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## On Course With The President

by Timothy Kelly,  
President, MAGCS



I am writing this commentary in early April. We, as Golf Course Superintendents, have begun another busy golf and turf season for 1993 on a wet and soggy foot. By the time the MAGCS membership reads this column, it will be well into May. Well, may we please have some decent and dry weather? I am sure that all of us have many tasks and projects to catch up on due to the poor weather this spring. Even though we must deal with bad weather, I have found that my colleagues are an innovative and resilient group of Superintendents. MAGCS members are motivated and extremely diligent; therefore, I am sure that the golf courses that are under the care of the MAGCS membership will all be in good shape by early May.

Congratulations are in order for Peter Leuzinger and John Gurke on having both of their clubs dedicated as "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" by the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System, a program of the New York State Audubon Society. A nice ceremony recognizing each of these MAGCS members and their golf clubs was held at the CDGA Spring Greens Seminar. At the MAGCS March meeting, Tony Rzdzki asked me if I would consider forming an ad hoc committee concerning the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program. There seems to be extreme MAGCS membership interest in this excellent program. I will discuss this with the MAGCS Board at our next meeting to decide the best venue to disseminate this useful information.

The combined golf day for the benefit of the ITF will be held on May 10, 1993. The two sites are: Bloomington CC and Crestwicke CC. Both of these clubs are located in the Bloomington/Normal area, just a scant 2 hours away. Let's get those golf clubs ready, play some golf and show our support for the ITF. The next meeting of the MAGCS will be on June 21 at River Forest C.C. Joel Purpur will be our host.

**Editor's Note:** Space for this issue was at a premium due to the special insert, thus such monthly features as "On The Waterfront" and "Leaves, Limbs, Needles and Boughs" were left out, along with some other articles received. Look for them in the upcoming months.

The ads appearing on the back cover of the May 1990 issue of **The Bull Sheet** are current ads. The original back page stated that in the next issues, ads would be placed there.

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Kenneth R. Zanzig

# Are We Creating a Monster?

by Mike Bavier

Some thirty (30) years ago when some of us older superintendents started in the greenkeeping business, there were very few trained and educated. This has changed drastically over the years. We now have a GCSAA Board of Directors, that to my knowledge are all college graduates. This of course is quite impressive. So what is my point? We have been giving out scholarships for a number of years encouraging young people to get into the profession. My feeling is that we need to take a good look at what we are trying to accomplish. Some years ago there was a desire to educate more people in our profession. We have done an outstanding job of doing just that.

It is my opinion that scholarships are great to a point. The question is: Are we encouraging too many young people to get into a field that already has a number of college graduates that may have little on the job training. This is where the monster comes to the surface.

## Are we encouraging too many young people to get into a field that already has a number of college graduates that may have little on the job training.

Let me give you a little background information. When my assistant applied for a position at a club in Wisconsin there were over 80 applications. In fact they stopped opening letters at 80. And of those applying there was a former GCSAA past president. Another interesting point, those superintendents in the Chicago area looking for assistants this past winter had 30 or 40 applications. Some of these people did little advertising other than word of mouth.

If we are encouraging people to get into the business, we need to be sure that they understand they need to spend some years in training before they might secure a management position, even if they have a college degree.

So do we really need to give out more scholarships? How many other professional groups give out scholarships in their own profession? Who is going to be the first superintendent (probably has already happened) that is let go because of one of our monsters we have created.

There are those of you saying, Mike just keep up with the times and you will not have to worry. You are correct for now. But maybe it is money that starts talking. We need to look at the future of the profession. Should we also look at what we are giving to our own people and clubs today and maybe tomorrow.

What is in the future for you? Think hard as to what we are doing with scholarship money. There still are some jobs available in the profession. Is this going to be true in the near future? The compensation is quite good for those coming out of college. Do we need to pay for their schooling too? Are we talking more foreign aid for Japan? You know what I mean. We need quality, but not quantity. Give the subject some thought.



