each player waiting for the other to stumble. A player who is particularly good with match-play mind games is Gary Wolstenholme.

Gary Wolstenholme is a primary reason the United States has not won the Walker Cup during the last three meetings. Wolstenholme is one of Britain's most celebrated amateurs, winning most recently the Amateur Championship for a second time at Royal Troon and the Scottish Open Stroke Play Championship at Turnberry. Wolstenholme was relishing the return to Ganton, the scene of his first Amateur Championship victory in 1991.

Maintenance prior to afternoon matches consisted of double-cutting greens. The one triplex and two pedestrian mowers would follow a gap behind the last group in the morning match to mow. Fairways had been mowed the Monday prior to the tournament's start. The dry summer that was continuing into the fall limited turf growth on the fairways. The grass was brown, in a state of dormancy, as fairway irrigation is

nonexistent at Ganton. Given that, skill and course management were essential to proper ball-positioning off the tee. An unexpected bounce could result in the loss of a hole.

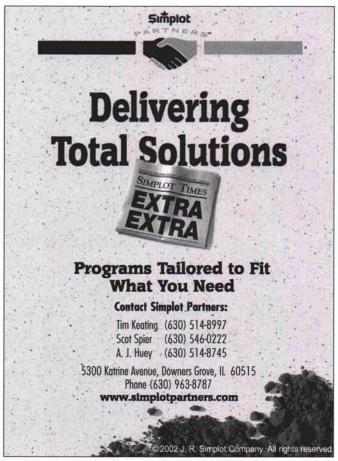
The United States has not been successful in defeating the Great Britain and Ireland team since their meeting in 1997 at Quaker Ridge. Great Britain and Ireland slaughtered the U.S. again at Nairn in 1999 and beat them handily in 2001 at Ocean Forest. The 2003 Walker Cup at Ganton delivered another loss to the United States, although this time the margin shrank to one point. Hopefully, the United States will regain control of the Walker Cup in 2005 at Chicago Golf Club the way it did during the last match held there in 1928.

The opportunity to work with the staff in Britain was a very enriching experience. There, the game of golf is played in the manner that it was originally created. The ground is firm, the greens are fast; there is nothing lush or manicured about it. The penalties are fierce, and the player must swing and take his just punishment. Anyone havHopefully, the
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DATES TO REMEMBER

March 10 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Midwest Golf House in Lemont, IL.

March 12 — "Time Off in Illinois: State and Federal Laws on Employee Leave, Vacations and Holidays" seminar at the Double Tree Suites in Downers Grove, IL. Call 715-833-3959 for registration information.

March 13-21 — 10th Chicago Flower and Garden Show at Navy Pier. Call 312-321-0077 or log onto www.chicagoflower.com for details.

March 15-19 — Grand opening of Arthur Clesen, Inc.'s new warehouse in Mokena, IL. Call **LeAnn Scott** at 847-537-2177 for details and directions.

March 16 — 2nd Annual Spring Agronomy Conference at Butterfield Country Club, Mike Vercautren and David Marquardt hosts. Details follow.

April 26 — MAGCS monthly meeting at Nettle Creek Country Club, Pat Norton, CGCS host.

The 2nd Annual Spring Agronomy Conference will take place on March 16 at Butterfield Country Club. This event is sponsored by Dirt-n-Turf Consulting and will feature Dr. Ronny Duncan, coauthor of Salt-Affected Turfgrass Sites. The full-day program includes a continental breakfast and lunch, and has been approved for 0.5 education credits toward Class A and certification renewal. For more information, call Dave Marquardt at 815-286-3005 or e-mail him at Dave@dirt-n-turf.com.

Condolences to the family and friends of Mark Kowaliczko (Joliet C.C.) on the passing of his father, Zenon, on January 19. Dr. Kowaliczko, a World War II veteran who left his homeland of Poland in 1939 when the Nazis invaded, distinguished himself as a member of the Polish Carpathian Brigade, which fought with the British 8th Army in the Middle East, North Africa and Italy. He immigrated to Chicago in 1952, where he established a private practice in Lemont for 30 years until his retirement. MAGCS sends its prayers to the Kowaliczko family during this difficult time.

