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## DATES TO REMEMBER

May 6 — ITF's First Annual Two-Man Best Ball Tourney at Stone Creek Golf Club in Urbana, IL, John Parkes, CGCS host.

May 6 — Annual Penn State University Alumni Outing at Riverside Golf Club, **Shane Kissack** host.

May 21 — MAGCS monthly meeting/ITF Golf Day at Whisper Creek Golf Club in Huntley, IL, **Jim Wyffels** host. June 6 — Memorial Service for **John Ebel** at Barrington Hills Country Club. More details to follow. June 24 — MAGCS monthly meeting at the newly-renovated

Phillips Park Golf Course, Lynn Wesson host.

On Tuesday, April 2, one of the most important figures in the Chicagoland golf scene passed away. Joe Jemsek was 89 when he succumbed to a lengthy illness. Mr. Jemsek's name is synonymous with public golf in our area, and his life's work has had an effect on all of us in the golf industry, from caddy to greenkeeper to professional player. The MAGCS salutes Joe Jemsek for all he has done for our industry, and we offer our sincerest condolences to his family and countless friends. This invitation comes to us from Juanita Ebel: "You are cordially invited to a Memorial Event to

honor and celebrate the life of John Ebel, former Keeper of the Greens at Barrington Hills Country Club, who went to be with the Lord on January 26, 2002. Barrington Hills will host the event for relatives, friends, club members and coworkers in the golf industry on June 6, 2002 at one o'clock in the afternoon. Please join us at this time of remembrance to share John's life. It will be a happy gathering." Let's show our support with a big MAGCS turnout. Congratulations to Robyn and Bob Kohlstedt of Fox Bend Golf Course on the birth of their daughter Kyra Joann on March 9. Kyra is a chip off the old block, coming in at 6 lb., 12 oz. and 19-3/4" long.

The MAGCS is proud to honor these individuals who will celebrate their 25th anniversary as members of our great organization: John Lapp of St. Andrews Golf Club; Norman Meyer, retired; Don Spier of Syngenta Turf & Ornamental; and Dan Wyatt, CGCS. Congratulations, gentlemen, and thank you for your long-term support of MAGCS. Condolences to the **Kevin DeRoo** family on the loss of their old friend Murphy. You may recall that Murphy DeRoo was featured in an article about golf course dogs in this very rag recently—she was the one who ate a Lesco Lake and Pond Dye packet AND got arrested in the Bartlett Hills Golf Course parking lot. Kevin swears that contrary to these little glitches, she was a VERY smart dog, and will be missed.



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This comes to us from **Bruce Williams, CGCS** of The Los Angeles Country Club, where they obviously have REALLY BIG grubs and even bigger skunks. Actually, this damage was inflicted upon the Boulder Creek Country Club by wild pigs. See what happens when you cancel the XFL?



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The MAGCS monthly meeting for March was held at our new HQ— Midwest Golf House—and was another fine event. Our educational speaker was Thomas Maloney of Cornell University, elaborating on "How to Find and Hire the Best Employees." Our thanks go out to our friends at the CDGA (including **Dr. Randy Kane** and **Lee Miller**) and the folks at Cog Hill Country Club (**Ken Lapp** host) for a great venue and lunch.



Education Committee chair Gary Hearn of Salt Creek Golf Course presents Thomas Maloney with an MAGCS-logoed token of our appreciation.

In keeping with GCSAA's commitment to serve its affiliated chapters, they have appointed each director to serve as liaison to 11 or 12 affiliated chapters. In a rare show of common sense, they chose our own **Bob Maibusch, CGCS** of Hinsdale Golf Club to act as the liaison to the MAGCS. All kidding aside, our affiliation with GCSAA can only grow stronger with Bob as our go-between.

Congratulations to **Darin Ayres**, former second assistant at Ivanhoe Club, who is now the golf course superintendent at Hughes Creek Golf Club. Does this imply we have a Junior II in our midst?

John Otis of Mission Hills Country Club has border collie pups available for sale. Both parents are ABCAregistered (the puppies' parents, that is), and more information can be obtained by calling John at 847-498-3212. If you are planning on being attacked by nematodes, do it by 2005. Bayer Corporation will cancel production of the popular nematicide by the end of 2005, and it will be sold after that until supplies are gone.

A sign of the times? Person with large synthetic Swiss-cheese wedge on head riding on a new 1-Pass single-passenger adaptive golf car. Do we really want these people on our golf courses?



Check out just about everything regarding the MAGCS on the improved Web site—go to magcs.org and see what you've been missing. The Member's Area link will get you into the new Message Board where you can see what your peers are up to and, more importantly, what they're selling.

J.W. Turf's annual consignment sale will be held (or has already been held, depending upon when you receive this) on Sunday, May 5 at 8:30 a.m. at their location in Hampshire, IL. Anyone looking for that great deal on used equipment should not miss this event. Also, if you have anything to sell, take it with you—you just might find a buyer. Call Mark Gilmour at 847-683-4653 for details (or to find out how it went).

Help wanted: Simplot Partners, a national golf and turf supply company, is seeking a fertilizer applicator based at our Aurora, IL site. Fax resume to 208-672-2748.

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