

November 30th is the deadline for nominations for the TurfNet Superintendent of the Year Award presented by Syngenta. The 11th annual award is given annually to a golf course superintendent who excels in labor management skills, maximizing budget limitations, educating and advancing the careers of colleagues, negotiating with government agencies, preparing for tournaments under unusual circumstances, service to golf clientele, upgrading or renovating the course, or dealing with extreme or emergency conditions. The award will be presented at the Syngenta booth at the Golf Industry Show in Las Vegas. Nominations can be submitted by downloading the PDF form or by filling out the online form which can be found at www.turfnet.com under the "Features" tab. We are fortunate to have two past winners in **Paul Voykin** and **Sam MacKenzie, CGCS**.

..... Speaking of **Paul Voykin**, this is his month—on the 21st he will be inducted in the 2011 class of the Illinois Golf Hall of Fame. The ceremonies will take place at the Glen Club, home of the Illinois PGA. Paul is the fifth superintendent to achieve this honor, following Ray Gerber, Carl Hopphan, Oscar Miles, and Bob Williams. Congratulations Paul!

..... Over Labor Day weekend, a large number of KemperSports golf courses, included several in our area, participated in the 2011 Patriot Golf Day, which raises money for the Folds of Honor Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides educational scholarships and other assistance for the children and spouses of military men and women disabled or killed during service. Among the courses that participated were Bolingbrook GC (**Jeff Gerdes**), Hawthorn Woods CC (**Nicholas Hillyard**), Royal Melbourne (**Dave Groelle, CGCS**), and the Wilderness at Fortune Bay (**Vince Dodge, CGCS**).

..... Along these same lines, on August 18th Billy Casper Golf hosted approximately 2,200 golfers at 80 properties in 24 states during the "World's Largest Golf Outing" to benefit Wounded Warrior Project." The event raised over \$40,000 for the cause, eclipsing the previous golf outing participation by 70% according to the Guinness Book of World Records. Good stuff there.

..... Congratulations to **Scott Pavalko, Nick Marfise, Ken Lapp**, and everyone at Cog Hill for their fantastic work in preparing the Dubsdread course for the BMW Championship last month. The course was absolutely perfect, and the tournament truly was fun to watch. Also thanks to **Tracy Murphy** and the folks at Lemont Paving for hosting their annual hospitality tent during Saturday's round on their VERY NEARBY property. Great job by everyone!



The green gloves give away Troy Tietjens of JW Turf loyalty.



Scott Pavalko checks the quality of cut during morning set up.



Don Cross and Dan Marco wait in line to perform their pogo stick routine at the talent show contest during the commercial breaks at the Cog Hill.



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Why don't they ever televise the Pro's doing the ball mark fix pirouette?



Nick Marfise color coordinates his attire with his ride each day, and does a nice job of it.



From the O in Joy, the 18th green of Dubsread during set up on Thursday morning.

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