

the Bull Sheet

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DATES TO REMEMBER

June 2-6 – LPGA's Kellogg-Keebler Classic tournament at Stonebridge Country Club in Aurora, IL, **Dan Sterr** host.

June 10-13 – 2004 LaSalle Bank Open at The Glen Club in Glenview, IL, **Steven Daurer** host.

June 22 – MAGCS monthly meeting at Glen Erin Golf Club in Janesville, WI, **Dave Braasch** and **Dave Nadler** hosts.

June 30 – Annual John Buck Memorial Golf Outing at Pinecrest Country Club in Huntley, IL, **Brian Comiskey** host.

July 1-4 – Cialis Western Open at Cog Hill Country Club in Lemont, IL, **Ken Lapp** host.

July 19 – MAGCS monthly meeting at Fox Run Golf Links in Elk Grove Village, IL, **Greg Thalmann**, CGCS host.

This month's meeting will be held at the beautiful new Glen Erin Golf Club in scenic Janesville, Wisconsin with Dave Braasch and Dave Nadler hosting. The education topic will be "Digital Photography—Applications For the Golf Course," presented by our own **Luke Cella**. Application has been made to GCSAA for 0.1 education points for the session. Come on up and enjoy the day!

On a related (i.e., digital photography) note, **Mark Karczewski**—the individual responsible for the graphic design of this magazine—has created some useful guidelines for members who wish to contribute digital photography to *On Course*. If you are planning to submit digital imagery for publication herein, either to

accompany an article you are finally going to write, or as part of an advertisement, please contact **Cathy Ralston**, editor, and she will send you these guidelines. Or, reach Mark at 708-771-5936 or at cool-hand500@comcast.net. Mark offers a wealth of information and stands ready to help your article be the best it can be (without joining the Marines).

Keep June 30th free—the Annual John Buck Memorial Golf Outing is back, and at a new locale to boot. This always-fun event will take place this year at Pinecrest Country Club in Huntley, and will include lunch on the course, scramble-format golf, followed by dinner, awards and raffle drawing. Call J.W. Turf at 847-683-4653 to sign up.

MAGCS welcomes the following new members into the fold:

Jerry J. Cotton of Joe Louis Golf Club;

Fernando H. Diaz of Black Sheep Golf Club;

Jeremy L. Duncan of Village Greens of Woodridge;

Tom Gray of Olympia Fields Country Club;

Benjamin E. Hills of Arthur Hills/Steve Forrest & Associates;

John P. Maman of Beverly Country Club;

Mark A. Martinez of Tuckaway Golf Course;

Christopher A. Painter of Downers Grove Park District;

Patty Reedy of Skokie Country Club (about time);

Jarred D. Samski of Briar Ridge Country Club;

Cainan L. Shaddick of Geneva Golf Club; and

Justin P. Wheeler of Prairie Landing Golf Club.

Welcome, all of you, to the greatest professional association there is!

Thanks to the detective work of **Jon Jennings**, CGCS of Chicago Golf

Club, we can confirm that an old MAGCS friend has been found out East and is safe and sound. Tom Brodeur, who was previously at the Crystal Tree Golf & Country Club in Orland Park, is now (still) alive and well and loving life at the TPC Boston.



Tom Brodeur.

The last couple of years have seen a decrease in new course construction in our area, but the number of course renovations has really skyrocketed. Medinah #3, Chevy Chase (now the Legends of Chevy Chase) and Indian Lakes Resort (now called Blackhawk Trace) are three prime examples of this. The trend seems to be continuing this year, with the June opening of Makray Memorial Golf Club on the site of the previous Thunderbird G.C., as well as completed renovations at Exmoor C.C., Midlothian C.C. and the Village Links of Glen Ellyn, to mention a few. This fall, Ruth Lake C.C. is launching a major project involving architect Arthur Hills. **Dan Marco**, CGCS says the project entails closing the course on August 2 in order to rebuild eight greens and "gas 'n' grass" the others (probably to an A4/A1 blend); reconfigure the parking lot to gain additional parking and expand the range tee; expand the range to 275 yards with target greens, bentgrass tee and fairway and mist system on the tee; convert the second hole to a par 5 (currently a par 4) and convert the third hole to a par 3 (currently a par 4); rebuild and reconfigure all bunkers; expand water features throughout the property; and add new tees where necessary to lengthen the course and provide four sets of tees per hole. Whew! The course is scheduled for reopening the first week of June,

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2005. Also slated for a 2005 opening is Coyote Run, the new **Greg Martin** project on the site of old Cherry Hills G.C.

