

Shane Kissack, former assistant superintendent at Naperville Country Club, is the new superintendent at Riverside Country Club. Congratulations and best of luck to all these MAGCS members. Expect to see more news of this ilk in the near future, as MANY courses are seeking assistants and grounds employees.

Hopefully it is not May 8 when you read this: On May 7 at 9 a.m., J. W. Turf in Hampshire, IL is having a consignment auction that will feature numerous pieces of pre-owned golf and turf and lawn-care equipment. Contact J. W. Turf for details.

While on the subject of commercial members, can there be a better group of folks who truly care about their customers anywhere in the world? I cannot state emphatically enough how much we appreciate the "going beyond normal service" attitude that our commercial members take—you guys are simply the best in the business!

Let's do it again: Congratulations to—guess who—**Dan Dinelli** of North Shore Country Club for being recognized on national television by the O. M. Scott Company as recipient of their Tradition of Excellence Award during the final round of the Tradition tournament.

Also, congratulations to **Bob Maibusch, CGCS, MG**, of Hinsdale Country Club on his appointment to the GCSAA Board of Directors. President Woodhead hand-picked Bob to serve a one-year term. Thankfully, Mr. Woodhead did NOT learn the art of choosing talent from the Bears' front office . . .

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A Note From Fred Opperman

I received these pictures from Bob Hammerschmidt, a friend and owner of Lost Nation G.C. in Dixon, IL. I thought that the membership would like to see what the club is doing with trees that have died on the course. Everyone knows that it is proper to recycle; well, Lost Nation is taking it a step further. At the present, they have about seven to eight wood carvings on the trunks of trees that normally are cut down. The two pictures here are of an American eagle and a Native American. There are others of a beaver, old man, tee and ball, golf bag and an eagle in flight. All of this work was done with a chain-saw. Give Todd Rosquist, superintendent, a call at 815-652-4212 for more information.

As for myself, it has been almost a year since I left Illinois and moved to the Montana mountains. It has been a great time and very enjoyable. I have been spending one to two days per week working for Habitat for Humanity and have worked on four different houses to date. I am building a woodworking shop and stocking it with the different tools, and that takes up many pleasurable hours. This coming spring, I will be landscaping our new home, and of course, I need to spend time on the local trout streams. Just about every Saturday this past winter, I was snowshoeing with the local club. Most days we went into Yellowstone Park to find the deeper snow and to see more wildlife, which we did.

My best to all, and may you all have a successful year.