You're probably sick of hearing me preach the same old thing over and over again regarding turning off cell phones and pagers (and loud watches) during our meetings. Here is a new twist on this (conceived after attending a recent GCSAA seminar at Midwest Golf House): Speakers, please turn off YOUR cell phones and pagers while addressing an audience!

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The March 10th MAGCS monthly meeting, to be held at Golf House, will feature a seminar from the GCSAA Superintendent Leadership Series sponsored by Callaway Golf. The speaker, Robert Sexon, will speak on "Managing Up: Strategies for Influencing Boards, Committees and Managers." This full-day session offers 0.7 education points to those who attend. Check the www.magcs.org Web site for registration information.

Another of our longtime members is heading north through the cheese curtain—Tom Rasmussen, formerly of Sprinkler Irrigation and more recently with TPEC, has accepted the position of golf irrigation sales with Reinders. Tom's new territory will encompass courses in the southern Wisconsin area, including Madison, Milwaukee and LaCrosse, and he and his family are moving to Janesville this June. Tom thanks

everyone in the MAGCS for making his nine years in Chicago so enjoyable and so memorable. To stay in touch, reach Tom at 414-313-5244 or e-mail him at trasmussen@ reinders.com. Best of luck to you and your family, Tom!

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Ken Shepherd of Prairie Bluff G.C. wants to hear from you! Kenny is trying to gauge any interest in a Joliet Jackhammers (minor league baseball team) outing amongst MAGCS members who may find the Kane County Cougars outing a bit too far away. This event would not interfere with the Cougars plans, but would be an additional opportunity for MAGCS members and their families to gather and enjoy some fun in the sun (unless it's a night game). Call Kenny to discuss any aspect of this idea, whether it be regarding sponsorship, volunteering to help, or simply expressing interest in proceeding. Find him at 815-588-0053.

Congratulations (belatedly) to Tony Frandria on officially being named the golf course superintendent at Glen View Club. When I caught up with Tony during the national conference at the Midwest hospitality suite, he didn't seem too happy (as evidenced by this photo).

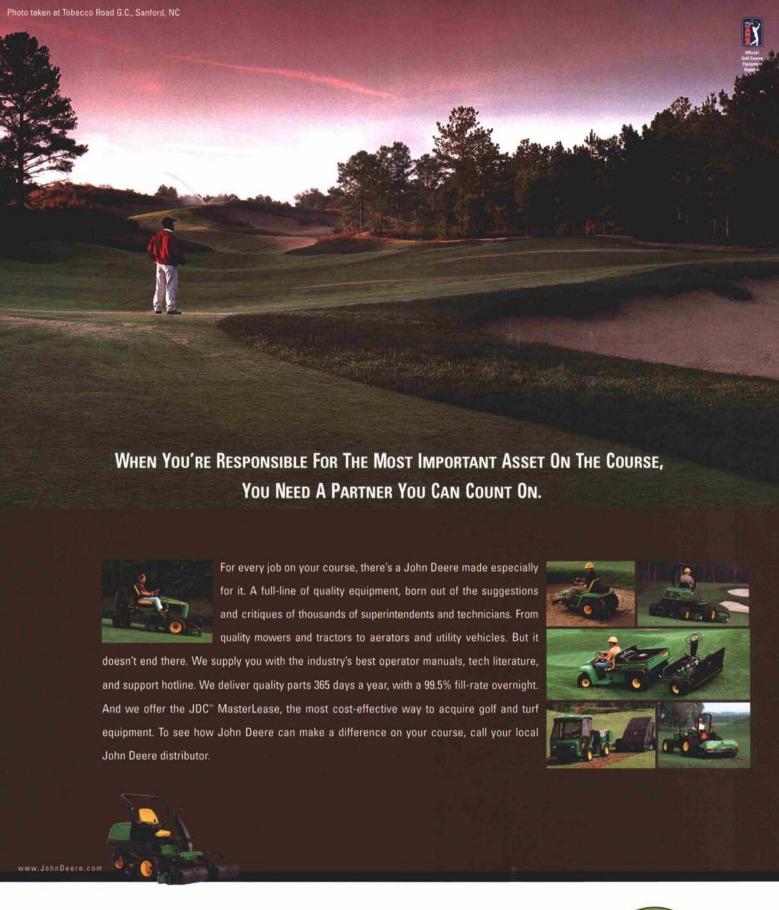


Tony Frandria.

