



Toro GM3500D Fuel Line

Last season I experienced a problem with the Toro GM3500D. The operator drove the machine to the shop and showed me that one of the fuel lines and the sealing grommet had come out of the fuel tank. I replaced the grommet with a new one. The machine went back out again, trouble free, for the rest of the day. The same thing happened the next day. I then thought that the operator might be stepping on the fuel tank with the tank full of diesel. The pressure, I thought, was forcing the fuel line and grommet to pop out, or that the fuel tank was over filled. On the third occurrence, I realized it was the fuel-tank vent line that was popping out. After two calls to Toro, I learned that there were no bulletins pertaining to this problem on this machine. After discussion with the Toro service personnel, we decided to apply adhesive to the grommet and see what would happen. The problem stopped. I was still not confident I had

found a solution. Keep in mind that the summer was very warm and we experienced a cool down after the last repair was made. For the rest of the season, though, I was not concerned as you "can't fix what aint broke."

During the winter tear down with the machine up on the lift, I found these...(pictures). The fuel line that goes to the vent side of the fuel tank is connected to a steel tube that travels up the ROP frame. The fuel line had been crushed shut by the mounting-loop that is bolted to the frame. The center deck must have been bumped up high enough to hit the hold-down loop. After correcting this minor glitch, I am confident that the problem is now solved.



the Bull Sheet

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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 6 – JW Turf's Annual Equipment Auction and Consignment Sale at the JW Turf headquarters in Hampshire, IL. **Holly Gilmour, Mark Gilmour, Danna Eberly, Gerry Hough, Joe Hustler, Rick Jones, John Maguire, Jeff Rehberg, Rick Uthe**, hosts.

May 12 – 2007 North American Birdwatching Open on International Migratory Bird Day.

May 13 – MOTHER'S DAY—don't forget Mom!

May 14 – ITF/MAGCS Spring Golf Day at Ivanhoe Club, **Tom Prichard** host.

May 15 – NWIGCSA monthly meeting at Valley View Golf Course in Cambridge, IL, don't know the host.

May 31 – Assistants Shop Talk at Bryn Mawr Country Club at 6:00 PM, **Jeff Plasschaert**, **Michael Johnston** (more about him to follow), and **Brian Bossert**, CGCS hosts.

June 18 – MAGCS monthly meeting at Shepherd's Crook Golf Course in Zion, IL, **Craig Lewis** host. The Dom Grotti, Class C, and Senior Championships will be contested at this meeting.

June 26 – 7th Annual John Buck Memorial Golf Outing at Bartlett Hills Golf Course in Bartlett, IL, **Kevin DeRoo** host.

July 17 – ITF Summer Play Day at Prairie View Golf Club, **Steve Storz** host.

July 21 – MAGCS Family Night Picnic and Kane County Cougars Game Extravaganza at Elfstrom Field in Geneva, IL.

Bryn Mawr Country Club and **Brian Bossert**, CGCS would like to welcome new second assistant superintendent **Michael Johnston** to the fold. Michael hails from Valparaiso, IN and is a recent graduate of the Rutgers turfgrass management program.

While we are in the hospitable mood, let's welcome these following individuals to the MAGCS ranks and wish them the best in their future endeavors, shall we? A hearty hello goes out to:

Jason McIntyre, Class SM, Highland Woods Golf Course
Nick Walters, Class C, Park Ridge Country Club
Brian Smith, Class C, Cranes Landing Golf Course
Brad Fry, Class SM,

Olympia Fields Country Club
Kirk Spieth, Class C, Olympia Fields Country Club
Joseph Schneider, Class C, Black Sheep Golf Club
Richard Becker, Class C, Wilmette Golf Club
Nick Azadeh, Class C, Evanston Golf Club
Michael Walerius, Class C, Evanston Golf Club
Zachary Anderson, Class SM, Fulton Country Club, and
Carrie Holub, Class H, Illinois Junior Golf Association Greetings!

