

# # BullSheet



**MAY 2014**

## Dates to Remember

**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 6** – Deadline for applications for the MAGCS Scholarships—forms available online at [www.magcs.org](http://www.magcs.org).

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

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

**July 1** – Deadline for the Call for Nominations for candidates for the 20-15 GCSAA Board of Directors.

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



Congratulations and the best of luck to **Jeremy Duncan**, (left) formerly of Cantigny Golf who is the new superintendent at Fox Run Golf Links in Elk Grove Village, IL. Jeremy takes the reins from the retired-and-loving-it Greg Thalman, CGCS.

Also best wishes to Chris Flick, the new



*Hopefully Jeremy's new job doesn't make him feel like he's in too deep.*

superintendent at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club in Lemont, IL. Chris hails from Ohio, where he was most recently the superintendent at National Trail Parks and Recreation District in Springfield, and was previously an assistant at Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin.

He did it! **Bosco**, **Dave Kohley's** 11-year old lab and December, 2013 Lebanon Turf Dog Days of Golf calendar cover girl has been named the Dog of the Year! Along with the award comes a \$500 donation to Dave's local Humane Society, \$500 to the Kohleys, and a \$3,000 donation to his chapter—MAGCS—which Dave graciously accepted at the April meeting held at his own club. Congrats Dave, Bosco, and Silver Lake!



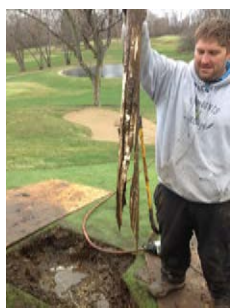
*Bob Bethel from Lebanon Turf presented Dave with a check for MAGCS.*

Now that winter is a memory (although its scars will last until who knows when), we all were blessed with an uneventful and mild April. Yeah... Uneventful until the 15th anyhow.



*Geneva Golf Club the morning of April 15.*

Uneventful until we charged our irrigation systems.



*This WAS a piece of 2" PVC pipe*

Uneventful until the ice finally melted and we saw what was underneath:



Luckily, most of us are blessed with the latest and greatest in equipment technology, and have already broken out the aerators and seeders to address the damage left behind by Mother Nature Good riddance, April!



Another result of our winter that you may have experienced was "Stinky Pond Syndrome," caused by excessive floating, bloating fish that somehow couldn't figure out how to breathe in solid ice. The fish kill in small lakes around the area was worse than what one state fisheries official said he'd seen in 34 years on the job. Peee-yoooo!

So you've spent another winter cutting down ash trees, and now you have a big pile of cut up trees that you don't know what to do with? How about making some tacky lawn furniture? Pretty simple—cut a slab, burn some artsy-fartsy



decoration into it, cut down a smaller tree you don't want anymore to use as a base, throw it on with a few brackets, and start the party! You'll be a BIG hit with the neighbors...



**Andy Dauksas** (Glen oak Country Club) pretty much had his trip to Orlando for the Golf Industry Show paid for by stopping by the Arysta LifeScience booth. How? By having his badge scanned he was entered in the company's contest, and he was one of the winners! There were seven in all, each of whom received an iPad Mini and a

case of DISARM fungicide courtesy of the Arysta LifeScience Turf & Ornamental team. Congrats, Andy!

Happy Birthday to an old and familiar friend to all of us in the golf business—WD-40 turned 60 years old last month! Sixty years ago, the Rocket Chemical Company, a fledgling business in the aerospace industry, gave this challenge to its entire staff (of three): Create a solvent that would prevent rust, displace water, and work as a degreaser, too. In a lab not far from where SeaWorld San Diego is now located, the crew mixed up 39 formulas. With 39 failures. On the next try, WD-40 (Water Displacement-Recipe #40) was born and the rest is history. Today, over a million cans per week are sold, many to golf course equipment technicians whose bloody knuckles are evidence of the need for it.

On March 26, the Wee One Foundation held its Annual Meeting and Election. The results of the election are as follows:

- President **Rod Johnson**, CGCS of Pine Hills Country Club in Sheboygan, WI
- Vice President **Paul Bastron**, CGCS of Kenosha Country Club
- Secretary **Mark Petitgoue** of the Lake County Forest Preserve
- Treasurer **Dave Radaj**, CGCS of Green Acres Country Club
- Immediate Past President **Dan Quast**, CGCS

Continuing to serve as Directors are Chad Ball, CGCS of Conway Farms, Bruce Worzella, CGCS of West Bend Country Club in West Bend, WI, and **Brian Baker** of Chicagoland Turf. Newly elected Directors are **Jim Johnson** of Great Lakes Turf, **Dale Parske** of Reinders, and **Dave Schlagetter**, CGCS of Indian Hill Club. Congratulations to all, and many thanks for serving such an important cause.

