

MAGCS 2012 Meeting Schedule

Upon return from the Golf Industry Show, it is time to jump right in to our season and I'm sure this year will be no different. Each year, when I return, I always appreciate the Midwest and its members. The GIS is a great place to catch up, network and rekindle friendships and meet new people in our industry. In fact, there are people that the only time I see them each year is at the Midwest Hospitality Reception – and they live and work in the Chicago metro area. That's the old joke, we travel 2000 miles to see each other once a year when we both share the same backyard. Let's make 2012 different as I invite and challenge each of you to attend a Midwest meeting this year.

The Golf and Arrangements and Education Committee have done a great job lining up venues, tweaking the championships, and setting up pertinent education topics for us. Let's not let them down. Put the dates on your calendar and plan to carry on those conversations and relationships started in Las Vegas. Not everything has to stay there!

Midwest members Mike Mumper, Justin Kirtland and Tim Johnson will host our March meeting at Arrowhead on the 21st. Our old friend, Dr. Lee Miller will be on hand to present a very timely talk on "Efficient Use of Spring Fungicide Applications for Disease Management". He will be followed by our new USGA Agronomist, Bob Vavrek talking about the 2011 season with his talk entitled, "From the Freezer to the Fire".

Tim Anderson, CGCS MG and Steven Biehl will host our April meeting at Naperville Country Club on the 25th. We'll play our traditional Spring Scramble and many of us look forward to seeing the new layout at this historic club.

The ITF and MAGCS combined meeting will take place at Twin Orchard Country Club on May 21, Kyle Jacobson host. The golf event in years past for this fundraiser has been a Ryder Cup format that pits each foursome's cart partners against each other. It has been a while since we've been at the "Twin" and this promises to be a popular event.

A place we've never played will be the site of the Midwest's June meeting, Blackstone Golf Club in Marengo on the 19th. Andy Perry, the new golf course superintendent at the facility will host us and prepare the course for our Class C Championship and Dom Grotti contests. We look forward to playing this course, designed by one of our very own – Bob Lohmann.

Be sure to attend the John Buck Memorial Golf outing on July 10 at Bartlett Hills Golf Course. Kevin DeRoo will host this event that raises money to fund the Midwest's Scholarship fund. We'll be awarding the Midwest Scholars this year, as in years past at the Midwest Family Night Picnic on July 14 at the Kane County Cougar ball game. The new upper deck

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has been reserved for us, plan on bringing your family and enjoying some small town baseball in a fun and relaxed setting.

Jim Knulty will host the Midwest's Golf Championship on September 24 at Big Foot Country Club. All of the MAGCS championships will be contested across the border; the Regular, the Senior, the Super Senior, and the Commercial.

The Midwest Annual Meeting and Turf Clinic will be held at Medinah Country Club in November, most likely a little later than the first week as in years past. The Illinois Turfgrass Foundation is moving its Winter Workshops to early January and creating a Turf Conference centered around education. Look for more information soon from the ITF.

Also, if you are so inclined, the Midwest booked the Hotel Solamar in San Diego (think rooftop event from 2010) for February 6, 2013 for the next Hospitality Reception – but please don't wait until then to see your friends and acquaintances. **-OC**