# From the Workbench

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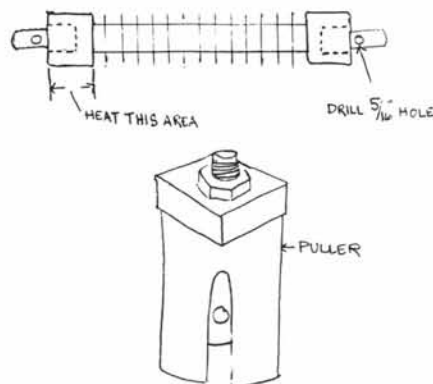
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# A Little History of "The Bull" Sheet" and Editors

by Fred D. Opperman

## Editors of "The Bull Sheet"

Date	Editor	Months Served
December 1947 Volume 1-#1	Norman Johnson	39 months
June '50 - February '51	Don Strand	9 months
March '51 - December '58	Bill Stupple	94 months
January '59 - November '61	Bert Ross	35 months
December '61 - August '65	Ted Woehrl	45 months
September '65 - April '67	Doug Jabaay	20 months
May '65 - January '68	Tom Burrows	33 months
February '68 - February '70	Dick Trevarthan	16 months
March '70 - January '72	Roger LaRochelle	23 months
February '72 - April '83	Raymond Gerber	135 months
May '83 -	Fred D. Opperman	121 months

In the 45 years that the MAGCS has been receiving **The Bull Sheet**, we have had only 11 editors.

I know that Norman Johnson was editor for Volume 1, #6 and am presuming that Volume 1, #1, was started in December 1947, for we have no records of the first five newsletters of Volume 1. The dates are approximate for Don Strand and Bill Stupple, for again I am missing newsletters and can't verify the exact dates.

In going back over the old newsletters to find the past presidents and the past editors, I was able to record the issues that we are currently missing from the files. I urge all members to check their shelves and bookcases for any old **Bull Sheets** that you might have or know of. It would be great to add to our files and bring them up to date. Here is the list of what is needed:

1948 — Volume 1 - Missing #1,2,3,4,5,7, & 12

1949 — Volume 2 - Missing #11

1950 — Volume 3 - Missing #5 through 12 (#5 was the start of what the newsletter looks like today and is inserted in this issue).

1951 — Volume 4 — Missing #1,2,3 (this Volume went #1 through 18, which was June 1951! Thus the numbers in this volume somehow got messed up at this time.)

1952 — Missing September

1953 — Missing March, July, August, September, November

1954 — Missing February, March, April, June, August, September, November, and December

1955 — Missing April and May

1956 — Missing January and November

1957 — Missing March, April, May, July, August and December

1959 — Missing February

1960 — Missing June through December

1961 — Missing January through November

1962 — Missing February

1967 — Missing April

I have complete sets of all years from 1968 to the present.

Surely, we have members that may still have **Bull Sheets** that go back to the 1960s. As you can see we are really missing quite a few issues of 1960 and 1961.

The early volumes that we do have donated to us by Bill Krafft. Without Bill's donation, we would have only a couple of the volumes 1, 2, 3 & 4. Thank you, Bill Krafft, for filling in the voids of our past.

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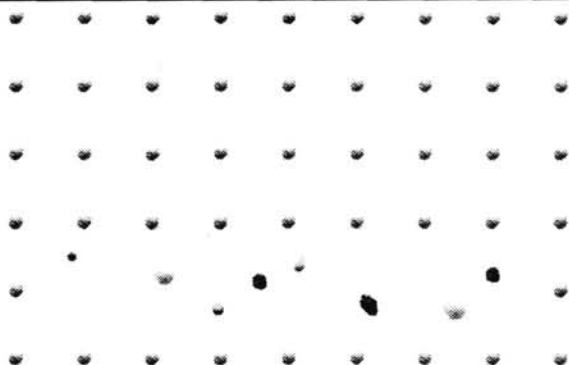
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I'm also going back to June 1972 and taking some of the articles from it, for it was the 25th anniversary of **The Bull Sheet**. The President's Message by Paul Voykin in June 1972 is still being preached today. But today, we have many more regulations upon us and a lot fewer chemicals to work with.

