

DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

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Dust Off Your Clubs

It's that time of year to start thinking about our monthly meetings and the 2011 golf season. With the GCSAA National Convention just wrapping up and everyone getting stir crazy from this long winter, it's time to check out some of the venues we will be visiting and events that are coming up this year.

Let's start things out by going to Arrowhead Golf Club and Mike Mumper hosting this educational meeting on March 1st. Mike and Arrowhead Golf Club have hosted golf and educational events in the past for us and have not disappointed at this wonderful facility.

Second time is a charm. On April 27th we are having our kickoff scramble at Naperville Country Club with Tim Anderson, CGCS MG as our host. No better way to get the golf clubs out of your office and dust them off for this four person scramble. You don't even have to be good at golf, let your partners carry you.

On May 24, the Midwest will join forces with the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation and head into Indiana. ITF President, Erwin McKone will host this play day at Briar Ridge Country Club.

Luke Strojny, CGCS will be hosting our June meeting at Prairie Bluff Golf Club. This will be the Class C Championship plus the Dom Grotti Championship. We will also be celebrating Ken Shepherd's retirement and his contribution to the business.

Don't forget about the Annual Family Night Picnic this year on August 6th. Bring your family and friends and come out to watch the Kane County Cougars play baseball. It's a great way to relax with the kids, watch baseball and see a great fireworks show after the game. We've reserved one of the new upper decks again this year that proved last year to be a great venue for this mid-season get together.

We will also be going to visit Brad Legnaioli at the new Bowes Creek Elgin in August to battle it out for the 2011 MAGCS Championship and the Senior Championship. Designed by another MAGCS member, Rick Jacobson, Bowes Creek will offer a great challenge for our championships and a very enjoyable track for those not competing.

In September the Midwest will make way to support the ITF's annual iTurfExpo at the Midwest Golf House on the 22nd of the month. This is a fund raising event and each year it's getting better and better. The ITF counts on our support as superintendents so it can support the Chicago District Golf Association's turf research program. Please come out to the Midwest Golf House and check out the ongoing and new research by our Illinois and guest instructors.

We're still working out the details for our October event at this time, but as in year's past it will be a competition where school colors fly.

Please come out and attend one, two or all the events this year. It's a great way to get away from work to recharge your batteries and play a round of golf with your fellow colleagues and friends. On behalf of the MAGCS Board we hope to see you this 2011 season. **-OC**

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