And with the "hellos" come the "goodbyes" as well, unfortunately. **Adam Pierce** has said goodbye to **Brian Thomson**, CGCS and Biltmore Country Club to take the

assistant superintendent's position at Spring Lake Country Club in Spring Lake, MI. We will miss Adam's contributions to the Class C Advisory Committee and wish him the best of luck in Michigan. Or is MI Maine? Mississippi?

And a fond farewell to Christensen Power Equipment of Frankfort, IL. After 52 years serving the needs of the folks in our business, Ron and Bev Christensen recently announced the sale of their interests in the Kubota and ASV equipment lines to Burris Equipment of Waukegan, IL. The remainder of the business is closed, while Jodi Christensen will join the Burris sales team. Good luck to you all.

Other news from the Class C Advisory Committee (and I'll try to go ONE issue without mentioning **John Ekstrom**'s name and some other great deed he's done). Nuts! Anyhow, a new undertaking spurred by **Matt Breeden** (Seven Bridges GC) is in the offing after Matt met with Jeff Barrett, Executive Director for the Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity in late March. In a nutshell, a project home in Montgomery, IL will be a trial site for MAGCS' involvement with this important organization. Once the house is completed, Matt and his team will submit a landscape plan for approval, and will complete the install of the landscape and lawn once approved. If all goes as planned, this will take place in July. If successful, these gentlemen will contact other HFH chapters in the Chicagoland area and hopefully begin a great relationship between the two organizations. Congratulations on a fine idea, Matt!

Attention to all MAGCS members with college-bound young adults: Scholarship applications are available at www.magcs.org and are due back no later than May 15th. If this news arrives too late, try an appeal to Luke Cella for an extension—the IRS has no problem with stuff like that, so surely Luke won't either.

Following the PGA Tour's BMW Championship at Cog Hill Golf & Country Club (**Ken Lapp**) on

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September 6 through 9, the No. 4 Dubsdread course will close for a slated 9-month renovation headed up by "Open Doctor" Rees Jones. The course will be open for about a week after the tournament, after which it will be closed until (hopefully) July of 2008. The tournament will be played at Bellerive in St. Louis in 2008 and return to Cog Hill in '09. Among the other courses in Rees Jones resume are Congressional, Baltusrol, Olympia Fields, Torrey Pines, Atlanta Athletic Club, Bethpage Black, The Country Club, Eastlake, Hazeltine, Medinah, Pinehurst, and Sahalee.

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The aforementioned golf courses have more than Rees Jones' name on their Open renovation projects. They have a place on Golfweek's Top 100 list of either classic or modern courses which was published in the March 23rd issue of *SuperNEWS*. Once again our area has a number of courses on these

lists which are tended by MAGCS members, as well it should. We would like to recognize the following Top 100 Classic Courses and their superintendents:

#14—Chicago Golf Club,
Jon Jennings, CGCS
#16—Oakland Hills Country Club,
Steve Cook, CGCS, MG
#27—Shoreacres, **Tim Davis**
#39—Olympia Fields Country Club
North, **Sam MacKenzie, CGCS**
#64—Medinah Country Club No. 3,
Tom Lively, CGCS
#75—Skokie Country Club,
Don Cross, CGCS
#85—Point O'Woods Country Club,
Ron Fox, CGCS
#92—Beverly Country Club,
Keith Peterson.

In the Modern Course category,
2 local boys made good:

#54—Black Sheep Golf Club,
Dave Biery
#59—Butler National Golf Club,
Mike Sauls.
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How 'bout some more recognition for our members and their achievements in the industry? GCSAA recently honored its certified superintendents, and the following MAGCS members were named:
30+ Years of Certification:
Mike Bavier, Ed Fischer, John Krutilla, and Oscar Miles

20 to 24 Years:
Dave Behrman, Don Cross, Pete Leuzinger, and Randy Wahler.

15 to 19 Years:
Julius Albaugh, Don Altman, Chad Ball, Dave Beno, Dave Fisher, Brian Green, Mike Handrich, Tom Jauch, Bob Maibusch, Butch Peuvion, Joel Purpur, Steve VanAcker, Rick Wilson, and Tommy Witt.

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