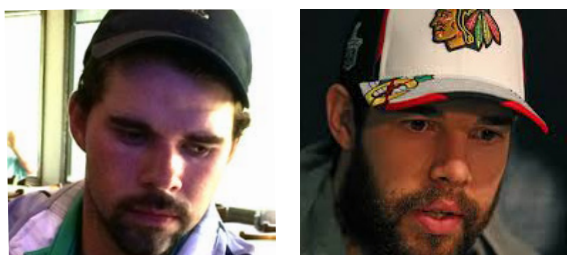


Medinah Country Club's Course One on June 13th. You may recall the course was closed just 13 hours after the end of the Ryder Cup matches at Medinah in September of 2012. After a 21-month Tom Doak renovation, the new course—originally built in 1924—was ceremoniously opened with a ribbon-cutting followed by a cannon blast and Mr. Doak's first tee shot off the new #1 tee.

Jake Koch is the assistant superintendent at White Eagle Golf Club. Strangely, he seems to go missing whenever the Blackhawks are playing; and the minute their playoff run ends, he's back at work. Hmmm... Is that Jake between the pipes for the Hawks, going under the assumed name of Corey Crawford?

MIDWEST Doppelgänger



Jake Koch, Asst. Super or Hawk goalie Crawford?

The USGA has announced a new way for you to enjoy the game you love (or at least the game that employs you). USGA members can now experience the new Member Clubhouse, which is an online thingy that has a whole bunch of features and benefits that connect you to their tradition of excellence in golf. Go to www.usga.org to see just what those features and benefits are.

Congratulations to **Brian Placzowski**, (r) former assistant superintendent at Royal Melbourne Country Club on his new job as Equipment Sales Representative for Reinders, Inc.



Q: If **Tom Abbott** hires an old, doddering, certifiably whacko nutjob that calls games for the Sox, what would we call him?

A: Thunderhawk Harrelson.

BIG kudos to **Dan Dinelli**, CGCS and **JD Dinelli** their staff, along with the volunteers who pitched in to stage another fantastic Encompass Championship at North Shore Country Club from June 20-22. Although Mother Nature was totally uncooperative, with conditions dramatically changing every

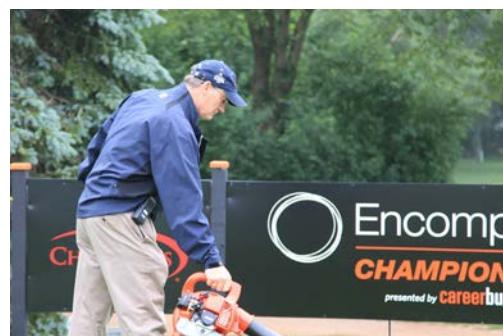
single day, yet the tournament went off seemingly without a hitch—and it ended in as equally dramatic fashion as last year, with a birdie putt on the 18th green on Sunday determining the winner. This year it was Tom Lehman who provided the fireworks; however the biggest winners were the people who made the tournament happen—congratulations Dan and JD and everyone who played a part in it!



The crew in green and the volunteers in orange. The orange made it easier to keep track of them and himself.



Each day of the tournament brought a new set of conditions that the staff dealt with successfully.



It was a senior event, even the older members of the PGA staff jumped in to help. Paul Vermeulen still knows the best way to get the job done.

There were a few young people around, Alan Davidson (l) of Northmoor CC and Brian Chasensky from Chicago Golf Club lent a hand doing course set up tournament week.

