



Oh @#%*! Why couldn't I have been a flying squirrel?

MAGCS member **Brian Widmer, CGCS** was one of TurfNet's featured bloggers recently in its Turf Blog Aggregator. The Hilldale Golf Club superintendent used his blog to inform his golfers about the "Half and Half" greens aerification program they've been employing for the past four years, whereby they punch half of each green to leave the other half pristine for cup locations, and then punch the other half after the first half has healed.

The Chicagoland Association of Golf Course Superintendents held a really cool meeting on October 26th at the Morton Arboretum, with Dr. Kris Bachtel providing the day's education. Kris talked of Emerald Ash Borer, structural pruning and training of young trees, along with a wide variety of related topics while guiding a tour of the arboretum grounds and maintenance facilities on a blustery October day. Among the highlights of the day was learning that our own northern Illinois tree nurseries are among the BEST at producing quality stock due to their diligence with pruning during the trees' crucial developmental stages. A few fun facts: The Arboretum has 1,700 acres of property, and it IS the same Morton family that got a little famous for their salt. Thanks to Kris and the Morton Arboretum for a great day, and the the brain trust at CAGCS to think of going there.



Fall golf course fun—feel free to send me some of your images as well. We owe our goose-free courses (and in many instances our sanity) to our four-legged friends, so let's do them some justice for their efforts.



La la la la eating my nuts la la la la
on this safe golf course la la la la...

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