

SUPER -N- SITE

Brett Ziegler, Knollwood Golf Club

Dan Tully -N-



On September 8, Kemper Lakes Golf Club will welcome MAGCS members for the annual MAGCS Championship. Playing at over 7,200 yards from the tips with over 90 acres of water on the property, Kemper Lakes will prove to be a formidable challenge for all who compete in this event. Hosting is Superintendent Dan Tully, who has been at Kemper since 2001.

Dan has been working on golf courses since he graduated from high school. At that time, he was living in Florida where he had the great opportunity of helping out with the construction and grow-in at Eagle Trace, a TPC course in Coral Springs, Florida. After working there for two summers and assisting at two Honda Classics during his spring breaks, Dan decided that a career as a golf course superintendent would suit him well. Once he had graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in ornamental horticulture, Dan pursued his goal of becoming a head superintendent. Working as the assistant under Bob Maibusch at Hinsdale Golf Club, he learned a great deal about what it takes to maintain a quality golf course. After six years at Hinsdale, Dan went to Illinois Center Golf in Chicago for a brief stint that involved a grow-in. Dan then worked for Michael Jordan Golf Company for 2½ years; however the company never really took off. He then had the opportunity to complete another grow in, this time at White Hawk CC in Crown Point, Indiana. After all of those experiences, Dan found a home at Kemper Lakes.

Kemper Lakes sits on 250 acres of beautiful property. The course can test the best players in golf but is playable for golfers of any level. It has been host to some prestigious golf events including the 1989 PGA Championship, six senior PGA Tour events, four Grand Slam of Golf events, and a USGA Women's

Amateur Championship. The first time you play Kemper Lakes, you will quickly notice the large expanses of water throughout the property. The 90 acres of water come into play on 10 different holes and will likely play a role in deciding who takes home the MAGCS championship (You may just want to pack that ball retriever in the golf bag before coming out). Some of the more interesting holes include the par-5, 4th which is reachable in two for the longer hitters. The par-3, 17th plays differently every day, depending on the prevailing winds.

Outside of work, Dan is married with four children (2 boys and 2 girls), ages 3, 5, 8, and 11. Managing baseball, basketball, and soccer for his kids occupies much of his free time. Like all superintendents, Dan enjoys the outdoors, including activities such as golfing, swimming, fishing and biking.

Dan and his staff of 20 strive to provide a quality golf course for the members of Kemper Lakes to enjoy.

He is quick to credit his assistant Jon Savoie, mechanic Rob Cobine, and foreman Renaldo Campo as integral parts of the operation who make his job much easier. Dan and his staff are looking forward to welcoming everyone out for the championship. The MAGCS would like to thank him in advance for hosting this great event. **-OC**



*The Tully's.
Dan holding Terese (3), wife Sheila,
Matt (12), Mae (9) and Emmett (6).*