



Greetings to all of our new members—  
MAGCS welcomes you and wishes you the best:

**Dale Bates**—Class E, Cooper Oil Company.

**Brad Carson**—Class E, Bioverse.

**Dan Schultz**—Class SM, Twin Orchard CC.

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You knew it would eventually bite us—the nearly perfect season of glorious weather that most all of us were enjoying simply HAD to come with a price. That price was paid in full on the weekend of September 12th, when most of our area was inundated with anywhere from 6” to 11” of rain, causing widespread flooding. Hopefully everyone has recovered from the devastation, or at the very least is on the way to having things somewhat back to normal. Times such as these can surely test our will and wits, and one of the great characteristics of humans is our ability to find the silver lining in whatever black cloud darkens our day. I was able to witness such a phenomenon at a VERY flooded (and contrary to unpopular opinion, very special indeed) Blackberry Oaks Golf Course (**Steve Holich**), where, of all things, 2 wayward sheep were found stranded on the ninth tee which had become an island during the creek’s rapid rise. Steve’s crew was able to lasso the critters, bring them to safety, and eventually return them to their home (which, in an odd turn of events, happened to be a “couples swingers club” across the creek from the golf course called Max & Eva’s Playhouse, but that’s another story). You might be thinking, “What the hell is a swingers club doing with sheep?,” or “What the hell is a swingers club doing in Bristol, Illinois?,” or “Are the sheep really better off back home at a swingers club in Bristol, Illinois?,” or “Would the people at the swingers club in Bristol, Illinois even recognize their sheep’s faces, or just their...well, never mind”. I thought these things, too, but my point was the warm fuzzy story of the rescue, so let’s just stay on topic and forget all that other stuff, huh?

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

October 1-3 – Bayer Environmental Science and John Deere Golf’s 3rd annual Green Start Academy in North Carolina.  
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October 7 – MAGCS monthly meeting and Annual College Scramble at Prestwick Country Club in Frankfort, IL, **Tim White** host. Please note the location change.  
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October 16 – Annual University of Illinois Turf Alumni Golf Outing at Indian Lakes Resort, **Chuck Barber** host.  
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October 23-25 – Golf Course Industry Live at GIE + Expo at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, KY.  
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October 24-25 – 2008 GCSAA Chapter Delegates Meeting at the New Orleans Marriott Convention Center in New Orleans, LA.  
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November 5 – 56th Annual Midwest Turf Clinic at Medinah Country Club, **Curtis Tyrrell, CGCS** host.  
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December 10-12 – Illinois Professional Turfgrass Conference in Schaumburg, IL. *Note the change in venue and don’t show up at Pheasant Run.*  
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*Sheep on the course used to be natural.....*  
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By the way, you can thank **Jon Jennings, CGCS** (Chicago Golf Club) for any weather-related ills you suffered in September. Why? I quote this from the Summer, 2008 CAGCS Verdure Newsletter: "Regarding this summer and I feel as though I can say this now without cursing all of us in the industry, I will take one like this every year." Thank you, Jon.

Hopefully you were able to take advantage of one of the few beautiful early September days—the tenth—and take in the Midwest Turfgrass Field Day at Golf House in Lemont. The Sunshine Course was again the site for numerous research sites, and the day featured a really super lineup of turfgrass research topics and speakers. Among these were studies involving Velocity (Bill Sharp), moss control (Dr. Randy Kane), biosolids as fertilizers (Dr. Tom Voigt), evaluations of new annuals for Chicago area golf courses (Greg Stack), along with research on insect updates, including emerald ash borer control strategies, plus demonstrations of the latest equipment, products and services for growing fine turf. Thanks to everyone who contributed their time, effort, and financial support for a very successful day. Check out the expanded coverage of the Midwest Research Field Day in the Education Update section of this very magazine.

This month, from the 23rd through the 25th, the Golf Course Industry Live at GIE + Expo thingie will take place at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville. Despite its confused name, the event itself promises to be well worth the trip east, as it is the 16th largest trade show in North America. The

lineup of presenters includes the always-entertaining Pat Jones, along with Tim Moraghan, and Jim McLoughlin of Golf Course Industry magazine. If you have the chance, check it out—more information can be found at [info@gie-expo.com](mailto:info@gie-expo.com).

A week earlier, on the 16th, Chuck Barber and Indian Lakes Resort will play host the University of Illinois Annual Turf Alumni golf outing. The event will pair alums with students in the turf program, and will kick off at 11:00 AM. Lunch will be provided at the turn, and dinner will follow golf. To make your reservations, contact **Matt Kregel** at 262-857-8676, or at [mkregel@strawberrycreekclub.com](mailto:mkregel@strawberrycreekclub.com).

While on the subject of Chuck, keep an eye out for any suspicious characters trying to sell a John Deere 2653—Indian Lakes had one stolen on September 7th. Unless it's a diesel—if you find a diesel 2653 I need the engine.

