

GCM content published over the last 74 years. Or you can do what everyone else does and call **Dan Dinelli** for the information you seek. [Editor's Note: That same TGIF started to scan and archive *On Course* this past month. MAGCS is adding over 900 records to the database. **All MAGCS members** will have access to the complete database through a portal on our website very soon. Pete Cookingham, Project Director and Cliff Haka, Director MSU Libraries will teach us how to use the online database at our June meeting.

On January 28th members of the Chicagoland Association of Golf Course Superintendents and their guests converged on 3 maintenance facilities in the western suburbs for the Annual CAGCS Shop Tour. This always popular event is an opportunity for superintendents to bring key members of their organizations to visit OPS (other peoples' shops) and gather ideas on how to better equip, operate, and organize their own facilities. It's also a chance to compare, to gloat, or—as was the case this year—to cry over what some have that others don't. Shop Tour 2008 began in Aurora at the Stonebridge Country Club where **Dan Sterr** runs the show, then continued east to Glen Ellen to visit **Andy Dauksas** and the Glen Oak Country Club's 2004-vintage facility (complete with attached gun club). After touring the 13,000 square feet of floor space (and basketball court), a short trip south landed the 100+ attendees at Naperville Country Club's brand spankin' new shop and its 15,000 square feet of pristine floor area. **Tim Anderson** hosted this final leg on the trek, and after our cruise around Fantasy Island we were treated to a great lunch in the clubhouse (which is also nice, but the shop is still better). Great job by everyone involved!



*Glen Oak Country Club's shop, Andy Dauksas host.*

Speaking of lunch, did you read about the 2 golf course employees in Hawaii who ate a dog? OK, tasteless segue into a seriously deranged story. The owner of Caddy, an 8-month-old German shepherd/Labrador mix had obtained permission to bring the dog to the course and tie him out while he played. Caddy vanished while tied up near the clubhouse, and an investigation led to the gruesome crime committed by Saturnino Palting and Nelson Domingo, who stole off with the dog, took him to a nearby home, butchered and ate him (and were subsequently fired). The two face five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine if convicted. Enjoy the prison food, fellas.

Congratulations to **Phil Zeinert**, CGCS of Elgin Country Club on winning the Growing Solutions raffle conducted at their booth at the Golf Industry Show. For the Herculean effort Phil exerted (dropping a card into a box), he was rewarded with a vacation for 2 to anywhere in the continental United States including airfare, rental car, hotel accommodations, and \$500 in pocket cash. Sweet!

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*Naperville's Tim Anderson, CGCS brand new shop didn't even need to be swept to end the shop tour.*



*Stonebridge Country Club and Dan Sterr started the shop tour.*

## CLASSIFIEDS

For sale or barter: 7 Water cooler stations—recycled green plastic houses from Eagle One, 24" x 23" x 5'6" tall, peaked roof, includes coolers and trash bins. New ones cost over a grand, so if you're in the market, give these a look. Excellent condition—make an offer. Also have numerous Standard Golf tapered litter caddy baskets (black) to part with. Call John at Aurora Country Club at 630-892-3600.

For Sale: 20 Par Aide benches, overall good shape, (frames in excellent condition, wood is OK = good shape). \$25 each, first come first served. Contact Ed at Old Elm (847) 432-6276 or email oesupt@hotmail.com