

the Bull Sheet

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DATES TO REMEMBER

June 7 – MAGCS monthly meeting at Old Oak Country Club in Homer Glen, IL, **Chad Walk** host.

June 8-11 – LaSalle Bank Open (a Nationwide Tour event) at the Glen Club, **Steve Daurer** host.

June 20 – 6th Annual John Buck Memorial Golf Outing at Marengo Ridge Golf & Country Club in Marengo, IL, **Luke Roth** and **Bruce Schweiger** hosts.

June 30 – PDI deadline for first cycle of Class A Superintendents 3-year renewal. If you, like me, do not know what exactly that means, call GCSAA or go to www.gcsaa.org and find out if you're in trouble or not.

July 1 – Deadline for nominating GCSAA members for the 2007 Board of Directors.

July 3 - 9 Western Open at Cog Hill Golf Club, Lemont, IL, **Ken Lapp** host.

July 13 – “Understanding and Complying With the Ever-Changing Employment and Labor Laws in Illinois” seminar in Naperville, IL. Call 866-352-9539 for information or to register.

July 15 – MAGCS Kane County Cougars outing at Elfstrom Field in Geneva, IL.

August 17-20 – PGA Championship at Medinah Country Club in Medinah, IL, **Tom Lively**, CGCS host.

Join in all the high-tech fun and sign up for MAGCS e-mail notification for local golf industry news and notifications. Just call Luke Cella at 630-243-7900 and say the magic words.

If you are a CAGCS member, there's another fun, high-tech dealie available to you—the new, exciting Chicagoland Association of Golf Course Superintendents web site is up and running! Check out www.cagcs.org right now.

In keeping with the theme of the moment, **Dr. Tom Voigt** (University of Illinois) was recently featured in a GCSAA Education webcast titled “How Rough Is It?” These webcasts are a great high-tech way to keep up with current industry research and earn education points toward PDI, all while in the comfort of your own home or office. And what's more, if you miss the live event, GCSAA will notify you by e-mail when the On-Demand version will be available. Think this whole computer thing is a fad, or what?

Congratulations and the best of luck to the following MAGCS members on their new career moves:

- **Larry Collins**, previously with Turf Professionals Equipment Company (TPEC), has joined Erik Christiansen, a former golf course superintendent and current owner of EC Design Group, Ltd., an irrigation consulting company in West Des Moines, Iowa since 1993.

- **Dave Radaj**, CGCS, former golf course superintendent of Green Acres Country Club is now the General Manager of Green Acres Country Club. Heads up, Men's Warehouse—here comes a hot one!

- **Travis Williams**, formerly second assistant superintendent at Park Ridge Country Club is now the golf course superintendent at the Oaks Club in Springfield, IL.

- **Keith Krause**, after 2-1/2 LONG

years as assistant superintendent at Aurora Country Club, has “joined the other team”. No—he still likes girls, but has accepted a position in turf product sales for Reinder's of Wisconsin.

All the best to each of you in your future endeavors, gentlemen (and Keith).

Important message to all high handicappers—plan to be at the education portion of this month's meeting at Old Oak Country Club. “The Geometry of Golf” will be presented by Prairie Landing Golf Club teaching pro Brian King, GSEB (Bachelors in Golf Stroke Engineering). You can go online to www.thegolfingmachine.com to learn more about what you'll be seeing on the 7th. MAGCS Education chairman **Tony Kalina** promises it will shave strokes off your game or he will pay for your next lesson. Disclaimer: Not really.

If you missed it in the April issue of *Golf Course Management*, go back and take a look at the article on page 97 titled “Results From a Long-Term Putting Green Cultivar Trial.” This article highlights the research work performed since 1997 at North Shore Country Club regarding the new bentgrass cultivars in cooperation with the USGA, GCSAA, and the National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP). MAGCS members Tom Voigt, **Bruce Branham**, **Randy Kane**, **Paul Vermeulen**, and **Dan Dinelli**, CGCS co-authored the article, and the results are truly enlightening as they pertain to resistance to annual bluegrass invasion, dollar spot infection, uniformity, and other factors affecting putting green quality. Great work, guys!

Congratulations to Sunset Ridge Country Club (**Dennis Wilson**, **Greg Rounds**, and **Glenn Peters**) and MAGCS member **Rick Jacobson** (Jacobson Golf Course Design) on receiving *Golf, Inc.* magazine's 2005 renovation of the year award in the private club category.

If you feel you know the best turf technician around, now is your chance to let the world know. The

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Golden Wrench Award, presented by Golfweek's SuperNEWS and sponsored by Foley United, recognizes a tech who excels at repairing and maintaining golf course equipment. The deadline for nominations is July 15th, so get on it quick—e-mail your nominations to jreitman@golfweek.com or mail them to Tech of the Year, c/o John Reitman, 1500 Park Center Drive, Orlando, FL 32835.

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 Congratulations to all 10 Forest Preserve District of Cook County golf courses (Bryan Bielecki, Billy Casper Cook County Golf LLC) on becoming Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuaries. The criteria adopted in attaining this prestigious honor include reduced fertilizer and pesticide use, increased naturalized areas to minimize maintenance costs while enhancing wildlife habitats, and working with community groups and volunteers to conduct bird, mammal, and ornamental inventories on each property.

