

garden clubs and environmental groups, he really SHOULD sleep. But no—along with fellow MAGCS members architect **Rick Jacobson** and golf course builder **Jeff Hollembeak**, Dan is using new technology to map his greens' topography to within 2 millimeters in order to prepare a plan for future renovating of the original 1924 Colt, Alison, and MacKenzie designs. With this GPS-driven technology, the comparatively steep contours that ruled the day back in 1924 can be tweaked without losing the flavor of their original design, and pin placements lost to shrinkage (yes, these things DO shrink) can be recaptured—all to the finite decimal point in elevation. Sounds like a really interesting project—good luck with it, fellas.

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Congratulations to Bruce Charlton of the Robert Trent Jones II golf architecture firm on being named president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects. Bruce replaces Steve Forrest of Arthur Hills/Steve Forrest & Associates.

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A true legend in our business has decided to call it a career after 35 years at the same course. What makes Monroe Miller legendary isn't just his longevity at Blackhawk Country Club in Madison, Wisconsin, nor is it his 24-year stint as the excellent editor of *The Grass Roots*, the publication of the Wisconsin GCSA. What makes this man a legend is best summed up by GCI's Pat Jones, as he describes Mr. Miller in the following manner: "Monroe Miller pisses me off. It's irritating the guy can write circles around me, a so-called professional journalist. But he also can grow grass with the best of them, has stayed in the same job for almost 40 years, is a stalwart supporter of his university and has provided mentorship and wisdom to hundreds of young people and peers throughout his career. And he's a great guy." Oh, and he has not taken dime one for his 24 years of churning out one of our industry's best chapter publications—it has been strictly a volunteer labor of love for him. You know, the more I think about it, he pisses me off too. I think the guy is truly flawless, although I have heard he is a Packer fan, so that could be considered a strike against him. Anyhow, from the FIBs south of the border, we salute Monroe Miller on an outstanding career and wish him and his wife Cheryl the best in their retirement years.

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The May issue of *Golfdom* featured a new installment called "TOP Assistants," a question-and-answer session with an assistant superintendent. The premiere article featured Evanston Golf Club's **Matt Breeden**, and included highlighting his and the MAGCS Class C Advisory Committee's recent Habitat for Humanity project in Aurora. Personally, I think the highlight of the article was Matt's answer to the "what's your favorite hobby" query: "Watching the Cubs play at Wrigley Field." Amen! Nicely done, Matt.



The Habitat House in Aurora landscaped and lived in. Thank you to all the donors especially The Brickman Group for helping this landscaping project.

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In the same issue of *Golfdom* was an article by editor-in-chief Larry Aylward titled "The Spackler Syndrome." Can we PLEASE get over this for once and for all?

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I'm an idiot. I truly thought the pros would tear Torrey Pines a new one.

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The Chicagoland Association of Golf Course Superintendents (CAGCS) has held its annual election, and the following gentlemen comprise the board for 2008: President **Dan Charlton** (Evanston Golf Club); Vice President/Verdure/Forum **Jon Jennings, CGCS** (Chicago Golf Club); Treasurer **Dan Marco, CGCS** (Ruth Lake Country Club); Arrangements Director **Brian Bossert, CGCS** (Bryn Mawr Country Club); Secretary **Tommy Witt, CGCS** (Northmoor Country Club); Education Director **Dave Ward** (Coyote Run Golf Course); and President Emeritus **Dan Dinelli, CGCS** (North Shore Country Club). Congratulations, guys!



The CAGCS Board and Officers. (L to R): Witt, Ward, Marco, Bossert, Jennings, Charlton, and Dinelli.

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The May 26 *Chicago Sun Times* had a couple nice mentions of MAGCS members—**Dave Nadler's** Glen Erin Golf Club in Janesville (**Dave Braasch** superintendent) received great reviews in the "Course Spotlight" feature, and **Paul Voykin's** imminent retirement from Briarwood after 47 years was highlighted in Len Ziehm's "Local Golf" column.

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If you have a scary story about something that happened on your golf course—something really weird or paranormal or otherwise unexplainable—you should give *Golfdom's* Anthony Pioppi a call (or simply channel him). If your story is used in his upcoming book, you'll receive an autographed copy. For those whose psychic powers are limited, you can submit your story to HauntedGolf@gmail.com.