

CLASS C HAPPENINGS

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Over the last 8 years the Class C Committee and all Assistant members have had the opportunity to become more involved in the association as well as have many functions throughout the year to network with colleagues. For the most part these have been met with great success to be attributed to past Committee Chairmen as well as the support of the MAGCS Board. In the past few years however, as is to be expected, things have changed, and it has become difficult to get many different faces to come out to the shop talks or to volunteer for various events—even at the Kane County Cougars game it is rare to see more than 3 or 4 assistants in attendance. With these things in mind, we as a committee have decided to mix it up a little in an effort to stir up some more interest with most of the focus on shop talks.

Beginning in September with the generosity of Keith Peterson, GCS at Beverly Country Club, and the help of Joe Schneider, Assistant Superintendent, we are going to combine a shop talk with a night of helping out the hosts and volunteering during the USGA Senior Amateur Championship. On the evening of Tuesday, September 15, Class C members are invited to meet at the Beverly CC shop at 5 pm where we will be met by Joe and hopefully Keith, depending on his schedule. While having some dinner (usually pizza), they will give us a run down of what all has gone into preparing the course etc. This will be followed by an opportunity to see the golf course while helping out the crew for the evening in preparing for the final few rounds of the tournament. It is our goal as a committee to make this a regular occurrence whenever a MAGCS member is hosting an event that requires some extra hands to combine the shop talk and helping our fellow members with their tournament.

This year will also hopefully become a successful restart for the Class C golf outing. After a few stumbling blocks last year, we will be back at it at Aurora Country Club. Thanks to the generosity of the club, along with Superintendent John Gurke, CGCS and Assistant Superintendent Virgil Range. The outing will take place on Thursday, September 17 and we will begin promptly at noon. Registration for this event will be available on the MAGCS Website and reminders will be sent in emails until the time of the event. Two years ago we did this at Aurora Country Club and it was a great time at a great golf course, and I'm sure this year will be no different. Thanks again to John and Virgil for their generosity.

The final idea that I would like to get out there is something that we did a few years ago and received quite a bit of publicity, Habitat for Humanity. With the help of a number of MAGCS members, donations were solicited and we were left with the responsibility of sodding the yard and putting in the landscaping. The yard was taken care of in December on a day where we got hit with about 3" of snow and the outside rolls of sod were partially frozen, yet it was still one of the best experiences because it is such a good cause. The family that the house was being built for even came out to help move top soil with us for a while. All that said, it would be great if anyone was interested in helping to organize that again. The last house was in Aurora and we still have all of the contact info for the DuPage County Habitat for Humanity group. If anyone is interested in getting involved with this, feel free to contact either Matt Breeden or I and we can help get you started. **-OC**



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