Did you hear? The Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, exclusively for men since it was founded 260 years ago, will vote in September on whether women can join the club. A statement from the club said that all committees were strongly in favor of the rule change, and asked members to go along with it. Stay tuned.

Reinders announces some organizational moves within the company. **Joe Etten** has taken over outside sales responsibility for commercial equipment in the northeast Illinois counties of Lake and Cook. Joe has been a territory manager for Reinders since 2001. Also, **Grant Rundblade**, formerly with Tyler



*Joe Etten and Grant Rundblade*

Enterprises, has joined the Reinders team and will cover the

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northwest Illinois territory. Congratulations and good luck gentlemen!

Our sympathies go out to Grant on the passing of his father, Richard Rundblade on April 26th. Mr. Rundblade passed away after battling Merkel cell carcinoma.

Q: What is the oven in **Brian Stout's** shop called that heats metal to a point where it can be pounded into shapes?  
A: An Edgewood Valley forge.

John Deere Landscapes recently announced that Doug Black has been named Chief Executive Officer, succeeding Dave Werning, who will remain with JDL through the end of the year to work with Doug and ensure a smooth transition.

Condolences to the Arden family with the passing of James Leo Arden, father of MAGCS members **Jerry** and **Dave Arden**. Mr. Arden passed away on April 2nd at the age of 85.

A couple of our area clubs received good news when GolfWeek came out with its Best Modern Courses list for 2014. Butler National Golf Club (Mike Sauls superintendent) made it to #45, an improvement from #51 last year, and Black Sheep Golf Club (Dave Biery superintendent) jumped from #74 last year to #56 this year. Congrats guys!

Rain Bird International Services Division has named Dustin Peterson its Sales Specialist for the Illinois and Wisconsin market. Dustin started his new gig on March 24th. Prior to joining the Rain Bird team, Dustin was a superintendent for

the PGA Tour's TPC network of golf courses, having worked at TPC Scottsdale and TPC Deere Run for the past 13 years. Congratulations and best wishes Dustin.

This is a stretch, but is it possible that Clark "Frankly my dear I don't give a damn" Gable is alive and well and selling turf equipment in our very midst under the alias of **Roger Johnson**?

## MIDWEST Doppelgänger



Roger Johnson - Clark Gable

**Mike Bavier** has been a busy man lately. After being called upon to accept the Colonel John Morley Distinguished Service Award in Orlando on behalf of his old friend Frank Lamphier, and a quick stop at the Golfdom booth to give Editor-in-Chief Seth Jones his annual gift of an ancient copy of the magazine

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(this year it was a June, 1967 issue—see page 42 of the March edition of Golfdom for more on that), it was off to the other side of the world, where Mike and his wife Mary found themselves at the foot of the Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaysia. From there it was back stateside for a quick seven days of shot charting (a problem I've dealt with on several occasions—they say after 50 never trust a ... oh never mind) at the Masters in Augusta. Then it was home sweet home finally, where Mike is still sleeping off the jet lag.



were going to be really toxic and really bad to the salamanders. But what we found was quite the opposite: Golf courses can actually provide a wonderful habitat for salamanders and other organisms, where they can survive and thrive." ©

News from GCSAA

Congratulations to **Jon Jennings, CGCS** and **Joel Purpur, CGCS** on recently attaining re-certification through GCSAA's certification program.

GCSAA's new Government Relations Online is now live. Members can have quick access to critical and relevant advocacy and compliance information and resources in one location. Go to [www.gcsaa.org](http://www.gcsaa.org) for more.

**Bruce Williams** is keeping some pretty fancy shmancy



company lately. Here's Bruce hangin' with his new best buds Vince Neal and Slash of Guns 'N' Roses. And now he's got Slash's DNA on him—if you know Bruce you might want to call and wish him well before stuff starts falling off the man. Just sayin'

Equipment for Sale:

- 1984 Ryan Greens Aire II in working order with many tine options--\$100
  - 2000 Progressive Flex 120 pull-behind rough mower, not working, but with new blades and belts--\$200
  - 1996 Cushman GA60 fairway/rough aerator, not working--\$100
  - 1989 Ryan Rollaire Turf Roller in working order--\$100
- Call Brian Palmer at Shoreacres for details: 607-237-1969.

Good news from the University of Missouri regarding the golf industry. Findings of its study which focused on stream salamanders found on 10 different golf courses in the southern Appalachian region of western North Carolina (east was the odd direction out in that sentence)(until I added it) suggest that a golf course can serve as a viable habitat, and that the enhanced management practices of many golf courses are in fact beneficial to ecosystems within those courses. One U of M professor said, "We went into the research study thinking these things (chemicals and fertilizers used on golf courses)

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