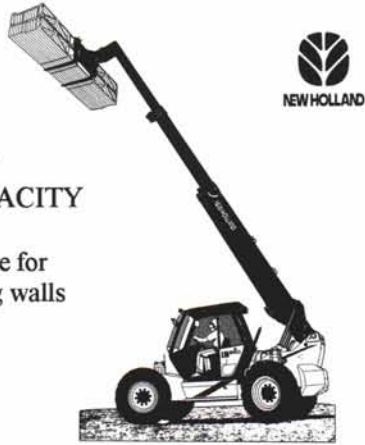


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the Bull Sheet

John Gurke, CGCS,
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DATES TO REMEMBER

December 1, 8 & 15 — Turfgrass Management and Pesticide Use Bilingual Training Programs at the Palatine Community Center. Call 847-705-5738 for details.

December 5 — “Writing the Employee Handbook in Illinois” seminar presented by Lorman Education Services at the Four Points Barcelo Hotel in Oak Brook Terrace, IL. Call 715-833-3959 for details.

December 10 — Somethingth Annual West Side Holiday Party at Dave & Buster’s. Watch your mailboxes for the official invite.

December 24 — Mid-West Greenkeeper’s Association (forerunner of MAGCS) was founded, 75 years ago today.

January 15-16, 2002 — GCSAA Seminars (Lake and Aquatic Plant Management; Golf Course Drainage: Application and Design) at Oak Brook Hills Resort, Oak Brook, IL.

Jan. 21 – Feb. 8, 2002 — The Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Call 732-932-9271 for details.

January 22, 2002 — Gypsy Moth Threat Symposium, Oak Meadows Golf and Banquet, Addison, IL. Call Jayne Bohner at 630-871-6403 for further details.

First off, welcome to the 75th-anniversary issue of *On Course*. On Christmas Eve in 1926, our founding fathers established the Mid-West Greenkeeper’s Association, an organization of 16 dedicated men brought together for a common goal—that of unifying the district greenkeepers. Today, the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents boasts a membership of over 700 professionals with the same goals as those held by our founders. Happy Anniversary, MAGCS!

Those who have visited the MAGCS Web site recently may have noticed several changes. We now have a “Members Area” link in the left column of the main page. To access the Message Board, you first click on “Members Area,” and then enter the name and password in the appropriate boxes. Once you are in the Members Area page, you can click on “Message Board” to enter and participate. While you are waiting for your two-year-old dinosaur of a machine to log you in, try not to become mesmerized by the spinning golf balls—they just spin . . . and spin . . . and spin . . .

Congratulations to **Bob** and **Lorraine Lively** (McHenry C.C.) on the Halloween birth of new baby boy John Robert. Though this author protested, the parents will be calling their new bundle of joy “Jack.” Best wishes to the happy family.

A few months ago it was reported here that MAGCS had purchased seven commemorative bricks to be placed at GCSAA headquarters in Lawrence, Kansas

to acknowledge our national association’s 75th anniversary. I am happy to report that the bricks are in their chosen home, and the names of the six men from our ranks who served as president of both MAGCS and GCSAA are now permanent fixtures in the courtyard. The seventh brick commemorates our Association’s own 75th birthday, assuring the MAGCS name will be trodden upon by future generations of golf course superintendents and brick sweepers.



The 75th Anniversary Fall Dinner Dance was a smashing success, thanks in large part to **Brian** and **Pam Bossert** and the good people at Bryn Mawr Country Club. For a closer look at what you missed (or at what you did, if you’ve forgotten), there’s a complete recap and photo album in this very issue.

Similarly, you will also find complete coverage of the ITF Fall Golf Day and College Team Championship at Silver Lake Country Club on page 39 of this issue (thanks to **Jim Shone** of Syngenta). Big thanks to **Marsha Trayes** and **Patti Thorson** from Illinois Lawn Equipment for again handling the photography and betting hole. A little bird tells me there were some complaints about the method of awarding of prizes. Let’s remember why it is we get together for these monthly meetings—some fun, some

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Our own **Luke Cella, CGCS** (Tamarack Golf Club) and **Tom Voigt, Ph.D.** (University of Illinois) are now famous authors, as their article, "The Perfect Lie" detailing the research they completed using the Lie-N-Eye (and Lie-N-Eye II, by golly) appeared in the November/December issue of *USGA Green Section Record*. Take a look when you get the chance.

The 2001 University of Illinois Turf Alumni Golf Outing took place on October 22 at the St. Charles Country Club, with **Jim Keith, CGCS** hosting. A total of 35 alumni, students and faculty attended the event, which was threatened by rain early. Mother

Nature saw fit to comply, though, and the annual outing went off without a hitch. After expenses, the event raised more than \$1,000 for turf students at the U of I to attend the GCSAA International Conference and Show in Orlando in February. Thanks to Jim and everyone at St. Charles C.C. for the fine day.

