

## November 2006

### Hospitality Reception

The 2007 MAGCS Hospitality Reception will be held on Thursday, February 22, 2007 at the Hilton Anaheim from 6:00 pm until 10:00 pm. Please mark your GIS convention calendar and plan to attend this event. The Hilton Anaheim in the GCSAA Headquarter Hotel.

### Matching Grant

The MAGCS through the ITF and Dr. Tom Voigt have been awarded a matching grant with the Environmental Institute for Golf. The official title of the project is "Warm-season Native Grasses for Playable Midwestern Golf Course Roughs". Dr. Voigt will continue his studies to find a suitable species for golf course roughs in our climate. From his previous work, blue grama (*Bouteloua gracilis*) created the highest quality unmowed roughs. This new study will look at three cultivars of this species and evaluate it on survival, aesthetics, weed invasion, and playability. Maintenance practices will also be evaluated including chemical weed control, as well as mowing and burning regimes. Dr. Voigt has planted one set of the study at the Midwest Golf House in Lemont.

### Green Industry News

The 3rd Phase of the Green Industry Study is nearing completion. Results will be available the early part of next year. The second part of the study focused on end users (mostly consumers) however the study found that Nonresidential end users total over 52,000 businesses, organizations, and government agencies that collectively maintain about 700,000 acres of green space. Residential households, (about 2.7 million) account for the largest share of managed landscape in Illinois – an area exceeding one million acres. For more information, or to see the actual results visit [www.nres.uiuc.edu](http://www.nres.uiuc.edu)

The GIA met in early October. Among the items discussed was the success a brochure (partially funded by MAGCS) is having in schools. The brochure was produced primarily for high-school students, counselors and teachers highlighting career tracks in horticulture. It was produced in conjunction with Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education (FCAE) the group that helps with program development services essential to the implementation of a statewide plan for agricultural education at all levels. ([www.agriculturaleducation.org](http://www.agriculturaleducation.org)).

### Midwest Golf House Update

The new MAGCS office at the Midwest Golf House will be complete in early December. The new office will be located on the second floor and be a part of a build out undertaken by the CDGA.

### Equipment for the Sunshine Course

A call is being placed to all that are in the process of evaluating the usefulness of equipment during this off-season. One of the disheartening aspects of purchasing new equipment is how small the residual value is when trading in old equipment. If you are going through this process, please consider donating your used equipment to the Sunshine Course. It might be more valuable as a donation to deduct for your club rather than the few hundred dollars offered as a trade-in. Current needs include: a ground driven fertilizer spreader, Toro walking greens mower, topdresser for greens and tees, self propelled sprayer, reel-type bank mower, lab equipment, and a triplex greens mower. Please contact Dr. Derek Settle at [dsettle@cdga.org](mailto:dsettle@cdga.org) or phone 630-685-2307.

### GCSAA to Conduct Five Surveys

- Please keep your eye out for surveys coming from the GCSAA from now until March 2007. All Class A and SM members are asked to partake and complete them. As much as we all dislike surveys, they are important for the Association to make sure your needs are met and act as a conduit for your voice to be heard. There are five surveys in all:
- Part two of the Golf Course Environmental Profile Project that focuses on water use.- Currently.
- Member Needs Survey – beginning November 15.
- Compensation and Benefits Survey –to be sent January 10, 2007 (All participants will get a copy of this detailed study.)
- Golf Industry Show participants will be invited to take part in a survey starting on March 1, 2007.
- Part three of the Golf Course Environmental Profile Project that focuses on inputs used to maintain the golf course will be sent on starting March 19, 2007.
- Each survey will take between 15 to 30 minutes to complete; in return GCSAA will offer 0.25 Service Points for each completed survey.



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