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## Ryder Cup brings GCSAA Leaders to the Table

During the week of the Ryder Cup several members of the GCSAA board were in town and asked to meet with the leaders of the Midwest and Chicagoland Chapters. Both groups, along with past local GCSAA Presidents Mike Bavier, CGCS and Tom Witt, CGCS and chapter delegate, Don Ferreri met at Glen Oak Country Club. GCSAA President Sandy Queen, CGCS ran the meeting. Through the current administration, GCSAA is really trying to stay in touch with its membership, listening to those on the ground, and developing future plans around specific needs and desires. Thanks to Andy Dauksas for hosting.

The group discussed many topics including: preparing the superintendent through education for the changing future, Professional Development Initiative (PDI) and its future, support and marketing of Class A, SM and Certified Superintendents, membership communications, the Environmental Institute for Golf, the national championship, and the Golf Industry Show. I think it was a good meeting and one that all walked away from energized and confident that your associations make decisions based upon member input and need. Your GCSAA and MAGCS are just phone call away, use them.

## Illinois Golf Day

The Ryder Cup brought attention to our Illinois leaders during a Golf Day in which the Midwest cosponsored. The ILPGA, CDGA, IJGA and WGA hosted our Governor, Pat Quinn and other leaders to a luncheon on September 13. The economic impact of golf in Illinois was presented (2007 statistics): Illinois' golf industry generated a total economic impact of \$4.8 billion, supporting over 50,000 jobs with \$1.5 billion of wage revenue. Bob Kohlstedt spoke about our profession and the positive environmental impact that golf makes to the surrounding communities. Bob shared that the profession is based on science and each superintendent

works in and cares more for the environment than any other profession. Bob did such a great job relating the message, when Governor Quinn spoke, he likened our golf courses to the human body's kidneys, as "filters that clean our waters before they reach our rivers and lakes."

## Rounds for Research

Please participate in this program if you and your course are able. It is one way that the end user, the golfer, can help to sustain the future of our profession. For more information visit: [rounds4research.com](http://rounds4research.com) or call MAGCS 630-243-7900. When you donate, choose the Midwest as your local chapter.

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