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Dates to Remember

November 5 – Member registration opens for the 2014 Golf Industry Show in Orlando, FL.

November 7 – CAGCS Annual Meeting at Oak Park Country Club, Al Fierst host.

November 14 – 61st Annual Midwest Turf Clinic at Medinah Country Club in Medinah, IL, Curtis Tyrrell, CGCS, MG host.

November 30 – Deadline for nominations for the 2013 TurfNet Superintendent of the Year Award presented by Syngenta.

December 1 – Deadline to complete staff training for compliance with OSHA's revised Hazard Communication Standard.

December 2 – Annual South Side Superintendents Holiday Party at the Bier Stube in Frankfort, IL.

December 3-5 – Ohio Turfgrass Foundation Conference and Show at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, OH.

December 3-6 – 2013 Golfdom Summit in Orlando, FL.

December 5 – Annual West Side Superintendents Holiday Party at Seven Bridges Golf Club, Don Ferreri and Dave Gelino hosts.

December 6 - Deadline for early bird discounts (room rate too) for ITF's Turf Conference January 7-8

December 9-12 – Syngenta Business Institute in Winston-Salem, NC.

December 10-11 – Wisconsin Turfgrass Symposium at the American Club in Kohler, WI.

January 7-8 – ITF's Turf Conference 2014 at the Hyatt Lodge in Oak Brook, IL.

January 22 – 5th Annual MAGCS/Wee One January Fundraiser at Seven Bridges Golf Club, Don Ferreri and Dave Gelino hosts.

February 1-6 – 2014 Golf Industry Show in Orlando, FL.

You only have a few days left to nominate someone (or yourself) for TurfNet's 2013 Superintendent of the Year Award presented by Syngenta. November 30th is the deadline to submit your nomination for someone who has consistently produced great playing conditions during times of extreme adversity. The criteria on which nominees are judged include labor management, maximizing budget limitations, educating and advancing the careers of colleagues and assistants, negotiating with government agencies, preparing for tournaments under unusual circumstances, service to golf clientele, upgrading or renovating the course and dealing with extreme or emergency conditions. To nominate someone, go to www.turfnet.com and click on the 2013 Nominations page. Past MAGCS winners are **Paul Voykin** in 2003 and **Sam MacKenzie**, CGCS in 2008.

Why is **Andy Weadge** smiling like this? Because he and Wendy welcomed their second child into the world on September 21st. Logan Andrew—pictured with his brother Parker Batman—was born at 7:50 AM, weighing in at a healthy 9 lbs., 10 ozs., and 20" long.



The 61st Annual Midwest Turf Clinic is right around the corner, and an all-star lineup of speakers is waiting to educate and entertain us, including Keynote speaker and Chicago Blackhawks play-by-play man Pat Foley. Aside from the education, there is some business to attend to during the MAGCS Annual Meeting, including our election of the board for 2014. The slate of candidates is as follows: For President **Dave Kohley**; For Vice President **Chuck**

"Wendy! Diaper's full!"

Barber; For Secretary Treasurer **Matt Harstad** and **Matt Kregel**; For Director: **Jim Pedersen**, **Jeff Hoste** (with one of the aforementioned Matts to fill the third spot); Directors **Kris Kvelland** and **Justin VanLanduit** have one more year remaining on their terms; **Dave Groelle**, **CGCS** will move to Past President; and **Bob Kohlstedt** can breathe easy, as his board service is completed. Don't forget we will be collecting Toys For Tots this year, so please bring an unwrapped new toy or plan on making a cash donation to this worthy cause that helps make underprivileged kids' Christmases a little brighter. Anyone who makes a donation will have a chance to win a Kindle FireHD. Hope to see you there.

In keeping in the spirit of giving over the holidays, plan to attend the 5th Annual MAGCS Wee One Fundraiser on the 22nd of January at Seven Bridges Golf Club. The morning session will feature Dr. Thom Nikolai from Michigan State University, followed up with lunch and then the auctions and raffles and poker games that this event has come to be known for. Through events like this, the Wee One Foundation has gifted over \$700,000 to those in our industry who have needed help. Another way to help is to pledge your support through the "One For The Wee One Endowment," a simple giving program whereby you pledge to donate a total of one percent of your salary over the next ten years (a tenth of one percent each year, so if, for example, you earn \$100,000, you would pledge \$100 per year for the next ten years). Pretty simple, and a great cause. To participate, call or email Luke Cella.

December 1 is the deadline for you to complete staff training for compliance with OSHA's revised Hazard Communication Standard, which has been in place since 1983 but has been revised to align with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals. The new system is designed to provide a common and coherent approach to classifying chemicals and communicating hazard information on labels and Safety Data Sheets (formerly MSDS's). Go to www.osha.gov and try and figure it out, or just read Luke's article in this issue.