Bob Williams gave a brief history of **The Bull Sheet**, and I find it amusing that even he spelled our title wrong. I am constantly getting letters, articles, and credit given to "Bullsheets." Maybe one of these days, everyone will get it correct.

Editor, Ray Gerber, again hit on the history of our newsletter. At that time, it was 14 pages and the rate of ads had "never" been raised. Well, time changes, the ad rates have gone up three times and the number of pages have more than doubled.

I have also included the article on Ever-Redi Printing by the owner's wife, Mrs. Mel Durland, from this issue. I don't know how anyone can call her Mrs. Durland — to me and all who love her, it's "Rosie." She is the most outgoing and caring person to entrust our newsletter to. She and her husband, Mel, and now her daughter, Marcia, have been in total control of our newsletter since its inception back in 1949. I find her article very amusing, and so will you.

I hope you have all enjoyed this brief glimpse back into our history. I know I have. If you have any old photos or stories, please send them my way.

**Editor's Note:** The following is a letter I received from Charles Shiley on what he remembered back in the "early days" of greenkeeping. He did a fantastic job of recalling who was where and so forth. Thanks, Charlie, for your help.

## *What I Recall*

by **Charles Shiley**

ARNDT, Stanley — Palatine C.C./name change to Inverness C.C.

BENSON, Art, Sr. — (somewhere in the Fox Valley)

BRANDON, August — St. Charles C.C. (was secretary of the National in 40's)

BERTUCCI, Albert — Knollwood C.C.

BERNARDINI — Old Elm C.C.

BIDWELL, Warren — Olympia Fields C.C.

BRINKWORTH, Gordon

#COUTRE, John, Sr. — Indian Hills C.C.

CLEMENS, Harold — Sunset Ridge C.C. (In the early 30's, he was with the USGA Green Section at Laskers Mill Road Farm, S.R. 1936)

CASSIER, Emil — Sycamore G.C.

CANALE, Joe

#DEARIE, Edward — Oak Park C.C.

DEARIE, Jerry — Edgewater C.C.

#DUGUID, Robert — Evanston C.C.

DINELLI, Frank — Northmoor C.C.

DAHAR, John

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DIDIER, Raymond — Tam O'Shanter C.C.

GERBER, Raymond — Glen Oak C.C.

GARDINER, Graham — Rolling Green C.C. (started in 1933)

GERMAIN, Ted — Naperville C.C.

GILLET, Andy — Rockford C.C. (or in that area)

HAWKINS, Fred, Sr. — (in the chain of lakes area)

HOYT, Walter — Timber Trails C.C.

HAUPT, Edward — Glenview C.C.

#INGERSON, Fred — Bunker Hill C.C., then to Shore Acres C.C.

JOHNSON, Norman — Medinah C.C. (came there in 1933)

KRUEGER, Frank — Olympia Fields C.C.

LEE, Art — Twin Orchard C.C. (when it was where O'Hare Field is now)

LAPP, Amos — St. Andrews C.C. (I believe that he came there after W. War II)

#MASTROLEO, Frank — Geneva C.C.

#MAC GREGOR, John — Chicago Golf Club

PURVEY, Al — McHenry C.C.

#RUECK, William — Big Oak C.C. (fee course on Gunnison Ave., Chicago city limits)

ROLLOFF, George — (Roselle Road, Schaumburg area)

REED, Harold — Ridgemoor C.C.

REICH — Forest Hills C.C. (or in the Rockford area)

STUPPLE, William — Exmoor C.C.

#STEWART, Pete — Lake Shore C.C.

WARNEKE, Melvin — Assistant at Olympia Field C.C., then Supt. at Idlewild C.C.

WEISE, Henry — Biltmoor C.C.

WOEHRLE — Kankakee area (Ted's father)

Most all of these superintendents I knew between 1937 and 42 and later. Some of them I knew of as far back as 1933, when I started working on golf courses at Rolling Green Country Club for Graham Gardiner.

