

DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

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2010 is in Full Swing, are You?

With the 2010 golf season around the corner, we have some exciting venues to feature for the upcoming season.

The **April 27** meeting will take place at Joliet Country Club with the host superintendent being Mark Kowaliczko. The spring event is a fun way to start the golfing season. It features a 4-man scramble so that everyone can shake the rust off early in the year. The golf committee has decided to bring handicaps back into the fold for this event – we will use 20% of your combined team handicap to figure out our net winner. By the way, one of the benefits of your Midwest membership is a USGA handicap through the CDGA. To sign up for one please contact our office 630-243-7900 and we will get you set up.

May 17 is the combined ITF and Midwest Meeting and will take place at Idlewild Country Club, Kurt Sams CGCS. The ITF has done a great job the past few years with this event posing partners in a Ryder Cup format. It isn't too early to think about your foursome. Plan to play in this event and help support turf research.

June 14 features the Dom Grotti Championship along with the Senior and Class C Championships that will be hosted by Phil Zeinert CGCS at Elgin Country Club. The Dom Grotti Championship, for those not familiar, pairs the Superintendent and their Assistant 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 to stay involved with their associations.

Our annual family picnic event takes place on **July 17** with the Kane County Cougars. This has become a great tradition involving the families of the MAGCS. Come out and enjoy a fun filled evening where the spirit of baseball is still alive and genuine. NEW this year: We booked one of the new upper decks along the first base line that will provide a really unique setting for our group. Don't miss this chance to spend some time with your family and friends, while taking a small break mid-season.

September 16 is the Annual MAGCS Championship. Tim Anderson, CGCS and Naperville Country Club will host this year. The winner of the Championship Flight receives an automatic exemption into the 2010 Illinois Open.

In addition to our golf event for the month of September, the 2nd annual iTurfExpo will be held again at the Midwest Golf House on **September 22-23**. This fund raising affair was a success to build on after the turnout from last year. This is another great ITF event so come out and help support the research that is needed for our success. The ITF depends on your participation.

We return to Cantigny Golf Club where are current MAGCS President, Scott Witte, CGCS will host the annual College Championship. The famed Collegiate Championships, held on **October 4**, features a 2-man scramble representing regional colleges and universities.

On **November 3**, we return to Medinah Country Club and host superintendent, Curtis Tyrrell CGCS for 2010 MAGCS Annual Meeting and Turf Clinic.

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 the demanding work environment and give 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**