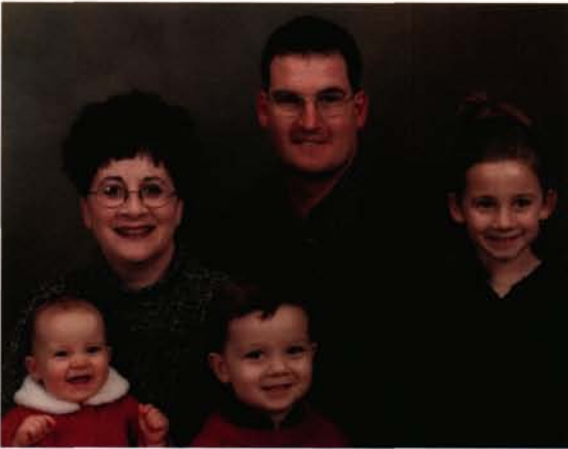


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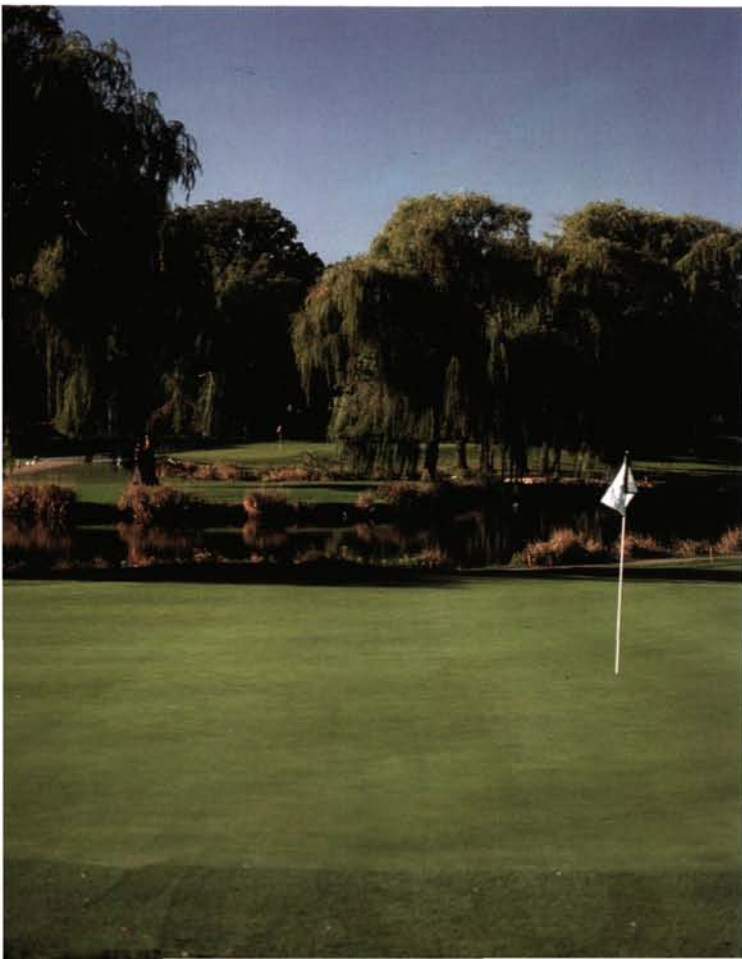


Robyn and Bob Kohlstedt with children
(L to R) Kyra, RJ and Kelli.



The MAGCS golf season begins this month at Fox Bend Golf Course in Oswego, with Bob Kohlstedt hosting. Bob began his career washing dishes at Silver Lake Country Club in the 1980s. In 1989, he—like many fortunate others—had the opportunity to be mentored by former MAGCS president and 2003 GCSAA Distinguished Service Award winner Dudley Smith. After graduating from the University of Illinois in 1991, Bob became the assistant to Jack McCormick at Calumet Country Club until 1997. At that time, Bob became the superintendent at Wedgewood Golf Club, where he worked until he became the super at Fox Bend in 2000.

photo by Jim Trzinski



Fox Bend was built by renowned golf course builder Brent Wadsworth in 1967 and owned by Wadsworth (with partner Bill Monier) from 1967 until 1980. During that span, Fox Bend served as a showcase for the Wadsworth Golf Course Construction Company, and an experimental farm of different types of irrigation, drainage and grass types. At one time, there were even demonstration plots of different bent varieties and creeping fescues, five fairways with different hybrids of grasses and three greens with different hybrids of bentgrass. These varieties of turf and irrigation became quite a challenge over the years and have since been homogenized through several remodelings. As a result, Bob probably smiles more and is a lot more easy-going than a certain former Fox Bend superintendent (the author of this piece).

In 1980, the Fox Valley and Oswegoland park districts jointly purchased Fox Bend. Since then, a new irrigation system was installed and a major remodeling was completed in 1995. A new par 3 (no. 15) and par 4 (no. 17) were built, along with changes to 14 other holes. During Bob's tenure, he has also made improvements to the driving range, built a six-acre berm, renovated bunkers,

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Built in 1967, Fox Bend has since undergone a major remodeling, in 1995.

remodeled the ninth hole, installed cart paths, built new tees and completed the construction of a new maintenance facility. This season, Bob plans on continuing the bunker renovation project and replacing a bridge across Waubensee Creek.

Bob and his wife, Robyn, live in Joliet with their three children: Kelli (7), RJ (2) and Kyra (1). Bob enjoys spending time with his family and when time permits, you may also find him golfing, fishing or snowmobiling (well, maybe not this past year). Bob also enjoys spending time in the kitchen. His favorite dishes to prepare are “anything with garlic and onions, especially Italian cuisine.”

So join your friends at Fox Bend on April 21st and see what Bob’s been cooking!



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Superintendent Bob Kohlstedt has undertaken an ongoing bunker renovation project at Fox Bend.

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