MIDWEST PERSONALITIES

[Editor's Note: As we resurrect this column, it is fitting to welcome our newest member, Derek Settle, CDGA's new addition to the turf team. All members are encouraged to be profiled in the future. Visit www.magcs.org for the form to fill out.]



Name: Derek Settle

Company: Chicago District Golf Association

Job Title: Manager of IPM Program MAGCS member since: 3-1-06

Date of Birth: 6-11-67 Place of Birth: Wichita, KS

Current Residence: Apartment in Willowbrook, IL College/Degree(s): Kansas State University/BS, MS,

and PhD...too many.

Spouse/Children: Separated/1 good boy - Nathaniel My favorite childhood memory is: Sitting on my Shetland pony as he grazed in a fescue pasture during a hot Kansas summer - no shirt, no shoes... time stood still.

My personal hero: Pope John Paul II

My professional mentors: My major professors Drs. Jack Fry and Ned Tisserat

Favorite Actor: Nick Nolte

Favorite Musical Performer: Dave Matthews Band

Favorite Restaurant: Chipotle

Favorite "Pig Out" Food: Foot-Long Chili Cheese Coney

Favorite TV Show: Seinfeld

Favorite Color: Both Blue and Green

Favorite Professional Sports Team: KC Chiefs

Favorite Pro Athlete: Muhammad Ali...I remember his banter with Howard Cosell in the days when boxing was broadcast on TV

Favorite Pro Golfer: Tiger Woods...for lack of a better answer

My Handicap Index: I would need a really big one My favorite place to play golf is: A hacker at the Manhattan Country Club (not NY)

My best/most memorable round ever: I need to learn to play before I can answer this one

The most interesting/exotic place I've ever traveled is: Montreal, Canada

The book I've been recommending lately: Management of Turfgrass Diseases by Vargas

The last great movie I saw was: "Capote" in a theater in Kansas

In my spare time, I enjoy: Building homes with Habitat for Humanity / music

Three words that best describe me: Friendly, Helpful, Kind – a biased answer of course

What I enjoy most about my job: The positive atmosphere and my coworkers

What I dislike about my job: Not enough vacation time? I'm a Midwest member because: I want to meet the superintendents I'm here to assist, and I need to understand the current issues that exist in turfgrass management in Illinois



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