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# Young Wives' Tales

*Editor's Note: These are excerpts from a letter Alice Morrison (Dale's better half) sent to Virginia Knudson (Kevin's wife) last August. Many MAGCS wives will relate!*

Thanks for the membership welcome letter. It's good to know that I'm not alone...that there are other women who feel like a single parent. Well, I know I am married—I have a ring!

I feel I have two husbands, you see. In the summer months, I have the tan, trim version from whom I receive a peck on the cheek sometime before the sun rises. Of course, I'm in the deepest sleep stage and my brain is not functioning. I'm always a bit startled when he plants it on me but then I am happy after I realize what it was.

I see the tan, trim version in his awake state for approximately 20 minutes in the evening before he zones out on the couch, the pale light of the TV screen illuminating his debonair profile with mouth wide open and the sound

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of strange noises coming from . . . I don't know where!

Then comes wintertime and I get the pale, paunchy version. He screws up my whole routine just by being home. I know he lives here and pays the bills, but the kids and I are just not used to seeing him day in and day out. The kids are like, "Mommy, who is that strange man on the couch downstairs? He says he wants to take us sledding. Should we go with him?"

Oh, the days of winter drag for me and my pale, paunchy one. He busies himself tinkering around in the garage or trimming trees in February. He tries to act happy but I see the longing in his eyes for that first sign of spring. Eventually, time grows short for me and the pale, paunchy one; soon Mr. Tan and Trim with the startling kisses will return and all will be right with the world!

So there is my interpretation of life with a golf course superintendent/construction man. Of course there's more, but that will have to wait for another day. 



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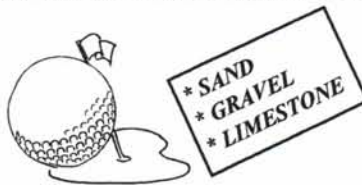
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# the Bull Sheet

John Gurke  
Contributing Editor

## DATES TO REMEMBER

August 5 — University of Illinois Turfgrass and Landscape Field Day at the Landscape Horticulture Research Center and Hartley Selections Garden, Urbana, IL.

August 9-15 — PGA Championship at Medinah C.C..

August 17 — MAGCS meeting at Odyssey Club. This will be the college team championship.

August 18 — Michigan Turfgrass Field Day at the Hancock Turfgrass Research Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. For details, contact Kay Patrick at 517-321-1660.

September 13 — MAGCS meeting at Bull Valley G.C. This will be the annual championship.

October 12 — Combined Golf Day at Prairie Landing G.C.

November 3 — Midwest Turf Clinic, Medinah C.C.

November 20 — Fall Dinner Dance at Seven Bridges G.C.

February 17 and 18, 2000 (if we survive) — MAGCS Hospitality Suite at the New Orleans Marriott.

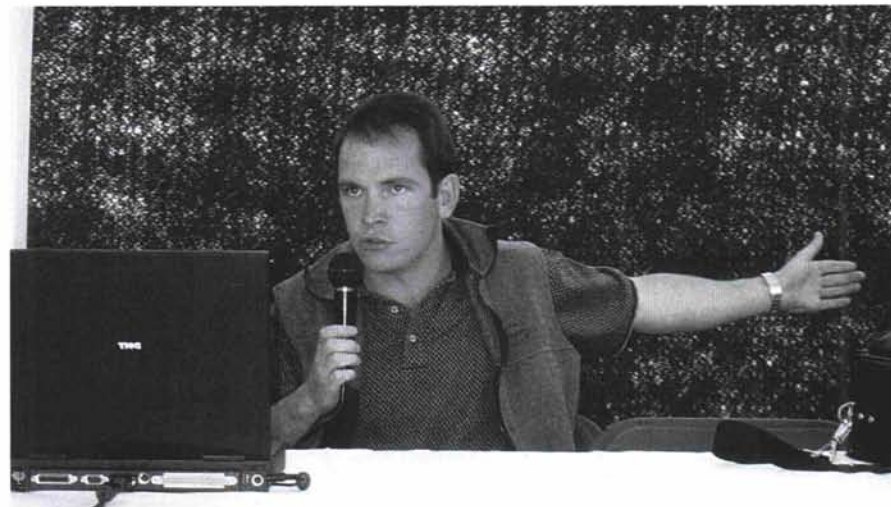
Turf Partners, Inc. and Rhone-Poulenc/Chipco are sponsoring a hospitality tent at the 1999 PGA Championship at Medinah Country Club, August 12-15. The tent will be located just north of the maintenance facility on the east side of the property. Lunch will be served each day from 12:00-1:30 p.m. and beverages until 4:00 p.m.. Questions? Call John Meyer at 630-514-8748 or Kerry Anderson at 847-910-3130.