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The April MAGCS meeting was held on a . . . how can I put this . . . blustery day at Nettle Creek Country Club in Mayberry . . . uh, Morris, Illinois. **Pat Norton**, CGCS hosted the day, and it couldn't have been more fun. Most of the players thanked their lucky stars that the format was the four-person Modified Oldsmobile Scramble, as the wind absolutely howled and it was quite common for three of the four shots to simply be blown away (like into other counties, into cow patches, wherever). Par 3s into the relentless wind were unreachable with drivers, while downwind 300-yard pitching wedges were common. This was a FUN day!

Before the games began on the course, Dr. Brian Horgan of the University of Minnesota gave a pretty scary presentation titled "The Fate of Phosphorous in the Environment," highlighting current legislation in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan that heavily restricts the use of phosphorous as a fertilizer due mainly to its adverse effects on water bodies.

The results of the scramble were as follows: 1st Net—**John Gurke**, **Randy Kane**, **Luke Cella** and **Scott Witte** (59); 2nd Net—**Kurt Sams**, **Dave Holler**, **Ed Esgar** and **Keith Peterson** (60); 3rd Net—**Steve Poole**, **Paul Carlson**, **Keith Copersmet** and **Larry Flament** (61—decided by scorecard playoff). 1st Gross—**Brian Bossert**, **Brian Racette**, **Chuck Anfield** and **Dennis Buck** (65); 2nd Gross—**Don Ferreri**, **Dave Kohley**, **Trent Bradford** and **Rick Wilson** (67); 3rd Gross—**Brian Baker**, **Joel Purpur**, **Erwin McKone** and **John Maksymiu** (68—decided by scorecard playoff). Proximities were won by **Randy Kane** (closest to the hole), **Lynn Wesson** and **John Anderson** (longest putt) and **Eric Nadler** (longest drive).

On the charitable giving hole run by

Sharon Riesenbeck and **A. J. Huey** (thank you both for donating your time), 69 of 100 players contributed a total of \$950 to the Utica Tornado Relief Fund. We thank everyone at Nettle Creek, everyone who partici-



A couple of Pat's new self-propelled mowers hard at work.



Another of Pat's tributes to Hans—the memorial wood shop (memorializing the tree, obviously, and not Hans who in most people's minds is still very much alive).



Two of MAGCS' skinniest members—Dr. Randy Kane and John Gurke—get pumped up in the gale.



Tony Kalina completes the gift lavishing on Pat by presenting him with the customary plaque of thanks.

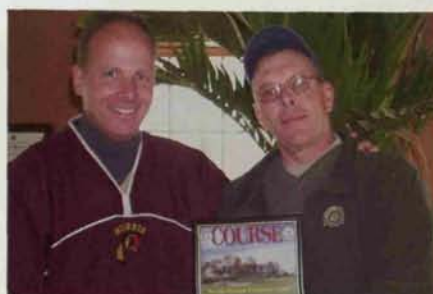
pated, and most importantly, our sponsors—TPEC, J.W. Turf, Nadler Golf Car Sales, Syngenta and Palatine Oil—for a wonderful day.



Hans Hopphan shows off the honorary range ball presented to him by Pat before the shotgun start.



Dr. Brian Horgan with Sharon Riesenbeck.



President Behnke presents Pat Norton with his copy of On Course in a lovely \$2.49 frame.



Many thanks to the day's sponsors!

Having mentioned the fine job A. J. Huey did in assisting with the charitable hole, I would also like to mention that he has recently changed employment—he is now with Chicagoland Turf, and MAGCS wishes him well in his new position.

Another golf event that merits mention took place last month—the annual Pro-Superintendent Tournament, held on May 6 at North Shore Country Club with superintendent **Dan Dinelli**, CGCS and PGA professional **Tim O’Neal** serving as our gracious hosts. The golf course was beautiful, as was the day, and the Illinois PGA once again done outdid themselves in running this always-fun event (though perhaps not as much fun as it was when it was alternate-shot format and pros got to recover from all the fun places their supers hit into). Taking the cake for best pro/super team of 2004 were **Corey Ferrell** and **Don Ferreri** of Seven Bridges Golf Club with a –15. Second place went to **Kevin Marion** and **Ed Fischer** of Old Elm Club with a

–11, while third went to **Doug Bauman** and **Brian Thomson** of Biltmore Country Club, also at –11. And just because it’s nice to see your name in print, dead-last place was won by **Dennis Callaghan** and **Mike Matchen** of Wilmette Golf Course with a +1. Congratulations to all participants (because everyone who participates in this event is a winner simply by getting to spend a great day golfing with their professional counterpart), and thank you to North Shore Country Club, **Dan** and **Tim** for their generosity in hosting this event.