Deere & Company announced last month its intention to establish John Deere Landscapes as a new, freestanding enterprise owned jointly by Deere and Clayton, Dubliner, and Rice (CD&R), a highly respected investment firm. The leadership team will remain in place, and it will essentially be "business as usual" for JDL, with all the same products and services as before.

Illinois Turfgrass Foundation (ITF) is happy to announce its second annual Turfgrass Conference to be held at the Hyatt Lodge in Oak Brook on January 7th and 8th. The education and networking affair will feature concurrent sessions covering Golf, Sports Turf, Lawncare and General Turf with esteemed educators from across the country, including the University of Illinois, Michigan State, Clemson, Virginia Tech, Wisconsin and Iowa State. Go to www.iturf.org to register. Early bird registration ends December 6, do it before then and save a few dollars.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of

Dr. Joe Duich, perhaps the greatest single contributor to the turfgrass industry ever. Dr. Duich, whose career spanned 35 years at Penn State University teaching countless future superintendents in his own creation—the two-year turf management program—and breeding and developing many turfgrass varieties we all use, passed away on October 11th at the age of 85. It was back in 1954 that Dr. Joe and Burt Musser developed the iconic Penncross creeping bentgrass, once the most widely used bentgrass on golf courses around the world. If it had a Penn in its name, it was probably developed by Dr. Duich. He was a great educator, scientist, writer, and he will certainly be missed by all who benefited from his haughty accomplishments.



Rest in peace, Dr. Joe Duich.

Our industry lost a couple other of its legends recently, as well. Dr. James Watson, who spent 46 years at the Toro Company and spearheaded significant turf and water management research, and Charles G. Wilson, who pioneered the USGA Green Section, both passed away in September. The golf world will miss them.

Q: What does the board of directors at **Kurt Galisdorfer's** club say when they sign up new members?

A: The Exmoor the merrier.

If you play golf like I do (badly), maybe you should stay away from Lakeridge Golf Course in Reno, Nevada. In September, a man pleaded guilty to a felony charge for shooting a golfer with a shotgun after the golfer's errant ball broke a window in his home. The golfer was in the process of taking a drop after he couldn't find his ball when the homeowner came out and shot him. Luckily only two pellets hit him, making the homeowner not only bats#*t crazy, but a really bad shot to boot.

Wednesday, October 9th was a busy day for the MAGCS golfing contingent. **Greg Rounds** and Sunset Ridge Country Club hosted the annual University of Illinois Turf Alumni Golf Outing, an event that has been around for over 20 years. Twenty-six players enjoyed Greg's golf course on a brisk but sunny day, which was in terrific condition and was a great venue for the event. Thanks to Greg for hosting, and to the numerous U of I alums who contributed to the event.



*Rick Wilson
Connor Healy
Greg Rounds
Kris Kvelland*



*Kevin Barto
Bill Sharp
Brian Mores
Eric Black*



*Scot Spier
Mark Kowaliczko
Jeff Gerdes*



*Gary Hearn
Al Pondel, CGCS
Bob Fraley
Bob Kohlstedt*



*Mike Paciga
Eric Reed
Justin VanLanduit*



*Brian Kalal
Randy Wahler, CGCS
John Anderson
Ben Larsen*



The very experienced foursome of John Lebedevs, Jan Jarvis, Steve Stewart and Paul Carlson anchored the Fox Valley Golf League team

The American Society of Golf Course Architects (ASGCA) has named its second annual Design Excellence Recognition Program recipients, and among the twelve was Butterfield Country Club (Mike Vercautren superintendent) for its extensive renovation designed by Steve Meyers. The project corrected significant drainage and infrastructure problems on the 85-year-old course, including bank erosion and new county-mandated watershed management requirements. The program shines a light on the innovation and problem-solving skills required of today's golf course designs, whether a "small" bunker renovation, or a full-scale 18-hole layout. Congratulations to Butterfield CC on this honor.

MIDWEST Doppelgänger



You know that Australian golfer guy Marc Leishman? Exactly! Nobody does! That's because he only spends half his time golfing. The other half he's selling big iron for J.W. Turf under the alias of Travis Dykstra.

Nice to hear the PGA Tour is keeping the good stuff in mind. It has renewed its support of the Environmental Institute for Golf (EIFG) with a \$100,000 donation. In addition, Cal Roth, PGA Tour senior vice president of agronomy and 34-year GCSAA member has been named to the EIFG Board of Trustees. Hmmm.

