

Last month it was announced that Jemsek Golf has received an extension on its lease for Pine Meadow Golf Course in Mundelein, which they have operated since the course's opening in 1985. **Frank Jemsek** is a member of the Illinois Golf Hall of Fame, and Jemsek Golf owns and operates St. Andrews Golf and Country Club in West Chicago (**Brian York** and **John Lapp**) and Cog Hill Golf and Country Club in Lemont (**Scott Pavalko**, **Ken Lapp**, **Nick Marfise**, **Frank Latzko**).

Also announced last month was that Rich Harvest Farms in Sugar Grove (**Jeff Vercautren** superintendent) will be the site of the NCAA Division I Men's Golf Regional hosted by Northern Illinois University from May 15-17, 2014. The site of the 2009 Solheim Cup also hosted the NCAA Regional in 2007.

Q: What does **Jim Knulty** get when he has a few cocktails and rambles on too much?

A: Big Foot in mouth disease.

MAGCS members in the news: **Tim Christians** of Makray Memorial Golf Club was spotted in TurfNet's Blog Aggregator letting his blog readers know that all pesticide labels and MSDS's are available for their information on his blog. Also, in the October GCM, **Chase Bonnell** of Rich Harvest Farms penned a great article titled "Knowing how to ask," which details methods for assistants to ask for more responsibilities from their superintendents in order to become more well-rounded superintendent-candidates. Good stuff.



Calling it "an important development for the game of golf," GCSAA president Sandy Queen, CGCS praised the International Golf Federation's recent statement on its commitment to sustainability. The statement, signed by 153 golf organizations (who knew there were that many?) placed sustainability as a core priority with focus on the management of golf facilities, administration of golf events, and the influence of golfers as consumers. You can read the statement in its entirety at www.wearegolf.org/news.

GCSAA announced that eight of its affiliated chapters have made donations recently to the Environmental Institute for Golf (EIFG), and one of those eight was MAGCS. With our contribution of \$1,000, we are proud members of the Golden Tee Club for annual giving, and the Governor's Club for cumulative giving. We rock!

If you are hoping to attend the GCSAA Education Conference in San Diego, but aren't sure if your employer will foot the bill, you can download the 2013 Attendee Justification Kit at www.gcsaa.org. It contains tools to help you demonstrate the value of attendance to your higher-ups. Didn't work for me, but I'm positive it will for you...

A friendly reminder from GCSAA that you are provided with free life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment coverage as part of your membership. To review your coverage, or to check on your beneficiary information (don't want some pesky ex-wife cashing in on your demise do you?), call GCSAA headquarters at 800-472-7878.

The 60th Midwest Turf Clinic was held on November 14th at Medinah Country Club, thanks to host superintendent **Curtis Tyrrell, CGCS, MG**. The theme of the day was "2012—The Year That Was", and a really excellent program was presented for the many in attendance. After **David Marquardt** gave the invocation, **Jimmy Frels** did a stirring rendition of the National Anthem, setting the mood for the day. President **Bob Kohlstedt** conducted the Annual Meeting, which was suspended at 9:00 for the morning's education. **Shane Conroy** moderated the morning session, which began with a panel discussion on the year that was led by **Dr. Derek Settle** and manned by **Brad Chamra** of Hinsdale Golf Club, **Tim Christians** of Makray Memorial, **Scott Pavalko** of Cog Hill, and **Bob Vavrek** of the USGA. Kudos to Doc D and the panel on a tight, well-done presentation. Dr. Rick Latin followed with his insights on bacterial wilt, sharing that he "is not a big fan of anecdotal information unless it's my anecdote." The election of officers came next, and the 2013 MAGCS Board of Directors consists of President **Dave Groelle, CGCS**, Vice President **Dave Kohley**, Secretary-Treasurer **Chuck Barber**, and returning Directors **Matt Harstad** and **Matt Kregel** (each with one remaining year), and new Directors **Kris Kvelland** (Ridge Country Club), **Jim Pedersen** (Hughes Creek Golf Club), and **Justin VanLanduit** (Briarwood Country Club). After a Mexican feast for lunch, Chuck Barber presented the Ray Gerber and Fred Opperman Editorial Awards to **Ken Shepherd** and David Marquardt respectively for the articles they wrote for On Course magazine. Following a brief update from chapter delegate **Don Ferreri**, afternoon moderator **Nick Marfise** called **Steve Cook, CGCS, MG** to the podium to deliver his often humorous talk on "When Weeds Become Hard," referring to the tree removal program at Oakland Hills Country Club. Dr. Nick Christians spoke on the effects of the drought of 2012 next, and then keynote speaker Tom Thayer, former Chicago Bears lineman and current radio play-by-play analyst entertained the audience with his stories from the past and his thoughts on the current team (and if he had a southern accent you'd SWEAR he was James Carville). The day came to an end with the ceremonial passing of the gavel from Bob Kohlstedt to Dave Groelle, and the attending members headed home smarter than when they arrived. Many thanks go out to Curtis and the people at Medinah, which is such a fine facility for the clinic, to the presenters and moderators for their contributions, and to our invaluable sponsors, who were **Arthur Clesen, Inc., Aerial Images Photography, BASF, Burris Equipment Company, Great Lakes Turf, LLC, Nels J. Johnson Tree Experts, Reinders, Inc., and Syngenta**.

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Dave Kohley, Dave Groelle, Matt Kregel



PM Moderator Nick Marfise, Panel Discussion Moderator Derek Settle, and AM Moderator Shane Conroy



Brian Winkel, Randy Lusher and Chad Hauth



Kevin DeRoo, Mike Bavier, Ron Townsend and Michael Miracle



Eric Mundt, Kris Kvelland, and George O'Hara



Mike Mumper and Movember Mustache winner Andy Weadge



Dare I say two old timers, Dave Ward and Carl Hoppman

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Equipment For Sale:

4 sets of 3 cutting units for Toro 3100 riding greens mowers. All are 11-blade, center-adjust, with groomers and are sharpened and ready to mow. \$1,200.00 per set of 3. Call **Steve Partyka** at White Pines Golf Club at 630-766-9579 or email him at partykasteve@yahoo.com.

The following items are in good working condition, and are being offered up for sale:

- 5- John Deere 220A walking greens mowers—
\$1,000 each, or all 5 for \$4,000
- 1- John Deere 260B walking tee mower—\$1,500
- 1- 2002 John Deere 3215B 2wd fairway mower
with 2200 hours—\$3,250
- 1- 2004 Jacobsen T628 4wd with Lastec deck,
5200 hours—\$4,000
- 1- Toro Hydroject with 860 hours—\$1,500.

Call or email Scott White or Gordon Watson at The Mauh-Nah-Tee-See Club at 815-399-2961 or purdueturf@comcast.net. **-OC**

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