



Change in the Air at 53rd Midwest Turf Clinic

As the hours of daylight shorten and the 2005 golf season draws to a close, the delights of fall emerge. Fall brings leaves in resplendent color, harvests, college football and morning frosts. As is the case with these fall traditions, our Association's Midwest Turf Clinic is drawing near. Plans are nearly finished for the 53rd Annual Midwest Turf Clinic, which will take place this year on Wednesday, November 2, at Medinah Country Club. On behalf of the volunteers on the MAGCS Education Committee, and the MAGCS Board of Directors, I am proud to reveal the schedule of speakers, topics and theme for this year's clinic. Here's a brief snapshot:

This year's edition of the Midwest Turf Clinic addresses many facets of change, from career moves to climate shifts. "Da Coach," Mike Ditka, is our scheduled keynote speaker.

"Change, Change, Change" is the Clinic's theme this year based on the events that shaped our local Association, industry and profession in 2005. Eleven golf course superintendents, ten of whom are MAGCS members and seven of whom are certified golf course superintendents, will be imparting their wisdom, insights and knowledge on us at this year's clinic along with our other illustrious invited guests.

The drought of 2005 certainly had a significant impact throughout the entire northern Illinois region. Along that front (pardon the pun), Doug Sistrerson, M.S., operations manager and research meteorologist for U.S. Department of Energy's Argonne National Laboratory in Woodridge, IL, will address our group on weather conditions and forecast information modeling. With any fortune, Doug's presentation will be accompanied by an abundance of much-needed precipitation. His insights and outlook on regional climatic weather "changes" will be interesting and informative.

For Tim Anderson of Naperville C.C., Dave Blomquist of Twin Orchards C.C., Mike Mumper of Lakeshore C.C. and Joel Purpur of Park Ridge C.C., 2005 started out with a serious "change" when these four distinguished, veteran, certified golf course superintendents made the big move. What is it like to leave one prized superintendent's position for another after being so successful at one club for so long? They went from being longstanding, highly regarded superintendents at some of the finest-conditioned private clubs in Chicagoland, to being the "new kid on the block" at a new club this year. These gentlemen will share their experiences with the "changes" they faced in 2005 during a roundtable discussion. This morning roundtable will be moderated by Paul Voykin of Briarwood C.C., whose style and wit alone may be worth the price of admission.

The MAGCS welcomed four new, first-year superintendents to the neighborhood in 2005. What a season it must have been to "pull the reins" for the first time as superintendents. Nick Baker of Riverside C.C., Jeff Pozen of Downers Grove G.C., Brian Racette of Lincoln Oaks C.C. and Tim White of Prestwick C.C. will disclose the "changes" they experienced in their first season during a discussion entitled "Changing Hats—A Roundtable of the MAGCS's Newest Superintendents." This afternoon roundtable will be moderated by the Merit Club's Oscar L. Miles, CGCS, whose "L" stands for "Legendary."

Also on the docket, Mark Esoda, CGCS, of Atlanta C.C. in Atlanta, GA will be presenting "Managing Change for Personal and Facility Success." His tips, techniques and advice promise to be copious. The MAGCS will be the

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“guinea pigs” for Mark’s new GCSAA seminar on the aforementioned topic. He will start making the circuits with this seminar in 2006. He has a wealth of skills and views on the subject of communicating “change” that he will be sharing.

“Changing Directions—The Ethics and Leadership of Change” is the name of the address to be given by Dr. Keith Krasemann. Dr. Krasemann is a renowned author, consultant and lecturer on business ethics and leadership, time and change management, and personal development. Dr. Krasemann is a professor of philosophy and director

of Asian studies development programs at the College of DuPage in Wheaton, IL. His expertise is clear, and his presentation should be outstanding in entertainment, content and delivery.

Our keynote speaker is former NFL coach and player, “Da Coach” of the Chicago Bears for many years, Mike Ditka. Mike played or coached in the National Football League from 1961 to 2000. Mike has three Super Bowl rings: one for Super Bowl VII, as a player for the Dallas Cowboys; one for Super Bowl XII, as an assistant coach for the Cowboys; and of course, one for Super Bowl XX, when

he was head coach of the Chicago Bears. A 1988 inductee into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, Coach Ditka is a Chicago sports icon and legend. He is also an author, actor, restaurateur and TV color commentator. His accounts of playing and coaching pro football and reflections on life will surely entertain us.

We have planned an exciting clinic. Come early to ensure a good seat. You do not want to miss the Midwest Association at its finest. Hope to see everyone on November 2.



53rd Midwest Turf Clinic & MAGCS Annual Meeting

November 2, 2005

Medinah Country Club

“CHANGE, CHANGE, CHANGE”

Tentative Agenda

7-8 a.m.	Continental Breakfast & Registration
8-8:30 a.m.	MAGCS Annual Meeting
A.M. Moderator	Paul Voykin, GCS @ Briarwood C.C.
8:30-9:30 a.m.	Mark Esoda, CGCS @ Atlanta C.C., “Managing Change for Personal and Facility Success”
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Doug Sisterson, M.S., Meteorologist, Argonne National Lab, “Climatic Weather Changes”
10:30-10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45-11:30 a.m.	“Changing Places—A Roundtable of MAGCS Veterans ‘On the Move’ in 2005” Tim Anderson, CGSC @ Naperville C.C., Dave Blomquist, CGCS @ Twin Orchards C.C., Mike Mumper, CGCS @ Lakeshore C.C. and Joel Purpur, CGCS @ Park Ridge C.C.
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Lunch
P.M. Moderator	Oscar L. Miles, CGCS @ Merit Club
12:30-1:15 p.m.	- Ray Gerber Award Presentation - Fred Opperman Award Presentation - Chapter Delegate Update - President’s Award Presentation - Scholarship Donations Announcement - Elections
1:15-1:45 p.m.	“Changing Hats—A Roundtable of the MAGCS’s Newest Superintendents” Nick Baker @ Riverside C.C., Jeff Pozen @ Downers Grove G.C., Tim White @ Prestwick C.C. and Brian Racette @ Lincoln Oaks C.C.
1:45-2:00 p.m.	Break
2:00-3:00 p.m.	Keith Krasemann, Ph. D., College of DuPage, “Changing Directions—The Ethics and Leadership of Change”
3:00-4:00 p.m.	Mike Ditka, NFL Player, Coach and Pro Football Hall of Famer Keynote Address: Commentary from “Da Coach”
4:00-4:30 p.m.	- Election Results - Past President’s Address - Gavel Pass - New President’s Address - Adjournment