More on the PGA Championship, dubbed "The Last Major of the Millennium:" The Allied Golf Associations Check-In, whose purpose is to distribute tickets to members of golf-related associations, will have a check-in trailer located near the event's main entrance. Complimentary tickets for MAGCS members and/or GCSAA members and their accompanying spouse (no word on significant others, but golf IS a traditional game) may be acquired

at the trailer on Monday, August 9 through Wednesday, August 11 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Thursday, August 12 through Sunday, August 15 from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Members must show their cards and photo ID to obtain these tickets, and a sign-in and fingerprint scan is mandatory.

Broken Arrow G.C. hosted the June MAGCS meeting, and a great day of golf and education was had by all. Congratulations to Doug Davis and staff for providing an excellent golf course, and congrats to everyone who played to the correct pins. The education portion of the meeting was exceptionally interesting—Scott Robinson of ArborCom gave an impressive PowerPoint presentation on the positioning of trees and their effect on golf courses. More MAGCS members should take advantage of these educational sessions—they're brief, you get to golf after them, they have pretty pictures (that even move sometimes), and you might learn something along the way.

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Scott Robinson of ArborCom leads MAGCS members through his session on shade problems attributed to tree locations on golf courses.



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A message to MAGCS members from Tim Davis, superintendent of Shoreacres: Many of you are aware that our daughter, Erin Davis, went through seven hours of brain surgery in late May. After a week's stay in the hospital following surgery, we brought her home on June 15. She is currently making great progress in her rehabilitation therapy and our hopes are that she will make a full recovery from her left-side paralysis.

To all of you who have had our daughter in your thoughts and prayers, my wife, daughters and I thank you deeply. A special thank you to the MAGCS for the beautiful arrangement sent to Erin while she was in the hospital. I will update Erin's progress in future *Bull Sheet* columns.

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Gary Schweber, superintendent at Four Winds G.C. in Mundelein since 1995, is now Gary Schweber, CGCS. Onsite inspection of his course was conducted by Don Cross, CGCS, and Brian Bossert, CGCS. Congratulations, Gary, both for achieving certification AND for impressing those two guys.  
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George Ott, superintendent of Hillcrest Country Club, was recently honored by the GCSAA as well—he gets to keep the CGCS after his name by virtue of successfully completing the renewal process. Nice going, George.  
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Great news from Sun City West, AZ: John Ebel, former superintendent at Barrington Hills C.C., and his lovely wife Juanita will be celebrating their golden wedding

anniversary this month. Huge congratulations to the Ebels!


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While at the University of Illinois Field Day this month, check out the upgraded irrigation system on the turf plots. Thanks to the extreme largesse of Century Rain-Aid and Legacy by Hunter, a complete upgrade, including control wires, heads and controllers (along with installation), has been completed. This donation amounted to nearly \$30,000, and is greatly appreciated. The U of I thanks both of these vendors, as well as Mueller Mist Irrigation (who installed the system) deeply. Contributing editor's note: The faxed news release I received about this began with, "What is seventeen years old, weeps a lot, and was close to a complete breakdown?" Unbeknownst to the writer of said news release, yours truly spent many afternoons installing that old, weeping, broken down system, which helps to explain its current condition...  
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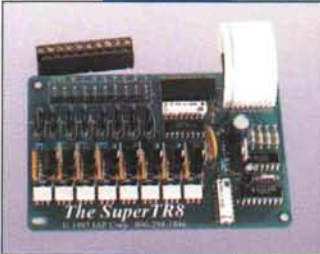
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