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2009 Meeting Schedule and Golf Events

With the 2009 golf season right around the corner, we have some exciting venues to feature for the upcoming season.

The *April* meeting will take place at Prairie Landing Golf Club on the 28th with the host superintendent being none other than Tony Kalina, President of MAGCS. The spring event is a fun way to start the golfing season. It features a scramble so that everyone can shake the rust off early in the year.

We return to the Merit Club in *May* on the 18th thanks to John Nelson. John will be hosting the ITF event that featured a Ryder Cup format in 2008 and will be repeated this year. All proceeds that are raised for the event will be rewarded research that benefits our industry.

June features the Dom Grotti Championship along with the Senior and Class C Championships that will be hosted by Matt Kregel at The Club at Strawberry Creek on the 15th. The Dom Grotti Championship, for those not familiar, pairs Superintendents and their Assistants for the day. The event is in honor of Domenic Grotti, the long time Superintendent of Sunset Ridge Country Club. Domenic encouraged the participation of Assistant Superintendents both locally and nationally in their associations.

Our annual family event takes place on *July 25* with the Kane County Cougars. This has become a great tradition involving the families of the MAGCS. Come out and enjoy a fun filled day where the spirit of baseball is still alive and genuine.

The Illinois Turfgrass Foundation has asked us to combine our *August* meeting this year with the all new iTurfExpo. Part of the day's agenda on August 25 is to play Dubsdread, Cog Hill's famous #3 course. MAGCS longtime member and mentor to many, Ken Lapp, will host this afternoon and show off the fruits of his labor, unveiling the changes recently made to this championship track. By the way, we will be the last group to play "Dubs" prior to the BMW Championship in early September.

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Former MAGCS President, Phil Zeinert at Elgin Country Club, will host the *September* meeting in the western suburbs. This is the annual MAGCS Golf Championship. Elgin offers a fantastic venue for our Champions to compete for the title. The winner of the Championship Flight receives an automatic exemption into the 2010 Illinois Open.

We return to Arrowhead Golf Course, Mike Mumper will host the annual College Championship. The famed Collegiate Championships, held in *October* on the 5th, feature a two-man scramble representing regional colleges and universities. This event has been dominated by Danville College the last few years (I guess they golfed more than they studied down yonder).

We encourage all members of the association to participate in as many meetings as possible during the year. Attending monthly meetings is a great way to meet new members and stay involved in one of the GCSAA's leading chapters. The success of our organization depends largely on the involvement from the vast and talented membership of the MAGCS. Attending these meetings is a great way to stay refreshed within a demanding work environment. It also gives us all a chance to relax and play a round of golf. So please, plan to attend a few events during the 2009 season. See you there! **-OC**