Rich Daly has taken the newly-created position of midwest regional manager for Otterbine/Barebo, Inc. After representing Otterbine since 1987 for Chicago Turf and Irrigation/TPEC here in the Chicagoland area, he will now cover a 12-state territory for the lake-aeration manufacturer. He will be based locally, and can be reached at 630-779-1755.

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A few issues back, in a recap of the Fall Dinner Dance at Aurora C.C., I prematurely labeled a photo of **Dave Braasch** (Glen Erin G.C.) and his lady friend Jayme VanGalder as Mr. and Mrs. Dave Braasch. I guess my clairvoyant powers were working, as it is now official—Dave and Jayme are engaged to be married, tentatively in April of 2005 (plenty of time for Jayme to reconsider). Congratulations, guys!



Jayme and Dave.

Congratulations to Paul Voykin of Briarwood Country Club on being named Golf Week's 2003 Superintendent of the Year. Paul accepted the award during the national meeting on Friday, February 13 at the Club Car booth. Mr. Voykin, at 72 years of age, is enjoying his 43rd year as greenkeeper at Briarwood, a very uncommon accomplishment in this day and age. Paul gave most of the credit for this recognition to his loyal friend "Moe" Sanchez, who has worked with him for the past 40 years, as his assistant for the past 25 years. Again, congratulations to a most deserving person!



Paul and Moe— 83 years of service to Briarwood.

The recent news from Arizona involving the 15-year-old golfer who died as a result of drinking tainted water from a cooler on the Thunderbirds Golf Club has aroused big concerns in our industry. The family of Nils Beeman accepted a \$3 million settlement from the golf club, and already (as evidenced by the new drinking-

water products unveiled at the 2004 GCSAA Conference and Show in San Diego) we are seeing changes on the horizon. My question to our membership: What are your plans for providing drinking water to your golfers this season? E-mail your responses to boomding@aol.com, and I will compile them for a future "Bull Sheet" segment. Your feedback is confidential and comments will be published without revealing names. Thanks in advance.

Hearty congratulations and best wishes to Jeune and **Brian Winkel** on the birth of their son, Joshua Jeffrey, on February 15. Joshua tried to sneak out prematurely while Brian was still in San Diego, but dad was able to hop a flight home in time for the blessed event and to welcome the 6 lb. 14 oz. bundle into the world. Congratulations, Winks!



Dad Brian with new son Joshua Jeffrey.

On February 8, Waukegan, IL-based Burris Equipment assumed exclusive rights to distribute the complete Jacobsen product line in the Chicago metro area and northwest Indiana. Burris Equipment takes up the reins for Illinois Lawn Equipment, which managed this product line for the past 49 years. Along with Jacobsen, Burris will handle Smithco, Turfco, National, Neary and Signature Control Systems products. Barry Heinrichs has been president of Burris for more than 10 years, leading a company that has provided sales, service and parts to the construction industry for more than four decades. In addition to the Waukegan location (847-336-1205), Burris has a branch in Lakemoor (815-363-4100) and most recently opened in Orland Park (708-498-8484). Tom Glasel oversees the parts and service departments in all three

locations, while **Phil Taylor** will lead the sales team for the golf and turf division. MAGCS welcomes the entire Burris team into its fold!

