

MIDWEST PERSONALITIES



Name: **Bob McCallum, Orchard Hills Golf Club, 10 years**

Job title: **Manager of Golf Course Operations**

Date of birth: **January 14, 1958**

Place of birth: **Fort Wayne, IN**

Current residence: **Rosemont, IL**

Spouse: **Myra, 13 years. My life changed for the better "once and for all" when I met and married Myra.**

Children: **Eric, 28**

Pet: **Quincy, a gray cat**

MAGCS member since: **1976**

College/degree: **Bachelor's degree in agronomy from Eastern Kentucky University—major in turf, minor in business management**

My favorite childhood memory is: **I was a medalist in IHSA sectional golf.**

My personal hero: **My grandmother, who taught me how to prioritize my life in this order: God, family, work. Also because she kept my feet warm as a baby.**

My professional mentors: **Warren Bidwell, Raymond Schmitz, Ken Lapp**

Favorite actor: **Peter Sellers—he was hilarious as a comedic actor.**

Favorite musical performer: **Yanni**

Favorite restaurant: **Lawry's The Prime Rib**

Favorite "pigout" food: **Pizza**

Favorite professional sports team: **I'm a diehard Chicago Bears fan.**

Favorite pro athlete: **Undertaker—I respect anyone that can "one hand press" the Big Show!**

Favorite pro golfer: **Ben Hogan, since he had arguably the smoothest golf swing of all time and was able to overcome the auto accident that had doctors saying that he might never walk again and certainly never compete as a pro golfer. He not only worked at rehabilitating himself to walk but went on to compete and win again on the PGA Tour!**

My handicap index: **10.7**

My favorite place to play golf is: **Big Run. It's a great golf course because it is not extremely long yet it requires you to play a lot of position shots and really requires a great deal of thought in order to score well.**

My best/most memorable round ever: **Callaway Gardens, Georgia, because I was 14 years old and defeated my dad for the first time by holing a 6-iron on the last hole.**

The most interesting/exotic place I've ever traveled: **Acapulco, Mexico, deep-sea fishing for sailfish**

The book I've been recommending lately: ***Cat and Mouse***

The last great movie I saw: ***The Color Purple***

Favorite TV show: **Coverage of the Masters Tournament**

Favorite color: **Blue**

In my spare time, I enjoy: **Golf, movies, wine and dine, travel, fishing.**

Three words that describe me: **Loyal, driven, organized**

What I enjoy most about my job: **I enjoy being so close to the environment and wildlife outside.**

What I dislike about my job: **Wearing a respirator.**

I'm a Midwest member because: **I am proud of my profession and want to be an active participant in it.**



Name: **Kevin Barto, St. Charles Country Club, 1 year**

Job title: **Assistant superintendent**

Date of birth: **August 18, 1977**

Place of birth: **Raymond, IL**

Current residence: **St. Charles, IL**

Spouse: **Engaged to Chrissy**

MAGCS member since: **2000**

College/degree: **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; ornamental horticulture degree specializing in turf**

My favorite childhood memory is: **My family's lawn-care service.**

My personal hero: **Grandpa Barto and Grandpa Rosenthal**

My personal mentor: **My parents**

Favorite actor: **Denzel Washington, Ashley Judd**

Favorite musical performer: **I like almost all music.**

Favorite restaurant: **Chili's**

Favorite "pigout" food: **Pizza**

Favorite professional sports team: **St. Louis Cardinals**

Favorite pro athlete: **Michael Jordan**

Favorite pro golfer: **Tiger Woods**

My favorite place to play golf: **Shoal Creek Golf Course in Raymond, IL**

My best/most memorable round ever: **A round at Shoal Creek in Raymond. I had just purchased a new driver and on the second hole I hit my tee shot and the driver head flew into the creek. My buddy and I used bunker rakes to recover the head so I could return the club.**

The most interesting/exotic place I've ever traveled: **Puerto Rico**

The last great movie I saw: ***National Lampoon's Van Wilder***

Favorite TV show: **CSI and sports.**

Favorite color: **Blue**

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In my spare time, I enjoy: **Spending time with Chrissy, hanging out with friends, listening to music, and playing golf, basketball, darts or pool.**

Three words that describe me: **Hard-working, reliable, cautious**


What I enjoy most about my job: **Being outside and taking care of Mother Nature.**

What I dislike about my job: **Early mornings?**

I'm a Midwest member because: **Of the learning opportunities available from networking with other industry professionals.**

Quotable: **"I would like to thank all of the managers and employees that I work with at St. Charles Country Club, Cog Hill Country Club, Skokie Country Club, Butler National Golf Club, Busch Stadium, Panther Creek Country Club, and the turf department at the U of I for helping teach me new things. I appreciate all of the friendships that I have acquired through the years and wish the best of luck to everyone."**





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