

Q: How do you make it snow in Chicagoland?

A: Hold the Illinois Professional Turfgrass Conference. The Pheasant Run Resort was the place, and December 5th through 7th was the date, and as usual we received our first taste of winter during the proceedings. Word from the trade show floor was very positive, and despite the weather, attendance was up. Kudos to the person or persons who decided to put the lounge area on the show floor—it was a great venue for wheeling and dealing, and you certainly couldn't complain about the price of a beer!



*Tim Johnson proves for once and for all that you CAN operate a greens roller with one hand.*



*Paul Bastron spiffies up the Rabine paving booth with his good looks.*

The education programs were all top-rate as well, offering a WIDE variety of topics and speakers from all walks of Green Industry life. Thursday evening's Hospitality Reception sponsored by **Chicagoland Turf** and **Bayer Environmental Science** was a big hit as well, featuring food, drink, cards,

Bears football (if that is an appropriate name for it), and even an impromptu eating contest involving several of MAGCS' most famous chow hounds. Competitors be advised—Sharon has ordered 15,000 hot dogs and 1,750 crab cakes for the hospitality suite in Orlando, so start preparing now.



*"Nobody ever eat fifty crabcakes."  
Chris Plumb and Kevin DeRoo tried to best each other.*



*Brian Baker serves up a couple of plates to the contestants.*

Congratulations to **Don Cross, CGCS** (Skokie CC) on winning the raffle conducted by Prime Turf at the IPTC last month. For dropping his card in the bucket, Don walked away with a brand new I-Phone. Luckily Don has all winter to figure out all the stuff he can do with it. **-OC**

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