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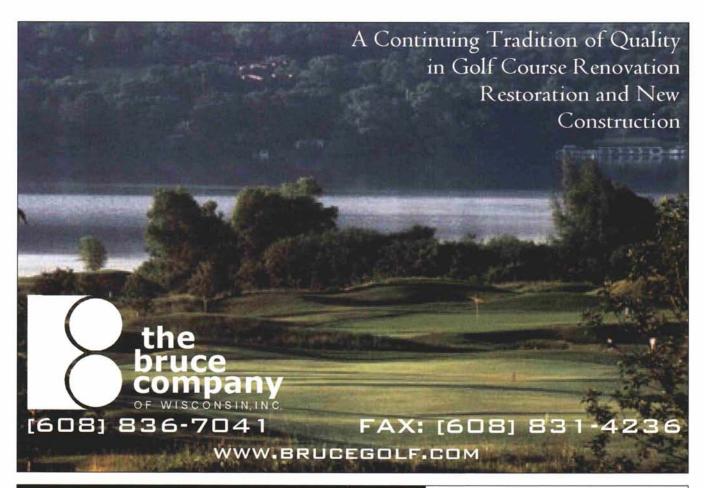
The PowerPoint slide show at the MAGCS Hospitality Suite in San Diego proved an outstanding way to recognize the commercial members who supported the room this year. MAGCS thanks EZ-Go Textron, which contributed at the Par Club level AFTER the presentation had been finalized. See this issue's back cover for the complete honor roll of Golden Tee Club members.

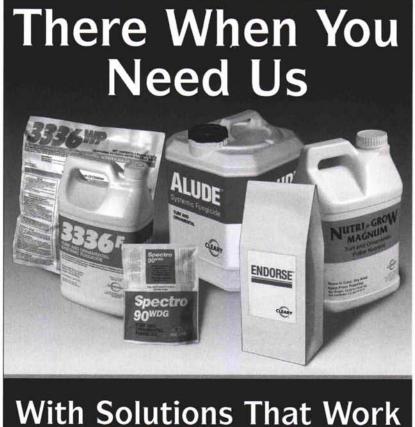
Rain Bird named Hydrologic Water Management Systems, Inc. among its Top Flight Distributors for 2003. Hydrologic, the new Rain Bird distributor in our area, was one of a select few in the United States to earn this distinction. Hydrologic distributes Rain Bird golf-irrigation products in eight states in the upper Midwest from 15 warehouse locations. One of the Midwest's own, Kevin West—a superintendent at Olympia Fields Country Clubrecently decided to join Hydrologic. Kevin will be working out of the Batavia, IL office. His sales territory will include the south suburbs of Chicagoland. Please congratulate Kevin on his new position and wish him good luck in this endeavor!

SOME HISTORY FROM BULL SHEETS PAST . . .

- 50 years ago this month: USGA president Isaac B. Grainger asked **Bob Williams** (then at Beverly C.C.) to be a member of the Green Section Committee; a warm winter caused fears of rampant knotweed infestations, but not to worry—it was reported that early and repeated treatments of arsenicals such as sodium arsenite and arsenic acid were very effective . . . yikes.
- 40 years ago this month: The 35th International Turf-Grass Conference and Show was held in Philadelphia, and a record 2,750 people attended. This is a quote directly from Bull Sheet: "The women attending the conference were kept busy taking tours of some historical nature or other during the entire week." Also,

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Tony Meyer reported on the new sixth green he built at Woodridge G.C. using a 2:1:1 mix of topsoil, humus and sand, respectively, and seeded to C-15 (if only he knew . . .).

- 30 years ago this month: President Albie Staudt reported on the conference and show, pointing out Mike Bavier's disappointing defeat in the GCSAA presidential election. Additionally, editor Ray Gerber ranted and raved about the need for MAGCS members to contribute articles for the magazine—nothing much changes, does it?
- 20 years ago this month: GCSAA announced at the conference in Las Vegas that it was revamping the certification program. Nope, nothing changes.
- 10 years ago this month: Bruce Williams, CGCS of Bob O'Link C.C. was elected GCSAA's secretary/treasurer at the national conference in Dallas. Also, conspicuously absent from the entire listing of the 1994 Board of Directors of the MAGCS

were area codes attached to phone numbers. It wasn't so very long ago that everyone outside of the Chicago proper had a 708 area code. Finally, Pete Vandercook did a recap of the entire set of 1954 *Bull Sheets*—he must have been hurting for material, too!

