



Congratulations to Gerry Hough, who is now our area's sales representative for National Seed.

Thank goodness! We now have TWO ways to accurately measure green speed. Recent research conducted at the University of Arkansas, University of Connecticut, Michigan State University and the University of Tennessee has concluded that green speed measurements taken with the Pelzometer are just as reliable as those taken with the Stimpmeter. Included in the findings was an in-depth look into the economics of each instrument—Doug Karcher, PhD at the U of Arkansas concluded that "The Stimpmeter definitely wins out on cost (about \$100 versus \$600 for the Pelzometer), however there is a coolness factor that gadget fanatics will enjoy." Compelling.

How great did Rich Harvest Farms look during last month's Solheim Cup? Anyone doubting that rural Sugar Grove could bring in big crowds for this international ladies event was sadly mistaken—HUGE crowds were on hand for the matches on August 21st through the 23rd (crowds that really screwed up traffic in my neck of the woods lemme tell ya).

Jeff VerCautren and his crew, along with the many MAGCS member volunteers had the course absolutely SHINING, and it did not go unnoticed by the Golf Channel commentators who constantly praised the conditions while even giving their props to Jeff's now-famous dog Bunker. Jeff even grabbed a little air time on Sirius XM Satellite Radio's PGA Tour channel on the 21st on its "Making the Turn With Peter Kessler" feature. Congratulations to Jeff and everyone at Rich Harvest Farms on pulling off a great tournament during a week of

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DATES TO REMEMBER

September 8 – MAGCS monthly meeting and Annual Golf Championship at Kemper Lakes Golf Club in Kildeer, IL, **Dan Tully** host superintendent.

September 10-13 – BMW Championship at the newly-renovated Dubsdread course at Cog Hill Golf & Country Club in Lemont, IL, **Ken Lapp** host superintendent.

September 10-17 – 55th USGA Senior Amateur Championship at Beverly Country Club in Chicago, IL, **Keith Peterson** host superintendent.

September 15 – Class C Shop Talk at the Beverly Country Club maintenance department at 5:00 PM, **Tim Nixon** and **Joe Schneider** host assistants.

September 21 – Annual Wee One Golf Outing at Pine Hills Country Club in Sheboygan, WI, Rod Johnson host superintendent. (www.weeone.org to register)

September 28 – CAGCS Annual Founders Cup Invitational golf event at Ruth Lake Country Club, **Dan Marco, CGCS** host.

September 30-December 11 – Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School's Tow-Year Certificate Program Fall Session in New Brunswick, NJ. Go to www.golfturf.rutgers.edu for more information.

October 5 – MAGCS monthly meeting and Annual College Championship at Arrowhead Golf Club in Wheaton, IL, **Mike Mumper** host superintendent.

October 14 – Annual University of Illinois Turf Alumni Golf Outing at Coyote Run Golf Course in Flossmoor, IL, **Dave Ward** host superintendent.

November 4 – 57th Annual Midwest Turf Clinic at Medinah Country Club, **Curtis Tyrrell, CGCS** host superintendent.

TBA – Annual Class C Golf Outing at Aurora Country Club, **Virgil Range** host assistant. Please contact Scott Verdun, Merit Club for more information or to sign up.

some pretty turbulent weather. And to top it all off, there was some great drama on Sunday, with Europe looking like they were going to dominate the singles matches until a huge rally by the US ladies secured the Cup again. Awesome week of golf in Chicagoland!



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| STEVE KURETSKY | Con Jeff |
| MARK KOSBAR | Con Jeff |
| JOHN MAKSYMILU | Con Alberto |
| JEREMY DUNCAN | Con Alberto |
| BOB OWENS | Con Roman |
| NICK LEW | Con Matt |
| STEVE STEWART | Con ELIAS |
| JIM BURGE | Con MANUEL |
| MIKE MURPHY | RANGE FRWY |
| RYAN DUNBAR | RANGE FRWY |
| JEFF | FRWYS 1,2,18,17 → |
| TIM SCOTT | FRWYS 1,2,18,17 → |
| MIKE MUMPER | FRWYS 4,5,6 → |
| DAVID BIERY | FRWYS 4,5,6 → |
| JIM PEDERSEN | TEES+TARGETS/FRWY CLEAN UP |
| TIM ANDERSON | TEES+TARGETS/FRWY CLEAN UP |
| CRAIG KIGHT | Clippings Trailer/WITH JEFF TEAM |
| CHUCK ANFIELD | Clippings Trailer/WITH MIKE, DAVID |
| ADEM LENCKE | TEES+TARGETS/FRWY Clean up |
| BOB FRALEY | Inter. |
| TY McCLELLAN | ? |
| MARCO ZEPEDA | BLOWER |
| PEDRO NORIEGA | FRWY BUNKERS |
| BENIGNO SILVA | FRWY BUNKERS |
| CHRISTIAN DUARTE | FRWY BUNKERS |
| WILLIAM McELHONE | FRWY BUNKERS |
| HIGLINO MAGANA | BLOWER |
| ANTONIO VALLIN | BLOWER |
| DAVID HENRY | Shop Cart |
| MICHAEL NEITZEL | Shop Cart |



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Earlier that week, just down the street a bit at Aurora Country Club, the teams from the US and Europe faced off in the Ping Junior Solheim Cup matches. Captains and golf legends Nancy Lopez and Carin Koch led their respective teams comprised of the best 12 young women between the ages of 13 and 18 for two days of competition and fellowship. The matches were very close—much closer than the final tally would indicate—and fought hard to the finish. In the end, though, a strong US team prevailed by a 15 ½ to 8 ½ margin



US Captain Nancy Lopez coaches up team member Tiffany Lua.



A true family affair—Nancy Lopez with her daughter and son-in-law get the Americans pumped up.

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