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 Congratulations to **Dave Radaj, CGCS** of Green Acres Country Club on his recent recertification with GCSAA.

Syngenta's turf carbon calculator tool, which is designed to help golf course superintendents and other professional turf managers establish the total carbon footprint for their respective operations has a name now—it is now known as GreenCast EcoMeasures, and is part of a joint effort between Syngenta and Marriott Golf while it has undergone testing on selected Marriott golf courses in the U.S. and Caribbean markets.

In early April, GCSAA CEO Rhett Evans announced the beginning of an "open test" of the redesigned website and new forums product. The goals of the test are to put the site and forums into use so that any glitches or needed improvements can be identified, and to give you the opportunity to become familiar with them before they are officially launched. The current website is still the primary site, but you can access the new site by clicking the icon on the upper right hand corner of the home page. I did it. It's fun.

Also from GCSAA, you can renew your membership online by following these easy steps: Log on to gcsaa.org, click the "Renew Now Online!" button in the upper right corner (I don't get the exclamation point either), update your contact and business info, enter your credit card info, submit your renewal, and check your email for payment receipt. Piece of cake.

This is just the kind of thing that makes us all want to ring a golfer's neck, isn't it?

Oh, wait—that's not a golfer, it's a superintendent, and superintendents are allowed to do that. On their own courses. Which in this instance is Indian Lakes Resort. Where **Chuck Barber** is superintendent. Just sayin'.

A February court ruling by a DuPage County judge makes playing golf for us hackers, sprayers, slicers and hookers a little less nerve-wracking. In a nutshell, a guy hit a big hook while playing at St. Andrews Golf & Country Club in West Chicago that left the property and hit a woman on the head while she was out in her adjacent yard gardening. The woman sued, claiming the golfer was negligent by failing to properly aim and execute the swing of his golf club. The suit was dismissed because, among other things, a golfer cannot be held negligent for a ball that veers from its intended path (which would create *prima facie* liability that is not the law in Illinois), and there is inherent risk in living adjacent to where golf is played. Hack on.

Our condolences go out to the family and friends of **Steve Partyka** of White Pines GC on the loss of Steve's father Edward Partyka on April 4th at the age of 84. Ed had been the superintendent of White Pines for 50 years prior to Steve's taking the reins, and was a longtime GCSAA and MAGCS member.

H.R. 872, the federal bill to negate the need for Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) pesticide general permits for aquatic pesticide applications has passed the U.S. House of Representatives by a 292-134 vote. This good news was made possible thanks to the 650-plus GCSAA members who participated in the action alert

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