

DIRECTOR'S COLUMN
Dan Sterr, Stonebridge Golf Club



2008 MAGCS Meeting Calendar

The 2008 golf season will be here before we know it. The MAGCS has secured some excellent sites for the year, and the golf committee will have some exciting events for the membership to participate in this year. We start the season off with the Spring Scramble, on April 28, at White Eagle Golf Club, with Gilberto Velazquez as our host. The Spring Scramble is a fun event to get the season started.

On May 12, 2008, the ITF and MAGCS will host their annual Spring Golf Day at St. Charles Country Club with Jim Keith. The Spring Golf Day is a fundraiser for the ITF, with money earned from the event going to turf research in the state, a good cause that benefits all of us.

On June 2nd we will again have the Dom Grotti Championship, the event that teams Superintendents with their Assistants in honor of Domenic Grotti, the long time Superintendent of Sunset Ridge Country Club. Domenic was a Superintendent who encouraged his assistants to become actively involved in the association. The Dom Grotti trophy is on permanent display at the Midwest Golf House in Lemont. All Superintendents are encouraged to grab their Assistants for the day, compete in this event, carry on the spirit of Domenic, and to encourage your Assistants to attend and become active in our association. The June event will also feature the Senior and Class C Championships.

Although there is no golf, mark your calendar for July 19th for the MAGCS Family Night Picnic at the Kane County Cougar Game. For those of you that have never attended this event, it has always proved to be a great night at the ball park.

On July 28th the Scholarship Outing will be held at Geneva Golf Club. Ed Braunsky will be our host. This event will help the association raise money for scholarships.

In August we will be playing the ever popular Foursome Progressive Logo ball along with a Low Gross/Low Net event.

Our current President, David Braasch, and Glen Erin Golf Club in Janesville, Wisconsin, will host the Annual MAGCS Championship on September 15th. The winner of the Championship Flight of this event will receive an automatic exemption into the 2009 Illinois Open.

The golf season will end with the combination ITF/MAGCS College Championship at Joliet Country. Mark Kowaliczko will be the host Superintendent. Like the Spring ITF Golf Day, this event is also a fundraiser for turf research, as well as an event that pits alumni of various Colleges and Universities against each other in a two-man team scramble format.

The Golf Committee encourages all members of the association to participate in the monthly golf events. Do not be afraid to sign up. If you cannot fill out a foursome, the Golf Committee will pair with you someone. The Golf events are an excellent way to meet new people in the association while enjoying a day playing golf. Please try to make as many events as you can. You will have a good time. **-OC**

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