I joined the Midwest Association in 1937, my third year in charge of grounds maintenance at Bon Air C.C. (now Chevy Chase C.C.)

As this information is from the back of my head, and is from over 50 years ago, I may be slightly mistaken on some of it. Charles (Scotty) Stewart, Warren Bidwell, or Robert Williams may be able to affirm or correct portions of it. They have been around the Midwest for a long time. Bob Williams I believe worked for Norm Johnson at Medinah C.C. at a time when he was editor of **The Bull Sheet**.

I hope that this information is of use to you, and best of luck to you.

*#indicates charter members of the national association. There is a good chance that they are also charter members of the Midwest. They all were very active at the time that I joined the Midwest in 1937.*

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## BULL SHEET, History

by Bob Williams

Norm Johnson conceived the idea of an official publication for the Midwest GCSA. At the time, he was the superintendent at La Grange Country Club and treasurer of the MGCSAA.

The first meetings and the development of the "Bullsheet" took place in Norm's office at La Grange and often ran into the late evening hours. Ray Gerber and Bob Williams were the assistant editors with Paul Burdett acting as our roving reporter.

The "Bullsheet" was originated in 1947 and the same printer has been used for these past 25 years. (in La Grange). The name was suggested by Bob who had used this title for an Army bulletin he edited during World War II.

The first issues were one page mimeos with no advertising. Norm was a good Samaritan and began sending copies all over the country to many local chapters and superintendents. The cost of postage and printing grew rapidly and we finally decided we needed advertising to help defray costs. At first, we only allowed 1 inch ads at \$5.00 each.

Editors for the past 25 years, in order —

Norman C. Johnson, Donald S. Strand, William Stuppel, Bert Rost, Ted Woehrle, Doug Jabaay, Tom Burrows, Richard Trevarthan, Roger La Rochelle, Ray H. Gerber.

Paul Burdett eventually became the unknown "Mole" with a monthly column concerning personalities and inside information that kept people guessing for a while as to who the real "Mole" was.

(June 1972)

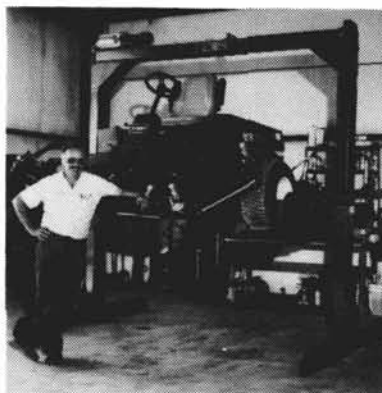
### Editorial

This issue, June 1972, represents the "Bull Sheet's" twenty-fifth anniversary. The idea of having a Midwest publication was initiated by the late Norman C. Johnson, who was Superintendent at La Grange Country Club at that time. The name "Bull Sheet" is credited to Bob Williams, superintendent of Bob O'Link Golf Club. Mr. Herb Graffis offered his expert encouragement and several individuals contributed news items. The "Bull Sheet" has gone from one page per issue, to fourteen pages per issue and has always been printed by the same company — Ever-Redi, formerly in La Grange and presently in Brookfield, under the management and ownership of Mel Durland.

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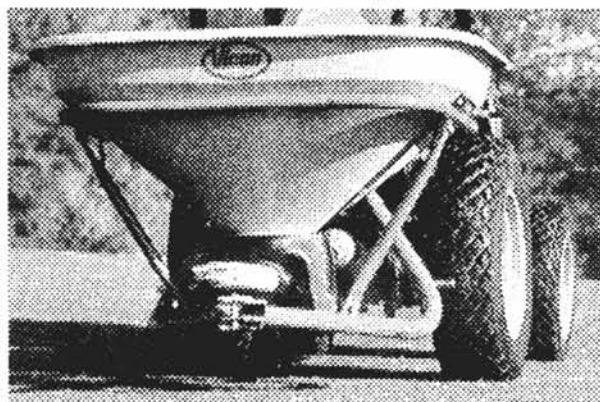
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