At Naperville Country Club the Fox Valley Golf League faced off against its offshoot rival the Happy Hour league for the 3rd (or 4th—nobody seems to remember) Annual Cheryl Cup extravaganza, and once again, the old league walked away with the trophy. Thanks to **Tim Anderson** and **Steven Biehl** for their bravery in allowing this cheap, tawdry event to be contested on their very nice and way-too-good-for-us golf course.

The October MAGCS meeting was held on the 7th at Chicago Highlands Club in Westchester, IL, with **Michael Heustis** hosting. Dr. Rob Golembiewski of Bayer Environmental Science started the day with a great education presentation on "Maximizing Turf Disease Control," interspersing valuable life lessons throughout his talk. Lesson #1: Always let your boss speak first." Lesson #2: If you're going to be sitting around doing nothing, make sure you're sitting high up." And Lesson #3: Bulls%#t might get you to the top, but it won't keep you

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there.” All three worth remembering! It was on to the golf course with our box lunches after that, and what a FUN golf course to play! Conditions were exceptional, the weather was perfect, and a whole lotta fun was had with the Ryder Cup format of two-man teams playing six holes of alternate shot, 6 best ball, and 6 scramble. It was just a great day to be at a really special venue. Thanks to Michael and his crew and all the folks at Chicago Highlands, to Nadler Golf for the extra golf cars for the day, and to our generous sponsors: **Arthur Clesen, Inc., BASF, Burris Equipment Company, JW Turf, Nels J. Johnson Tree Experts, Reinders, Inc., Syngenta Professional Products, and Water Well Solutions** (pictured on opposite page)

The MAGCS bloggers have been busy as usual, with **Shane Conroy** (Park Ridge CC) showing up multiple times on TurfNet’s Blog Aggregator describing various projects underway at his course, including a practice tee expansion and some cart path work; while **Tim Christians** at Makray Memorial chimed in on the emerald ash borer, and the marking of all ash trees on his property with yellow ribbons to demonstrate just how many trees might be lost and what his plan is moving forward for their replacement. In the September Golfdom magazine, writers Seth Jones, Chris Lewis, and Steven Tingle sat down with several veteran superintendents from across the country with over 250 years of combined experience in the industry to discuss their careers, the future of the business and their advice for today’s superintendents. Among these renowned icons was **Mike Bavier, CGCS**, retired superintendent from Inverness Golf Club, and past MAGCS and GCSAA President. And in the September 26th edition of TurfNet News, **Scott Witte, CGCS** and Cantigny Golf Club were featured for their Bee Barometer Project that has spanned the ocean to include a school in Ghana (see the August Bull Sheet for that story). Scott’s passion for bees not only provides a revenue stream at Cantigny through the sale of honey and wax products which keeps his beekeeping project self-sustaining, it also could provide a barometer of the overall health of the environment. Scott feels that world-class golf conditions can coexist with honeybees if both are managed correctly.



The agenda and official notice of the 2014 Annual Meeting at the Golf Industry Show in Orlando are now available online at www.gcsaa.org. The meeting will take place on Thursday, Feb. 6.

From **Dan Dinelli, CGCS**, who recently participated in GCSAA’s Government Relations quarterly meeting, as diligently as GCSAA and others are trying to keep methyl bromide’s use for turf on the label (until stock is exhausted), it is not looking rosy. The deadline has not been met yet, but it is looming at year’s

end. Also, the water issue was discussed at length—an issue of highest urgency for all of us, because although we here are fortunate to have the supply of fresh water that we have, it is just a matter of time before we will be pulled in to this as well, which will include mandates to reduce usage by 20% as is common in other parts of the country. FYI, Dr. Bruce Branham and ITF is at work on establishing a Best Management Practices (BMP) document for Illinois which will address this and other important issues facing the golf industry. Thank you Dan for this update. @

Equipment for Sale

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**MAGCS October Meeting
Chicago Highlands Club**

2 Man Team Championship
 Gross: 1st David Kohley & Luke Cella 68
 2nd Greg Coyne & Todd Zimmerman 74
 3rd Matt Baumgartner & Dave Nadler 75
 4th Ed Fischer & Bob Kronn, Sr. 75
 Net: Rob Golembieski & Josh Cull 49
 Paul Carlson & Steve Poole 50
 Jeff Cameron & Jim Canning 51
 Scot Spier & Scott Hillyard 52

Congratulations to all winners! Thanks to Michael and everyone at Chicago Highlands for a great day, and to the day's sponsors who made it all possible: Arthur Clesen, Inc., BASF, Burris Equipment Company, J.W. Turf, Inc., Nels J. Johnson Tree Experts, Inc., Reinders, Syngenta, & Water Well Solutions.