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE . . .

1968 Massey-Ferguson LCG gas tractor in good condition. Runs well, has new tires and PTO works. \$1,500, negotiable. Call Ed Fischer at 847-432-6276 for details. As mentioned last month, Eddie is also looking for a good home for his 2000 Harley Heritage.

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Chipper, three-point PTO hookup—\$2,100. Giant Vac Blower, PTO hookup, like new—\$2,500. Mott 72" Flailmaster, three-point PTO hookup—\$900. Call Mike or Brian at 847-358-7030.

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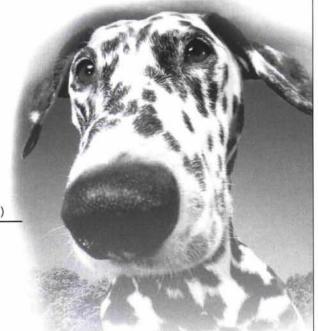
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San Diego 2004: It Was A



Beverly and Dan Quast with Brian Bossert.



Your contributing editor and Pat Jones of Golfdom magazine contemplate skipping town with the raffle money.



The Vermeulens don't appear to be regretting the decision to donate their raffle winnings to turf research, and Kevin DeRoo and Sylvia are happy to take the money.



Lucky Brian Baker (middle) with Ed Braunsky, Luke Cella and 750 simolians from the raffle.



Tommy Robinson celebrates his long-sought-after victory. (Photo courtesy Bruce Matthews)



Tommy returns to the stage with keynote speaker Jim Nantz. (Photo courtesy Bruce Matthews)

John Gurke, CGCS Contributing Editor

Very Good Year

The GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show in sunny San Diego is a recent memory, but what a memory for the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents!



Jon Maddern presents the DSA to Danny Quast. (Photo courtesy Bruce Matthews)



Fred Behnke being amused with himself.



Larry Raschko and Chuck Anfield.

For whatever reason—either the planets were aligned perfectly, or a preponderance of rabbits' feet were stashed in our luggage, or perhaps luck-bringing runes, charms or spells had been bestowed upon us—MAGCS rocked this show! The signs that it was to be a great show were present long before our arrival in beautiful San Diego, given our foreknowledge of Danny Quast's receiving the Distinguished Service Award and Paul Voykin's nomination for Golf Week's 2003 Superintendent of the Year. Next on the agenda for MAGCS was a thorough whipping of the field in the Annual Golf Championship, highlighted by Tommy Robinson's stunning victory in the Championship Division A Flight, followed closely by Al Pondel, CGCS in second place. Tim Scott, CGCS decided to let some other jamokes get in the top 10, and finished in seventh place—three MAGCS members in the top 10 spots! Other notable MAGCS highlights included Dave Arden, eighth place in 2nd Flight Gross and ninth place in 2nd Flight Net; Paul Schaefer, CGCS, third place in 5th Flight Gross and fourth place in 5th Flight Net; Don Cross, CGCS, seventh place in 6th Flight Gross; Chad Ball, CGCS, seventh place in Senior I Gross and third place in Senior I Net; Ed Fischer, CGCS, second place in Senior II Gross and seventh place Senior II Net; and Al Fierst, ninth place in 6th Flight Net. As for team honors, MAGCS pulled off another coup by taking first place in the Gross Point Division, thanks to the team of Dave Kohley, Al Pondel, Tommy Robinson and Tim Scott. The team of Don Cross, Al Fierst, Bob Maibusch, CGCS, and Les Rutan took sixth place in the Net Point Division. On top of all this, we did pretty well in the Four-Ball Event, with Tommy Robinson and Al Pondel taking third in the 2-Man Gross; Steve VanAcker, CGCS and Brad Legnaioli grabbing seventh place in the Net; and Peter Leuzinger, CGCS and Miller McClintock winning first place in the 2-Man Net II division. And then, to put the icing on the cake, Chuck Anfield, CGCS and his partner won Golf Week's Super News Event. Fantastic job, and congratulations on a job well done to all of this year's competitors!