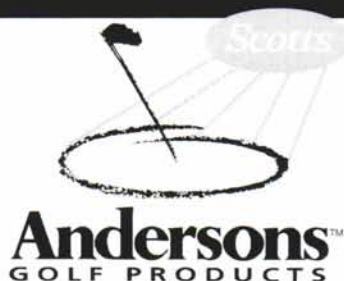
Again this fall, some of our more (fool)hearty members competed in the Chicago Marathon, a 26.2-mile test of their endurance and pain threshold. **Jon Jennings, CGCS** (Chicago Golf Club) ran the course in 3 hours, 17 minutes, 14 seconds, taking 2,148th place in the field of 28,760 racers. **Scott Adams** of Reinder's also took part, completing the course in 3 hours, 58 minutes, 9 seconds. Meanwhile, **John Leibold** (Leibold Irrigation) stayed out west to compete in the Twin Cities Marathon. Con-

gratulations to Jon, Scott and John on their accomplishments.



Jon Jennings.

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A hearty (and tardy) welcome to new MAGCS members **Josh Sohn** and **Jeff Friedle** of Villa Olivia Country Club. Hope to see you at all the great functions your new Association has to offer.

Congratulations to **Phil Zeinert, CGCS** on his new position as superintendent of Elgin Country Club. We all wish Phil well in this challenging new endeavor.

Kudos to GCSAA for their swift action following the September 11 atrocities. Plans for a 75th-anniversary celebration were immediately cancelled in light of the tragedy, and \$50,000 was appropriated to the relief efforts of the American Red Cross. To find out how you can help, log onto www.gcsaa.org/relief.html for information.

Our recently-departed president, Brian Bossert, CGCS, shares some great ideas about public relations in October's *NewsLine*. The article, titled "PR Toolkit," highlights the many extra lengths the staff at Bryn Mawr C.C. go to for their "Tough Course Day" event each September. Beyond just making the course extremely difficult, many informational signs and brochures are placed throughout the course to raise members' awareness to golf course issues and the profession we have chosen. Nice feature, and thanks for the ideas, Mr. President Emeritus.

Another of our members was recently in print (when isn't he?)—**Dan Dinelli, CGCS** of North Shore C.C. offered his perspective on environmental stewardship in October's *Golfweek's Superintendent News*. Another nice bit of national exposure for Dan and all members of MAGCS.

Assistant superintendent's position sought: Ryan Kepler, a 2000 graduate from Purdue University (four-year agronomy degree) seeks an assistant's position in the Chicago area. Currently assistant at The Country Club of Castle Pines in Colorado since graduation. Completed internships at Olympia Fields C.C., Purdue Turf Research Center and The Country Club at Castle Pines. Eight years' experience in the industry, and wishing to relocate here. Interested parties can contact Ryan at 303-470-3263.

Cinder Ridge Golf Course in Wilmington, Illinois has an immediate opening for its golf course superintendent position. For information, call George Kapos at 815-476-4000. Resumes can be sent to Cinder

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A Gala Evening



Photos and captions by John Gurke

Commemorates 75 Years

The mood was festive at the Midwest's annual fall dinner-dance, hosted by Brian and Pam Bossert on Saturday, October 20, at Bryn Mawr Country Club. (This dejected Northwestern alum feels compelled to add that the Penn Staters in attendance were particularly boisterous, relishing the Nittany Lions' emotional victory over the Wildcats to clinch Joe-Pa's tie with Bear Bryant for most career wins.)



Our new first lady and president: Debra and Luke Strojny.

Officially known as the MAGCS 75th Anniversary Gala, the 2001 dinner-dance (ironically) was attended by 75 members and spouses/dates. ("One of our members was spouseless for the evening," Brian explains.) The evening began with cocktails and appetizers (the miniature lamb chops really earned raves, and many thanks to Dave Nadler and Nadler Golf Car Sales for once again being so generous as to pick up the bar tab). A special display of historical memorabilia—old black-and-white photographs, early editions of *the Bull Sheet*, various plaques and trophies—attracted a lot of interest. Dinner itself began with a prayer and was a sumptuous feast, topped off with lively conversation and dancing to the "musical stylings" of the Mark Colby Orchestra. (Another aside: When it comes to skipping the light fandango, the older generations—Baby Boomers and beyond—can teach us 20- and 30-somethings a thing or two.)



A fine showing by some of MAGCS's past presidents: (L to R): Don Ferreri (2000), Paul Voykin (1972—had the same tie then), Tim Kelly (1993), Ed Fischer (1980), Peter Leuzinger (1983), Joel Purpur (1995), Dudley Smith (1967), Brian Bossert (2001), Mike Bavier (1975) and Jim Evans (1987).

Past presidents in attendance gathered for a photo and signed a special 75th anniversary golf flag. The parting gift—a fragrant rose for each lady, a bottle of wine bearing a commemorative 75th anniversary label for each gentleman—was a classy touch.

As a youngster, I remember my parents getting decked out in suit and evening gown for what I knew simply as "the dinner-dance." This was my first MAGCS dinner-dance, and it won't be my last. If you haven't attended in the recent past, or have never participated, consider joining in the festivities next year. The bread and circus rating for this event is 10+! Kudos to the Bosserts and the staff of Bryn Mawr for a magnificent evening.



