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Dates to Remember

July 8 - ITF/Northwest Illinois GCSA Summer Play Day at Short Hills Country Club in East Moline, IL, **Tim Gravert** host.

July 15 - GCSAA Distinguished Service Award nominations due.

July 20 - Midwest family Night Picnic and Kane County Cougars game at Elfstrom Field in Geneva, IL.

July 22 - MAGCS monthly meeting at Edgewood Valley Country Club, **Ron McCarthy** host.

July 24-31 - City of Chicago's "Native Flower and Grass Days" thanks to **Paul Voykin**.

July 31 - Deadline for nominations for the 2014 TurfNet Superintendent's Best Friend Calendar presented by Syngenta.

August 1 - Lebanon Turf and GCSAA's Dog Days of Golf Calendar submissions due.

August 13 - 7th Annual Sunshine Through Golf Foundation White Sox Fundraiser at U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago, IL.

August 19 - University of Illinois Turfgrass Field Day in Urbana, IL.

August 20 - Deadline for applications to attend the fifth Syngenta Business Institute on the campus of Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C.

August 26 - MAGCS monthly meeting at Crystal Lake Country Club, **Steve VanAcker** host.

September 16 - Deadline to apply for Green Site status through the Groundwater Foundation.

September 9-15 - PGA Tour's BMW Championship at Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, IL, **Chad Ball, CGCS** and **Connor Healy** hosts.

October 7 - MAGCS monthly meeting at Chicago Highlands Club in Westchester, IL, **Michael Heustis** and **William Sharp** hosts.

Congratulations to **Alan Hill**, who is the new golf course superintendent at Cress Creek Country Club in Naperville. Best of luck to you, Alan!

You've surely heard about it, so now go check it out if you haven't yet--the new and improved magcs.org website is up and running. Featuring a whole new look, the site is a much more user-friendly version of the old one, with many new and useful tools. If you get the chance, upload a picture of yourself for the online directory; it always helps to put a face with the name, especially as we all get older. Also, in the Members Only area you can access the Membership directory, *On Course* archives, and a ton of other good stuff like the Member Forum area, where you can interact with fellow members securely, and without the entire Facebook world looking in. Enjoy!



Alan Hill, new GCS at Cress Creek Country Club

MAGCS and the entire golf community lost a true legend and friend on May 20th when **Carl Hoppman** passed away. The longtime superintendent of Aurora Country Club and Evanston Golf Club, and ambassador for our industry will be missed by one and all whose lives he touched. Rest in peace, Carl.

Our deepest condolences to the Dinelli family on the passing of **Joe Dinelli** last month. Joe was a man of few words, unless he had something to say. His strong work ethic started at Northmoor Country Club in Highland Park where he learned the art of greenkeeping helping his father Frank on the course. After studying agronomy at Purdue University, marrying the love of his life Marilyn and moving to Glenview, Joe worked for 35 years as the golf course superintendent of North Shore Country Club. He loved to go fishing on his beloved Catfish

Lake in Eagle River, WI, where he was unrivalled at catching walleyes and hosting fish fries. The true passion in Joe's life was his family--his wife Marilyn, his four kids Jodie, Jamie, Dan and Joe and their spouses Mike, Mike, Laurie and Laura, and his five granddaughters Carrie, Jessie, Nicole, Danica, and Sophia. Donations in Joe Dinelli's name can be made to the Environmental Institute for Golf at www.eifg.org.

Congrats to **Steve Cook, CGCS, MG** (Oakland Hills Country Club), **Brian Green, CGCS** (Sunset Valley Golf Course), and **Dale Morrison, CGCS** (Precision Turf LLC) on being recertified through GCSAA recently.

Also a shout-out to **David Marquardt**, who on the 5th of June made a hole-in-one at River Bend Golf Course in Woodridge, IL. Dave's ace came during league play on the 5th hole, where he took driver out of the bag for the 110-yard hole, skanked it due left into a beer cart where it caromed skyward, hit a wayward gull, and dropped into the hole. That's how the witnesses remember it anyhow.



The end of this month marks the deadline to get your favorite dog's mug in the 2014 TurfNet Superintendent's Best Friend Calendar presented by Syngenta. To nominate your dog, go to www.turfnet.com, click on the Features tab and follow the links. You'll find some useful tips on how to best photograph your dog, as well as the form you'll need to fill out, so do it soon!