The 10 courses represent 1,764 acres of land, and are managed by the following MAGCS members:

- Chick Evans Golf Course—
Jason Wolf
- George W. Dunne National Golf Course—**Jeremy Turton**
- Billy Caldwell Golf Course and Edgebrook Golf Course—
Jim Bennett, CGCS
- Burnham Woods golf Course and River Oaks Golf Course—
Doug Weiss and Bob McCallum, CGCS
- Highland Woods Golf Course—
Roger McDuffa

- Indian Boundary Golf Course—
Jesse Seguin
- Joe Louis "The Champ" Golf Course—**Jerry Cotton**
- Meadowlark Golf Course—
Kim Bartlett

Congratulations to all of you!

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 It has been five years since we lost a major player in our local profession this past March, with the passing of John Buck, owner and founder of J.W. Turf, Inc. More so, John was a terrific man and friend to all. To honor John, a scholarship was estab-

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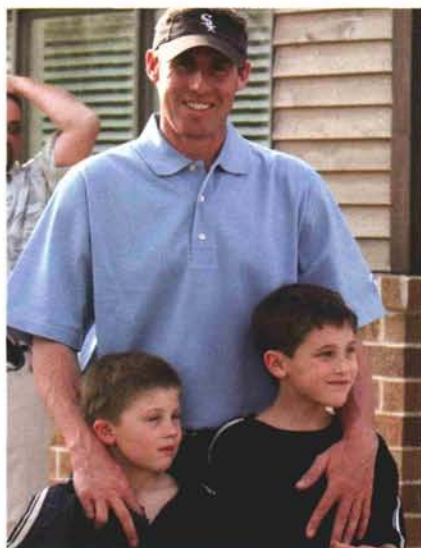
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lished in his name. With the funds raised from the Annual Golf Outing, the John Deere Gator raffle and additional small fundraisers, over \$15,000 has been donated to MAGCS in the last five years. This year will mark the 6th Annual John Buck Golf Outing. June 20th- 6th Annual John Buck Golf Outing at Marengo Ridge Golf & CC, Marengo, IL. Enter the Gator Raffle- CS John Deere Gator- Tickets: \$10 each or 3 for \$25.00. Winner to be drawn on June 20th. For Gator tickets contact: Kelli at J. W. Turf, Inc 847-683-4653 or Jwtparts@foxvalley.net



John Buck

On Monday, April 24th, MAGCS held its first golf meeting of the 2006 season at Heritage Bluffs Golf Club in Channahon, IL with **Chuck Anfield, CGCS** hosting.



Chuck Anfield and sons.

The day turned out to be perfect, as it was bright and sunlit with relatively little of the wind that usually bedevils golfers at HBGC at this time of year. Before hitting the links

for the traditional 4-person scramble format, attendees were treated to a really strong educational program presented by CDGA's Manager of Turf Programs Lee Miller. After Tony "Too-Much-Coffee-Tongue-Ties-Me" Kalina's unique introduction ("with unforther deloo, here's Lee"), the presentation "Degree Days and Soil Temperature: The Calendars of IPM" filled the audience with some very outside-the-box thinking about pest control timing. Of particular interest were Lee's data on Poa annua seedhead suppression and early season dollar spot control application scheduling.

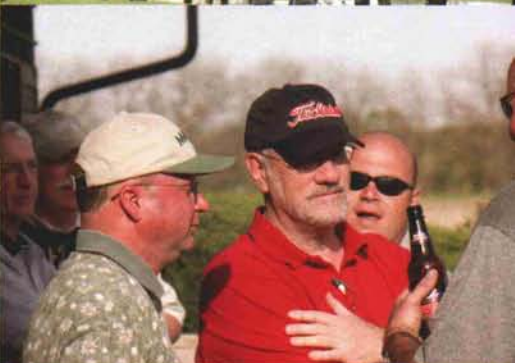
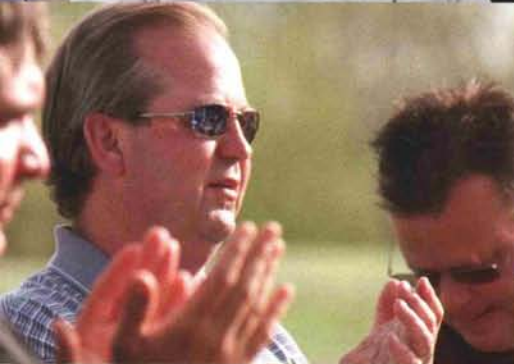


Lee Miller

Once everyone was all filled up with donuts and knowledge, it was off to the golf course for a swingin' good time. Aside from the host's own team winning about EVERY single stinkin' prize, including an unprecedented third consecutive first place finish (the prize accepted whilst jeers of "break them up!" came from the unruly mob), the golf was great and the course as well. I will say that the winning team of Anfield, **Brian Bossert, Dennis Buck, and Brian Racette** did leave a couple prizes for others—**Ann Huber** won longest putt and **Dave Blomquist** won straightest drive, while Racette took longest drive and Buck absolutely STOLE closest to the pin. Look for those guys at the next meeting—they'll be the ones in the brand new MAGCS logoed apparel. The betting hole, administered by **Sharon Riesenbeck** (Waupaca Sand and Solutions) and **Kelli Zopfi** and **Danna Eberly** (JW Turf) raised a generous \$845.00 for the MAGCS scholarship fund; and **Steve VanAcker, CGCS** (Crystal Lake CC) was the proud recipient of the

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Grey Goose gift basket raffled off after play was finished. MAGCS thanks its host, Chuck Anfield and the staff at Heritage Bluffs, everyone who attended the event, and its invaluable sponsors—**Arthur Clesen, Inc., Burris Equipment Company, Nadler Golf Car Sales, Inc., Palatine Oil Company, and Turf Professionals Equipment Company**—for a superb day.

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