Craig and Susie Joscelyn, Tim and Linda Anderson, Peter and DeeAnn Leuzinger, Julius and Vickie Albaugh, and Jim and Debra Evans.



Dan and Catherine Anderson, Jim McNair and Diane Dixon, John and Julie Gurke, Dave and Debbie Nadler, and Todd and Tina Schmitz.



Purpurs, Gurkes and Joscelyns stomp on each others' feet.



Cheryl and Kevin DeRoo with Joel and Debbie Purpur. Joel is sporting two slings, which were a result of an unfortunate Chicken Dance mishap.



Back row, (L to R): Paul Voykin flashes a "peace" sign to the photographer, with date Alice, Dudley and Marlene Smith, Tom Wilson and fiancée Maria. Front row, (L to R): Mr. and Mrs. Tivor Gomory, and Mike and Mary Bavier.



Back row, (L to R): Joel and Debbie Purpur, Cheryl and Kevin DeRoo (still inquiring as to the whereabouts of the notorious missing tomato), Phil and Cathy Ralston. Front row, (L to R): Jody Lee and Dan Sterr, and Don and Geri Ferreri.



Jan and Ed Fischer showing that the money spent at Bobby Rivers Dance Studios was well-spent.



Dan and Cath show their Halloween spirit while Dan does his famous Dizzy Gillespie impersonation.



The Gurkes shoulda gotta room . . .

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Phil and Naomi Zeinert, Tim Kelly, Fred and Nancy Behnke, Jim and Cindy Pedersen.



Curt and Sara Franklin, Keith and Beth Peterson, Rick and Karen Jacobson, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Conrad, and hosts Brian and Pam Bossert.



Jan and Ed Fischer, Jim and Sandy Knulty, Al and Cindy Pondel, Randy and Christine Wahler, and Tim and Jean Davis.

Disclaimer

The photographer apologizes for not having pictures of everyone in attendance. His only excuse is that as the evening wore on, his photographic skills diminished proportionately . . .

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Honoring Dudley Smith on His Home Turf: Silver Lake Hosts ITF Fall Golf Day/ MAGCS College Scramble



Don Ferreri toasts (and roasts) Dudley.

The Illinois Turfgrass Foundation and the MAGCS coordinated efforts to stage the ITF Fall Golf Day and Annual College Scramble at Silver Lakes Country Club on October 17. On this cool but sunny day, 122 golfers, representing 12 colleges, gathered to compete for the coveted, and historically unique, trophy. The college team tourney has always been competitive, and this year was no exception.



Don, Dudley and Arnie
(done by a local artist).

In the trophy flight, when the gross score from two (2) two-man teams was calculated, the Penn State Nittany Lions, represented by teams of Ed Fischer, Dave Behrman, Greg Coyne and Jay Fruhan, came out on top with a team score of 141, three under par. But the victory was not as clear-cut as the ensuing celebration may have suggested. Shortly after the awards ceremony, a scoring error was discovered and it was determined that the team from Danville College—Kerry Blatteau, Ron Dohman, R. Kerber and Keith Peterson—had also posted a three-under 141 score. In a score-card playoff, Penn State retained the title. Danville College, which traditionally fields a strong team, took second-place honors, while Purdue teams took third and fourth place respectively.

In the consolation net score flight, the team from Kishwaukee College of Tim Jacobs and Regan Schultz from Wolf Hollow G.C. and Kevin Fahrety from Ingersoll G.C. and Jim Shone from Syngenta finished with a net score of 114. In addition, an independent flight awarded prizes to low gross and low net two-man teams. This year's winners were Dave Kohley and Deane Meier of Silver Lake.



Dudley makes it official and hands
the reins over to Dave Kohley.

The highlight of the evening, which was made possible by the generosity of the Coghill family and the hard work of many MAGCS patrons, was a ceremony honoring Dudley Smith for more than 40 years of service to Silver Lake G.C. and the turf industry. In a somewhat impromptu fashion, Dudley reminisced about the many years and many friends throughout his career. According to Dudley, working with the youth of the industry and seeing those individuals succeed in various turf-related professions was his greatest achievement. In concluding his remarks, Dudley indicated that he was going to “hand over the reins”

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to Dave Kohley. Good luck to Dudley – thanks for your involvement in and contributions to the MAGCS.

Special thanks to Marsha and Patti from Illinois Lawn for sponsoring the hole-in-one contest and also to all those who donated to the ITF for this competition. The U of I Turf Club, represented by Connor Healy, Greg Zumdahl and Travis Williams, held a raffle on the fourth hole to raise money for the club. The contributions received will help defer the students' travel expenses to the GCSAA in Orlando.

Throughout the year, golf events sponsored by the ITF raise approximately \$35,000 for the Foundation's coffers. This level of fundraising could not be accomplished without the generous support of the ITF members, contributions from the sponsors and the cooperation of the clubs that host the events.



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Dean Meyer, Dave Kohley, Bert Coghill and Greg Tengerstrom.



Ed Fischer, Dave Louttit, Dave Behrman and Dudley Smith.



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