While on the subject of TurfNet (sorta), if you've checked out their Blog Aggregator lately, you've seen a few MAGCS members chiming in. **Tim Christians** of Makray Memorial was featured several times recently, with blogs about leaf spot and his new low-maintenance areas seeded to fescue to name a few; **Steve Cook** of Oakland Hills blogged about repairs to the bridge on his #5 South, and **Scott Pavalko** and **Nick Marfise** of Cog Hill blogged about the removal of undesirable undergrowth on their property.

Other MAGCS members and their clubs were spotted in the industry pubs recently as well. In documenting our crazy spring weather, Golfdom magazine mentioned Evanston Golf Club's **Dan Charlton** and the 5.6" of rain they received on April 18th, followed a few days later by snow. Club & Resort Business had a ditty about Ivanhoe Club's (**Tom Prichard**

superintendent) pumpkin smashing event just after Halloween, whereby members were encouraged to bring their used pumpkins to the club so that their children could launch them off the upper deck of the clubhouse to the ground below. The smashed pumpkins were then picked up and used as compost on the golf course as a promotion of the club's green initiatives. Finally, and most recently, North Shore Country Club, the host of the Encompass Championship on June 17-23, and hosts **Dan** and **J.D. Dinelli** were prominently featured in several magazines, most notably on the cover of GOLFChicago. Nice to see.

This month, from July 24th through the 31st, the City of Chicago and its 2.7 million citizens will celebrate "Native Flower and Grass Days," thanks to **Paul Voykin**. On July 25th last year, the Chicago City Council and Mayor Rahm Emanuel passed a resolution initially created and promoted by Mr. Voykin, the retired superintendent of Briarwood Country Club for 46 years. Illinois is home to over 3,500 native vascular plants, with only California, Florida, and Texas having more. Paul's lifelong work to bring native plants to golf courses, and in so doing to demonstrate to the world that golf courses are environmentally and ecologically beneficial to their surrounding communities, is the sole reason for Native Flower and Grass Days to exist. With over 9 million people in the Chicago metropolitan area, Paul's hope is that we continue his work by promoting our courses' benefits to the communities in which we live and work as well. He is more than happy to help keep this moving forward—give him a call!

I'm REALLY trying not to beat a dead horse, but this particular horse is just too easy a target. Turns out **Dan Dinelli** is making the rounds on cable TV shows lately. After his big debut on Golf Channel's "Golf Central" show a couple months back, demand for Dan hit an all-time high, with a bidding war for his services ensuing. The winner turned out to be "Dig In Chicago," a local garden-to-kitchen show found on WCIU. Dan and his 28-year-old red-tailed hawk los are interviewed by host Mike Nowak on the grounds of North Shore CC, with the take-home point being the healthy ecosystems that golf courses can be, and the wildlife they support.



Is my hair OK?" Do I need some mousse?

The City of Aurora recently honored the Nadler family for their 50 years of doing business in the city. The business opened in 1963 as Nadler Harley-Davidson Sales, Inc. by Bill and Bea Nadler, and became Nadler Golf Car Sales under the second generation of Dave Nadler and his sister Karen Baumgartner, followed by the recently-renamed Nadler Golf under owners Eric Nadler and Matt Baumgartner.



On hand for the presentation were L. to R.: Eric Nadler, Karen Baumgartner, Mayor Tom Weisner, Dave Nadler and Matt Baumgartner. Congratulations on this great achievement Dave, Karen, Eric and Matt!

Michael Benkusky of Michael J. Benkusky, Inc. has reached a major career milestone--that of celebrating 25 years in the golf course design business. Congratulations, Mike, and may there be at least another 25 on the horizon!

Q: What kind of car does a surfer-dude member of **Randy Wahler's** club drive?

A: A Knollwoody.

The Johnson family operated Illinois Lawn Equipment Company for many many years. Illinois Lawn became Burriss Equipment and eventually the Johnsons left the business. Or DID they? Is that really **Jake Vollbeer** at Burriss Equipment Company, or did the Johnsons leave their long lost cousin Zach Johnson back to keep an eye on things? It's possible, no?

MIDWEST Doppelgänger



Vollbeer needs to logo it up a bit and maybe work on his swing or Johnson needs to start wearing some Textron colors.

