

MAGCS IN MOTION

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WEBSITE

The new website is online and open for business. Please take a look when you are able, log in reset your password. Everyone is doing it. Membership has its privileges and a few of them on the new site are:

- a searchable directory
- a forum
- self-managed information
- interactive calendar
- meeting registration
- photo gallery
- classified ads (you can even post pictures of the stuff you want to get rid of)
- history of MAGCS and more

Things to come:

- online project directory
- resume posting for people looking to move to our area
- product directory
- *On Course* archives (linked to TGIF at Michigan State)
- Midwest Family Tree
- resources for job seekers

I've come to find that a website is much like a golf course. The task of managing and improving it is never done. The best part of the new site is the access that I have to make the changes to it. Please visit the site and comment. If you have problems registering for the first time, please give me a call and I'll walk you through it, 630-243-7900.

BLUE TAGS - MAGCS Scholarships

By the small chance that any of you may be using seed this fall, please save your blue tags for the MAGCS scholarship fund. Bring them to the next monthly meeting or drop them in the mail to headquarters and we can redeem them for money.



A special thank you to JW Turf for their annual donation to the MAGCS scholarship fund from the proceeds of the John Buck Outing. This year J.W. Turf will present MAGCS with a check for \$3773.48 at our Annual Meeting on November 7.

IPTC

The education is set for the 2007 IPTC. A few noteworthy items:

- it is going to take place a week later in the year - December 5-6-7 than it has in the past. Hopefully this will give everyone an extra week to apply your last sprays of the season after a nice holiday break.
- Dr. Mike Fidanza of Penn State will give two talks to the golf track; one on Fairy Ring and the other on Nozzle Selection
- Dr. Henry Wetzel of Jacklin Seed is going to share his knowledge of seeding new cultivars of creeping bentgrass into existing stands of old CGB/ *Poa annua*.
- Jack Pizzo is going to speak on the keys to making native areas attractive.
- Len Conley is going to give a day long seminar on the design and use of organics in your fertility program
- Mr. Bill Hoopes is slated to give a two key management talks centered around keeping your employees happy and employed by you as well as a talk entitled "Coaches Win, Bosses Lose".
- Plus many more talks. Look for your program soon.
- Also, the IPTC is going to move locations in 2008 to the Schaumburg Renaissance and Convention Center. More to come on this move.

GCSAA

Old news by now, but Mr. Steve Mona is stepping away from GCSAA to take on the new role of CEO of the World Golf Foundation. Steve has agreed to continue to work up to another six months to assist in the succession of GCSAA's chief executive officer. He came to GCSAA, November 15, 1993 after serving as executive director of the Georgia State Golf Association.

Don Ferreri is heading to Lawrence, KS as our Chapter Delegate the second weekend in October. Among the items that will be discussed are a dues increase: At its summer meeting in Austin, Texas, the GCSAA Board of Directors voted to recommend a dues increase using a CPI-based formula supported by chapter delegates. The proposed increase of \$20 for Classes A and SM members, and \$10 for Class C members, will be voted on at the association's annual meeting Feb. 1 in Orlando.

Other items that are on the agenda include:

- The value and effectiveness of local chapters
- GCSAA branding campaign
- Candidate presentations

MAGCS thanks Don for representing us and we look forward to hearing his report at our Turf Clinic in November. **-OC**