Once attention turned from the golf course to the conference, Midwest's run of good fortune did not end. At the Opening Session on Thursday the 12th, GCSAA President Jon Maddern, CGCS presented the Distinguished Service Award to the very-deserving Danny Quast, CGCS. Danny's acceptance speech was a model of graciousness and class—a true reflection of the kind of gentleman he is. Gordon Witteveen and Gordon LaFontaine were the other winners of the DSA, ensuring their place in history as the first time ever that two Gordons won in the same year. A few other awards were given out to non-MAGCS members (we didn't want to appear greedy), and then the Session's keynote speaker, Jim Nantz of CBS Sports, took over. One of the first things Jim did was bring Tommy Robinson

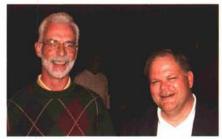
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Mike Mumper and Peggy Adducci.



Jim Knulty and Jean Davis (or is it Davies?).



Tim Davis and Roger Stewart.



Tina and Aiden Schmitz.

back onstage to enjoy a "proper" trophy presentation, complete with the obligatory "hold it over your head with both hands" move made famous by trophy-winners throughout history. Some other comments by Mr. Nantz-who seemed like a really nice guy-that stuck in my memory included his thoughts on the halftime incident at the Super Bowl and how it may serve to change the telecast in future years, bringing the football aspect back to the forefront, rather than the halftime show. He also spoke in depth about his passion-hosting the Masters broadcasts, and all the great moments he's had the good fortune to be a part of, including "a win for the ages" and "the Bear has come out of hibernation." Jim also told the audience that he is in awe of what we do, and promised to champion our cause from this point on-something he acknowledged that he hadn't done previously. Good guy.

The Trade Show, with its usual assortment of booths filled with goodies and gadgets that we can not possibly live without, offered the opportunity to work off any overindulgences from the night before. A nice thing about the floor was its straightforward layout and the ease of getting around. A REALLY nice thing about the floor was its location—a five-minute walk to either the waterfront or to the Gas Lamp Quarter, both of which offered great dining and sightseeing (and where one could see the HMS Surprise frigate from the movie Master and Commander-did I mention to anyone that I'm reading those books, and that there's 21 of them?).

Things just kept on rolling for us, as *On Course* magazine FINALLY won an award at the Chapter Newsletter Editors Session. (Okay, it was like fourth runner-up to third honorable mention to next-to-second, but it was a start!) Luke Cella, Scott Witte and I attended the presentation, held on Friday the 13th.

As usual, though, the real highlight of the Show was the MAGCS Hospitality Suite, held this year at the Marriott Marina Hotel on the 12th and 13th. The room was huge (although it lacked the marina view that we originally had been promised-credit GCSAA and their "eminent domain" stuff), and the service was outstanding. Commercial representative Sylvia Lima and her committee did an incredible job with the arrangements and adding new twists, such as the raffles and sign-in table. By the way, congrats to raffle winners Brian Baker and Paul Vermeulen! On Friday, a special ice sculpture recognizing Dan Quast was on display at the buffet table, and Brian Bossert, CGCS gave a very nice introduction for his mentor to come to the podium and be honored by his friends. Friday was also the day that Golf Week named Paul Voykin its Superintendent of the Year, adding a crowning glory to his illustrious career. It truly was a great year for MAGCS, and the Hospitality Suite was the perfect way to enjoy our many accomplishments. Big thanks to Sylvia and the Commercial Advisory Committee, to Luke Cella for his great work on the PowerPoint presentation that ran during both nights (and was even updated for Friday), and most importantly to our sponsors, who once again stepped up to the plate and generously contributed to make the room the absolute best in the business!



Brian Winkel and Garry Anderson.



Derek Florian and Dan Anderson.



The ice sculpture stolen from Dairy Queen?