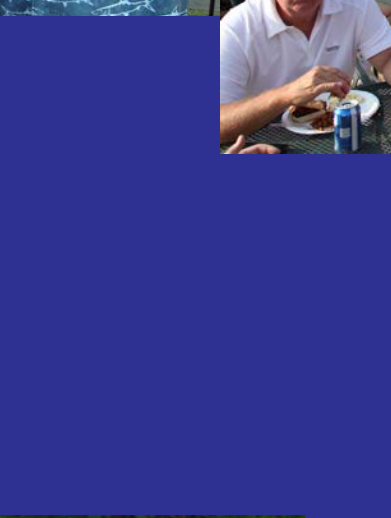
Audubon international is proud to announce that it has designated its 1,000th golf course as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary. Eagles Pride Golf Course in Washington State is the venue, and John Ford, CGCS is the superintendent.

If you're interested in winning \$2,000 worth of irrigation products and services from Rainbird, read on. The Groundwater Foundation was founded in 1994 as a way to educate users on the need to conserve water. Part of that mission is the formation of the Groundwater Guardian Green Site program that encourages managers of green spaces to implement, measure and document groundwater conservation practices. Any golf course can apply for Green Site designation by completing a survey and application, and once submitted, a point system determines how well (get it? I said well and I'm talking about groundwater) you are doing. If your site earns a total of 70% of the total applicable points, it gets Green Site designation and is eligible to receive the \$2,000 in Rainbird stuff. Go to www.groundwater.org to apply.

Remember the Red Rider utility vehicle? The one with the engine on the handlebars? Well, the guy who brought it to market back in 1967, Ted Smith, the founder of Smithco passed away on June 10th at the age of 98.

In case you feel you've had a few too many on the course and are not sure if you should drive, there's a new gadget called the Golfalyzer, a battery-powered breathalyzer geared toward us "social athletes" to help make the decision. Developed by a couple of golfing buddies, the device aims to deter golfers from driving home after overindulging during their rounds or at the 19th hole.

A potentially new type of MAGCS meeting took place last month on the 10th at the St. Charles Country Club (**Chuck Barber** and **Jason Kahlstorf** hosts). The unique things about the event included the start time which was 2:00 p.m., leaving a good portion of the day for participants to get their responsibilities taken care of at work; the 12-hole game, making for a shorter day on the course; and the casual, walking-encouraged atmosphere of the event. The Quarry Course was the site--a six-hole monster with some really fun holes complete with huge elevation changes and gnarly goat-eaten ravines, and it was a blast! In the end, the team of **Ron McCarthy**, **Brian Stout**, **Brian Kalal** and **Craig Shepherd** prevailed with a 35, besting 3 teams that were on their tails with 36's. After golf a sumptuous barbecue on the pool deck compliments of the folks at **Arthur Clesen, Inc.** was just the ticket to bring the great day to an end. I think the experiment was an unmitigated success! Thanks to Chuck and St. Charles CC, to the Clesen folks, and to **Dave Blomquist** and **Shaw's** for providing the beverages AND bringing them to us, and to **Harris Golf Cars** for providing a couple of people movers. Thanks everyone for a truly wonderful and unique event. (pics here "st_chuck003, 010, 014, 018, and 023" with captions on 014: Hosts Jason Kahlstorf, Chuck and Tina Barber; 018: Chefs Garry Anderson, Lisa Tomashek and John Anderson)



NEWS FROM USGA

If you didn't watch the U.S. Open last month, you may have missed the fun new "While We're Young" campaign the USGA launched, which is a public-education campaign to address slow play. Playing off the "Caddy Shack" line, the series of ads featuring the likes of Arnold Palmer and Tiger Woods are funny, yet contain an important message--PLAY FASTER!

Also from USGA, on the morning of May 21st, the proposed Rule 14-1b--the one prohibiting of anchoring the club while making a stroke--was adopted by the USGA and The R & A, and will become effective January 1, 2016 (pending an anticipated TON of litigation).

NEWS FROM GCSAA

The first Rounds For Research (R4R) auction is in the books, and it was a complete success, raising more than \$100,000. The next auction is August 1st.

How much did weather disasters cost last year? How about a cool \$110 billion. Last year was the second most expensive year for weather-related disasters since record keeping started in 1980, according to federal climate scientists. The costliest was 2005, the year of Hurricane Katrina.

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