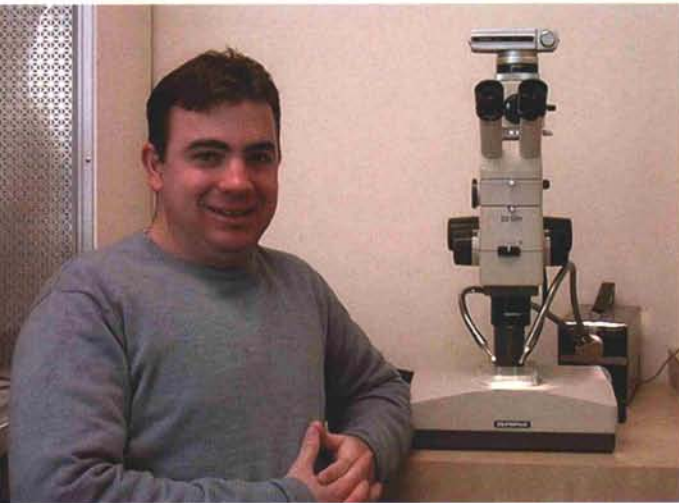


# Randy Kane, Ph.D. & Lee Miller -N-

# Midwest Golf House



*In February, Lee Miller joined CDGA staff as Interactive Turf/TPM coordinator and manager of turfgrass research.*



*Thanks to a mild fall, construction on the three-hole short course at Midwest Golf House was proceeding nicely as of late November, 2001. (See more photos at [www.cdga.org](http://www.cdga.org).)*

*Midwest Golf House officially opened its doors in June of 2001. This state-of-the-art facility houses offices for the Chicago District Golf Association, the CDGA Foundation, Chicago Women's District Golf Association, Greater Chicago Club Managers Association, Illinois Junior Golf Association, Illinois Turfgrass Foundation, First Tee and last but certainly not least, MAGCS, all under one roof. MAGCS will have a part-time staffer in the facility later this year; down the road MAGCS will store its archives and have a full-time presence in the Golf House.*

The Midwest Golf House property is 15 acres (the land was a gift from the Jemsek family) in Lemont and includes an eight-acre, three-hole short course. This course will provide playing opportunities for beginners, juniors, the disabled and economically disadvantaged golfers. The course, constructed by Wadsworth Golf Con-

struction, is ready to have its greens, tees and fairways seeded this spring. Ultimately, it will provide an outdoor laboratory for turfgrass research with a 12,000-square-foot putting green that will host bentgrass variety trials, and fairways that will have bent and low-mow bluegrass variety trials.

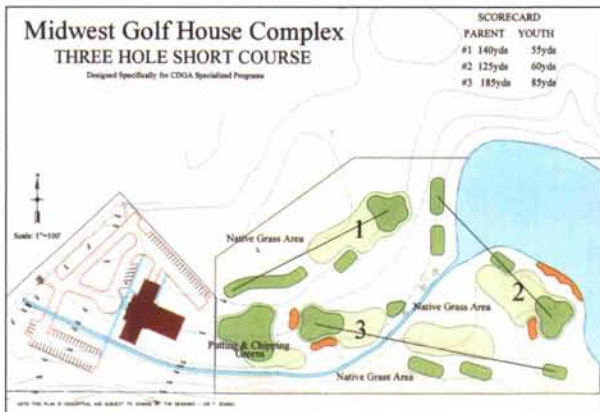
The building's interior contains a 100-seat auditorium (MAGCS will use this room for the March meeting), a conference room/museum/library, a turfgrass research lab, a greenhouse and office space for all the golf organizations that call Midwest Golf House home. Two key figures frequently found lurking around the new facility are Randy Kane, Ph.D., and the new Interactive Turf Program (IPM)/field research assistant Lee Miller.

By now, we all should know Randy, who has been available to Chicago-area superintendents as a CDGA employee since 1985. Prior to that time, Randy was earning his undergraduate degree alongside many other current MAGCS members in the turf program at Purdue; he went on to complete his M.S. and Ph.D. in plant pathology at Cornell. Randy is the CDGA's director of turfgrass programs as well as an active member of MAGCS, serving on the Editorial and Education Committees. He is also an ITF advisor and a USGA

Green Section committeeman. With the addition of Lee Miller, Randy will have a second pair of hands to assist him with research work at the Golf House and with the Interactive Turf (IPM) Program. Hopefully, with

Interactive Turf (IPM) Program and field research. Lee recently completed his M.S. in plant pathology at the University of Georgia, where he researched fungicide resistance to dollar spot under Dr. Lee Burpee.

Previously, Lee received his undergraduate degree in turf management from North Carolina State. Over the years, he has worked in a variety of capacities in the green industry, including internships at East Lake Club in Atlanta and at BASF in new product research and development. This new Naperville resident is engaged to be married on November 16 of this year.




Lee's help tackling the 2002 workload, he can post more than the four 18-hole scores he posted in 2001.

The aforementioned Lee is the newest addition to the CDGA and Midwest Golf House. On February 1, 2002, Lee embarked on his new role as CDGA's manager of turfgrass programs. He will assist Randy with the

Come meet Lee and see the Midwest Golf House for yourself on March 12. Cornell professor Tom Maloney will present an educational session titled "How to Find and Hire the Best Employees" followed by lunch across the street at Cog Hill.





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