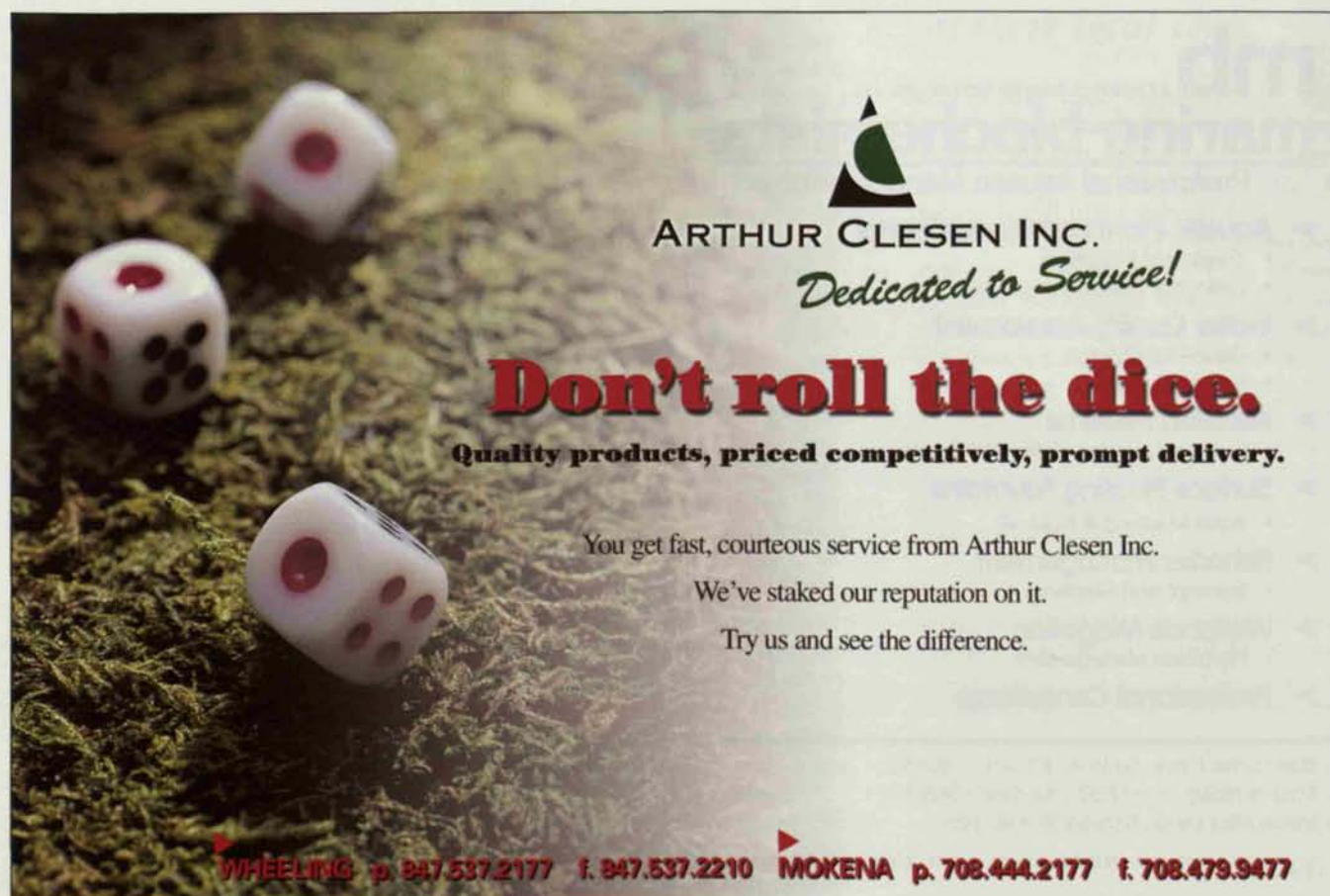
The April 23rd issue of *Golfweek’s SuperNEWS* featured a very flattering and informative article about the CDGA’s InteractiveTurf Web site. **Brian Thomson** of Biltmore Country Club gives the superintendent’s side of the story, while **Lee Miller** describes the technical side of things. Quotes from **Oscar Miles**, CGCS and **Paul Vermeulen** give the piece even more oomph, and it is very clear from this article that IT is a


one-of-a-kind doohickey that we Midwest superintendents are very lucky to have at our disposal.

While you are magazine-hopping, check out **Kane** and **Witte** on page 28 of May’s *Golf Course Management* (between the ads on pages 27 and 29).

For sale: Three 1988 Jacobsen Greens King cutting units with groomers (unused for past six years) and three original style Vibrating Rollers. Call **Jim** or **Jerry** at Lake Bluff Golf Club at 847-234-6788.

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