For the third year running, Bernhard and Company, manufacturers of Express Dual and Anglemaster grinders is sending 10 GCSAA Class A members to the British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association's (BIGGA's) Turf Management Exhibition (BTME) from January 18-22, 2009 in Harrogate, England. To be considered, go to [www.bernhard.co.uk/gcsaa-registration.0.html](http://www.bernhard.co.uk/gcsaa-registration.0.html) or call 888-474-6348. Deadline is November 14th, and winners will be notified by December 5th. The package includes expenses for airfare, accommodations, conference registration, education seminars, and transportation. Nice deal.

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MAGCS members in the news: September's *Superintendent* magazine included an article titled "Irrigating With Reclaimed Water" highlighting Tanna Farms Golf Club in Geneva and superintendent **Brett Hultquist**, assistant superintendent Jason Dempsay, and golf course shaper **Darrell Koelper** of Koelper Construction. The August issue of *Golf Course Industry* featured **Scott Resetich** and his efforts at Rich Harvest Farms to keep the property's 7 acres of ponds crystal clear in its "Wild Blue Yonder" article. Finally, and a little more off the beaten trail, our own **Rusty Stachlewitz** (The Lawn Institute) was part of an article in September's *Money* magazine called "For Curb Appeal, the Asset is Grass." The article highlighted the importance of a nice lawn in increasing the value of your home, especially in today's market.

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On a picture-perfect Thursday, September 18th, Glen Erin Golf Club and **Dave Braasch** and **Dave Nadler** hosted the MAGCS monthly meeting and Annual Golf Championship. A great turnout despite the recent flooding was present for the event, and the course certainly stood up to the challenge. Tricky-fast greens with some very difficult hole locations made for a true test of golf (or a complete meltdown in my case). The **Greg Martin**-designed course truly was in magnificent condition and a great day was enjoyed by all. Topping it off with a somewhat ironic twist (being that we were in Wisconsin) was the ending of the Cubs-Brewers game that was shown in the Cursing Stone Pub after golf—the one where the Cubs came back from a 6-2 deficit in the bottom of the ninth to tie the game, and then went on to win it in the 12th on D. Lee's walkoff single. Yeah—THAT one. And there were other big winners on this memorable day as well—the 2008 MAGCS Golf Champions. **Mike Nielsen** (Pistakee CC) took our top honor by scorching a 77 to beat out 2nd place **Brad Legnaioli** (Highlands of Elgin) and 3rd place **Jay Lemanski** (Waters Edge GC) who both shot 80. The A (Superintendent) Flight saw a very improbable **Kevin DeRoo** (Bartlett Hills GC) shot a net 70 to win in Cub-like fashion over 2nd place **Dan Sterr**'s 71 (Stoenbridge CC) and 3rd place **Pat McDonagh**'s 75 (Redtail GC). In the Commercial Flight, Dave Nadler's net 73 took top honors over **Howie Shuck** (net 73—BTSI) and **Steve Stewart** (net 73—Reinders, Inc.). Low man of the day was Wisconsin's own **Bruce Schweiger** who absolutely killed with a net 68. For those opting out of competition, there were several proximity events. **Kenny Schwark** (Watertronics) took Long Drive on #6; **Matt Harstadt** (Calumet CC) won Closest to the Pin on #16; Doug Myslinski (Jacobson Golf Course Design) had the Longest Putt on #5; and **J.D. Dinelli** (North Shore CC) hit the Straightest Drive on #17. Big thanks to Glen Erin's wonderful staff, including PGA Professional Rob Vega and his people, Dave Braasch, assistant Dave Hale, and the grounds crew, and the food and beverage folks who made our day a winner. Also thanks to the day's sponsors—**Burris Equipment Co., Chicagoland Turf, Irrigation Rx, JW Turf/John Deere Golf, Nadler Golf Car Sales/Authorized Club Car Distributor, Nels J. Johnson Tree Experts, Inc., Palatine Oil, Inc., and Reinders, Inc.** for their generosity and support of another great championship.



*The Champs gather at the Cursing Stone at Glen Erin: (L to R) Kevin DeRoo, Superintendent A Flight, Dave Nadler, Commercial Flight and MAGCS Champion Mike Nielsen of Pistakee Country Club.*



*MAGCS members sported very colorful shirts this year.*



*A few of the competitors grill the architect of Glen Erin on the range prior to play.*

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*"Sweet-swingin' Bruce Schweiger shows off his 68 form"*



*Glen Erin's own, Rob Vega does a double take at the short flagstick.*



*The Lone Walker at the MAGCS Championship, Chuck Anfield, CGCS takes it all in stride.*



*Aurora Country Club took some water from the rains this past September.*



*Larry Chirico and Dave Lenox, the head mechanic, kayaking on #3 fairway at Itasca CC following the recent flood.*

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## CLASSIFIEDS

If you are in the market for used equipment that is available locally, check out the magcs.org web site's new classified listing.

### **Irrigation equipment for sale:**

200 Toro 650 sprinkler heads complete, good condition; 13 Toro OSMAC controllers; and 1 Toro OSMAC base station. Call George Ott at 847-540-5146 and make an offer.

### **Superintendent Position available:**

Hunter's Ridge Golf Course in Princeton, IL is seeking an individual for its Director of Golf Operations position, which includes responsibility for golf course maintenance, pro shop operations, and facility maintenance outside the clubhouse. Interested parties should contact Russ Higgins at russ@douglascarpetone.com.