark, he works for Prime Turf, Inc. as a sales and service associate, servicing the Midwest for the past 14 years, and just as nice a guy as you can know. Mark has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. His treatment will be extensive and his family will be in need of assistance with current and future medical expenses. The outing will raise funds to help defray some of those expenses. It is a four-person scramble teeing off at 1:00 PM, with lunch and complimentary beverage cart on the course and dinner afterward. There will be games throughout the round, and a 50/50 Split-the-Pot raffle and auction items to boot. Please put a foursome together for this cause and come have a fun day on a fun golf course. Cost is \$125 per person, or just \$500 per foursome. Go to [www.weeone.org](http://www.weeone.org) to register.



Mark Olson and Family will benefit from a golf outing on July 11 at Old Oak Country Club.

Hey, in case you were thinking of getting nominated for induction in the World Golf Hall of Fame, you should know

that the procedures have changed. Starting in 2015, there will no longer be an annual ceremony; instead, enshrinement will occur every two years. So you have two whole years to become Hall-worthy.

Among its many "Best of" lists, Golfweek magazine has a Best Municipal Courses list. Go figure. Anyhow, six of them in the top 50 are KemperSports properties, and two of them are in our neighborhood. Harborside International Starboard Course was ranked 13<sup>th</sup>, while the Port Course received a 47 ranking. Congrats to the guys from Harborside!

Have you noticed that in a year when seed is something we need more than just about anything, there isn't a whole lot out there? One of the reasons is the stuff you put on your kids' dessert—Nutella, the hazelnut/chocolate spread that has gotten so popular. Turns out hazelnuts come from filbert trees. Also turns out there aren't a whole lot of filbert trees in the world, so farmers are looking to plant them wherever they can spare the acreage. Also turns out turf seed acreage is a major go-to guy for filbert tree planting. Since the trees are a multi-year commitment, turf loses out—to the tune of 30 to 50 years for each field converted from seed production to hazelnut production. Who'da thunk?

Bob Rigney is that guy that you see occasionally at a MAGCS meeting and you go, "I KNOW that guy, but what the hell is his name??" Nick Offerman is that guy that you see occasionally in a movie and you go, "I KNOW that guy, but what the hell is his name??" Is this similarity alone enough to wonder whether they are one and the same?

## MIDWEST Doppelgänger



Bob Rigney - Nick Offerman, you be the judge?

Koch Agronomic Services, LLC has agreed to acquire the turf and ornamental assets, brands, and product technologies of Agrium Advanced Technologies. No lie.

Q: What is Dave Schlagetter's favorite classic cop drama show?

A: Indian Hill Street Blues

A beautiful April 29th found us on the grounds of the Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park with Dave Kohley and his celebrity dog Bosco hosting. Dr. Ed Nangle from CDGA gave a really interesting and informative presentation about winterkill and the prospects of recovery from it. The golf event was the spring scramble, allowing for us bad golfers to rely on better golfers in our group to make the great shots. Many thanks to Dave and the staff at Silver Lake for a great day on a beautiful golf course, and to the day's generous sponsors who were: Arthur Clesen, Inc., Burriss Equipment Company, Lemont Paving Company, Nels J. Johnson Tree Experts, Reinders and Syngenta.



Just a week later, MAGCS and ITF took their act south to Peoria Heights, IL where the Spring Golf Day was held on host **Andy Morris** and Asst. Alex Palos' beautiful golf course. The drive to P-town was WELL worth the effort—that golf course was spectacular! The topography, the perfect conditions, the ridiculously friendly staff, the excellent food, even the music emanating from the pro shop made for a glorious day. Thanks to The fine folks at the Country Club of Peoria and to our sponsors: Premier Level—**Burris Equipment Company**; Awards Reception Sponsor—**Bayer Environmental Science**; Education/Lunch Sponsor—**Civitas**; and Hole Sponsors—**BASF, Blu Petroleum, D&K Products, Dow AgroSciences, Knox Fertilizer** and **Lebanon Turf**. 

