

# Phil Zeinert, CGCS



*Kishwaukee C.C.'s Phil Zeinert is serving on the MAGCS Board of Directors.*

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*Our host for the ITF-MAGCS spring golf day will be Phil Zeinert, CGCS, on May 7, at Kishwaukee Country Club in DeKalb, IL. No, Kishwaukee is not in Iowa; in fact, it's just two exits west of Aurora off I-88 (see directions below).*

Phil is a Wisconsin native and graduate of the University of Wisconsin. During his adolescence, Phil spent his time playing baseball (pitcher) and working at a nearby golf course. Because of his 90+ MPH fastball, Phil was recruited to pitch for UW. However, he credits Dr. Wayne Kussow, professor of soil science, and Pat Norton, who at that time was superintendent at Cherokee Country Club, as the mentors who helped him decide on a career path in the golf industry.

After college, Phil served as assistant superintendent at Cherokee C.C. before coming south to the head job at Elwood Greens Country Club (now known as the Oak Club of Genoa) in 1986. He accepted the job at Kishwaukee in 1992 and became certified in

1996. Phil claims that his biggest challenge is dealing with "tree creep" and bunker drainage on the mature layout. Currently he is awaiting approval of funds to improve bunker and low-area drainage.

Kishwaukee is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. The original front nine was built at a different site in DeKalb in 1901 before moving to its present location in 1911. The back nine, designed by local architect Dave Gill, was added in 1968.

Phil enjoys all sorts of outdoor activities with his wife Naomi and sons Zach, 16, Justin, 13, and Jonah, 5. Camping, fishing, hunting and helping out on his father's Christmas tree farm in the fall are favorite pastimes.

Phil welcomes everyone to come out to the (far) western suburbs for an enjoyable game of golf, and remember to bring the clubs that help you hit it straight. Directions: I-88 west to Peace Road, first DeKalb exit; turn right at Peace Road and go north three miles to Barber Greene Road (stop sign) and turn left and go to Route 23 (stoplight) and turn left. The club entrance is two-thirds of a mile ahead on the right. No need to change the time on your watch, it's still in the same time zone.

