

Giving It the Old at Calumet

We were blessed with another beautiful golf day at Calumet Country Club on Tuesday the 5th of October. Ninety-six players were on hand to compete for the college championship in this ITF/MAGCS combined event. Keith Peterson had the greens rolling fast and furious, and the old motto "stay below the hole" was key!

I had the pleasure of witnessing my playing partner, **Steve Stewart**, nail the "closest to pin" on no. 14. He was 34 feet away! This 210-yard par 3 provided some fine drama as the green surface eluded ball after ball. H&E Sod and Town and Country Landscape sponsored this fine hole, as "Darin Hobonik" gave everyone a ball saying, "Use this ball and land it on the green, and you get a \$50 gift certificate. The closest to the pin receives a \$500 dollar gift certificate." Such a deal! Way to go Steve, nice job with the sweep! **Mike Bavier** had the straightest drive on no. 10, and by the way, that's Bah-vee-ay for those of you who don't speak French. *Merci beaucoup.* Steve Wolf had the closest to pin on no. 11. **David Behm** had closest to pin on no. 2. **Jeff Donahoe** survived the 2004 flood at Sycamore and went on to sink a 36-foot put on no. 5 for the prize.

In the college championship, the Danville Community College Jaguars came through with a great showing, **Ron Dohman** and **Dennis Buck** with a 70, combined with **Brian Bossert** and **Brock Burton** with a 68, for a total of 138.

In second place it was the Wisconsin Badgers, **Larry Lennert** and **John Meyer** with a 75, combined with **Phil Zeinert** and **Pat Norton** with a 70, for a total of 145.

In third place it was the Nebraska Cornhuskers. **Tony Kalina** and **Matt Giese** posted a 75, combined with **Justin Wheeler** and **Robert Graziano** with a 71, for a total of 146.

In fourth place were the Penn State Nittany Lions, but first,
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The final results of the partners' competition were:

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1st	Bob Lively, Tony Bisbee	61
2nd	Brian Baker, Erwin McKone	66
3rd	Trent Bradford, John Lebedevs	67

Here is how the college teams fared:

1st	Danville	138
2nd	Wisconsin	145
3rd	Nebraska	146
4th	Penn State	148
5th	Purdue	151
6th	Illinois	153
7th	Joliet	155



Brian Bossert, Dennis Buck, Ron Dohman and Brock Burton comprised the team from diminutive Danville Community Clooeger.



Tony Kalina, Justin Wheeler, Matt Giese and Robert Graziano represent the Cornshuckers.

College Try at Country Club



Phil Zeinert and Pat Norton.



*Ed Fischer and Mike Bavier
representing the "Old School."*



Greg Coyne and Jay Druhan.



A.J. Huey, Rich Wahl, host Keith Peterson and Dan Quast.



Len Ziehm, Fred Behnke, Luke Cella and Kevin DeRoo.



*The pride of Penn State: Shane Kissack,
Joel Purpur, Dave Blomquist and Dave Behm.*



*John Anderson, Mark Kowaliczko, Jeff Gerdes and Bob
Kohlstedt try to tie the Illini football team in wins (1).*

. . . what the heck is a Nittany Lion anyway? My Google search tells me it is a mountain lion named after Mount Nittany, which is a mountain that lies on the outskirts of State College, PA, Penn State's hometown. Mount Nittany stands alone with a long slope that can be seen from town, from campus, or from the seats in the football stadium. I am a sucker for Google trivia. Playing for the Lions, Dave Behm and Dave Blomquist



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recorded a 74, combined with Ed Fischer and Mike Bavier with a 74, for a total of 148.

In fifth place were the Purdue Boilermakers, John Turner and Eric Jones with a 73, combined with Dave Holler and Rich Nicpon with a 78, for a total of 151.



Thanks to Paul Carlson of Central Sod, who donated a fine TailGator package to raffle off and raise money to help send U of I students to the Golf Industry Show in Orlando. Gary Galecki was the lucky TailGator winner. Thanks to all of you who helped raise \$650 to send students to the big show!

In sixth place came the Fighting Illini. Gary Hearn and Rick Wilson shot a 76, combined with Jeff Gerdes and John Anderson with a 77, for a total of 153.

Finally, in seventh place were the Joliet Junior College Wolves. Jeff Smith and Rich Daly came in at 79, combined with Don Ferreri and David Gelino with a 76, for a total of 155.

Congratulations to all the winners!

However, as a Michigan State grad, I have to say . . . let's get it together, guys! If you are an MSU grad, e-mail kerry.anderson@bayercropsscience.com, and he will help organize the Spartans for '05. Thanks. That's all I have to say about that.



The NCTE Reborn: Previewing the 2004 Illinois Professional Turf Conference

As with any ITF combined golf day, the underlying theme is TURF RESEARCH! MAGCS is proud to be an allied association of the ITF, and we appreciate the efforts of everyone involved with organizing this fine event.

While we are on the topic of the ITF, I think it would be appropriate to plug the much-ballyhooed, new and improved Illinois Professional Turf Conference (IPTC).

Under new management, the IPTC (formerly the NCTE) not only has undergone a name change, but also has been revamped all the way from the trade show floor to the educational programming. First and foremost, the IPTC is the leading turfgrass conference in the Midwest, drawing turf practitioners from many professions. The educational focus for this year's IPTC includes topics in plant science, business, construction and renovation, as well as technical sessions on equipment usage and maintenance.

A few educational highlights for golf course superintendents and their staffs include:

- **Bruce Clark**, Rutgers, will cover the influence of maintenance practices on plant diseases.
- **Dave Minner**, Iowa State, will talk about winter injury on putting greens and how to avoid it.
- Fellow superintendents **Bob Lively** and **Jim Keith** will speak of course renovation and construction techniques.
- World-renowned motivational and business professional **Lou Cassara** will talk about building better business relationships.

For the turf equipment technicians, IPTC offers:

- Half-day seminar covering electrical troubleshooting.
- Half-day seminar covering hydraulic shooting.
- Tips and tricks of the business.

For the turf staff, IPTC offers:

- Pesticide applicator training in Spanish and English.
- Chainsaw and equipment safety in Spanish and English.
- Basic turf, soil and plant science sessions.

A special price is in effect for all ITF members. Pay two full conference packages registrations at \$95 and each additional registrant from the same ITF member organization is only \$40 per person. So plan to bring your key personnel this fall.

The trade show floor, too, has dramatically changed to allow the following activities:

- Live music by the band The Tavern Hill Liars, comprised of our own **Bill Johnson** (Olds Seed Solutions) and **Parin Schmidt**.
- Keynote address by the voice of the Chicago Cubs, Pat Hughes.
- Presentation of the ITF's Distinguished Service Award to longtime MAGCS member David Ward.
- A reception on the floor immediately following this special presentation to David.
- A spouse pass for the trade show floor and special activities at no cost.

In addition, the IPTC rally event on the trade show floor features the grand prize of airline tickets anywhere in the continental United States.

