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JULY 2014

Dates to Remember

July 10 – MAGCS 9 Holer at Woodstock Country Club, Bob Kronn Sr., host.

July 10 – Toro Company's 100th birthday. And Bob Kronn's.

July 11 – The Mark Olson Benefit Golf Outing at Old Oak Country Club in Homer Glen, IL, Chad Walk and Peter Lieponis hosts.

July 15 – Purdue Turf and Landscape Field Day at the W. H. Daniel Turf Center in West LaFayette, IN.

July 21 – The 14th Annual John Buck Golf Outing at the Highlands of Elgin, IL, Brad Legnaioli, CGCS host.

July 24 – Iowa Turfgrass Field Day at the Horticultural Research Station in Ames, IA.

July 28-30 – 20th Illinois Women's Open at Mistwood Golf Club in Romeoville, IL, Ben Kelhofer host.

August 1 – Deadline for nominations for the 2015 GCSAA Col. John Morley Distinguished Service Award.

August 19 – 8th Annual Sunshine Through Golf Foundation White Sox Fundraiser at U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago, IL.

August 26 – MAGCS monthly meeting at Harborside International in Chicago, IL, Ryan Tully host.

Tyler Enterprises recently announced that **Dennis Hamilton** has been named a Sales Executive for the company. Dennis was a superintendent for 11 years, most recently at Macktown Golf Club in Rockton, IL, and served on the board of directors for the Northwest Illinois Golf Course Superintendents Association (NWIGCSA). Congratulations Dennis!

Aaron Hill, formerly at Fresh Meadow GC is the new superintendent at White Pines Golf Course in Bensenville, IL. Congrats Aaron, and good luck in the new position.

August 1st is the deadline to nominate someone you know for the 2015 GCSAA Col. John Morley Distinguished Service Award. The DSA is presented annually to individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the golf course superintendent's profession which is significant in both substance and duration. Individuals must be nominated by a GCSAA member, an affiliated chapter, or a qualified golf association. The nominee must not have been a recipient of the award in the past 10 years. This award was first presented in 1932 and has been presented annually since 1975. Past MAGCS recipients are John MacGregor (1935), Ted Woehrle (1964), Ray Gerber (1975), Bob Williams (1977), Ben Warren (1982), Warren Bidwell (1984), **Mike Bavier** (2002), **Bruce Williams** (2002), **Danny Quast** (2004), **Tommy Witt** (2005), and **Oscar Miles** (2008). Let's get another one huh?

Patrick McDonagh, (r) the superintendent of Redtail Golf Club and a longtime MAGCS member passed away on June 12th in his home after a several-year-long battle with cancer. I had the pleasure of being acquainted with Pat, and all I can say is he was a truly good guy. He was taken from his family and friends much too soon, and he will be sorely missed. Rest in peace, Pat.



On Tuesday, August 19th the Sunshine Through Golf Foundation will hold its 8th Annual White Sox Fundraiser at U.S. Cellular Field. The cool part about it is that you can send a Sunshine Through Golf athlete to the game by selecting the "Sponsor a Camper" box on the registration form. If you'd like to help, call or email Alex Nolly at 630-685-2351 or at anolly@cdga.org.

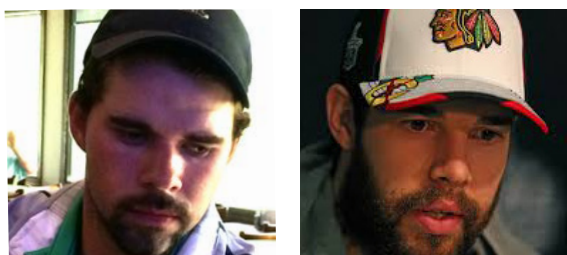
Condolences to the friends and family of Robert Graunke, who passed away last month. Bob was a longtime MAGCS member who retired after a long stint as superintendent at Eagle Ridge Resort in Galena, IL.

Congrats to **Curtis Tyrrell**, CGCS, MG and his staff on the reopening of

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

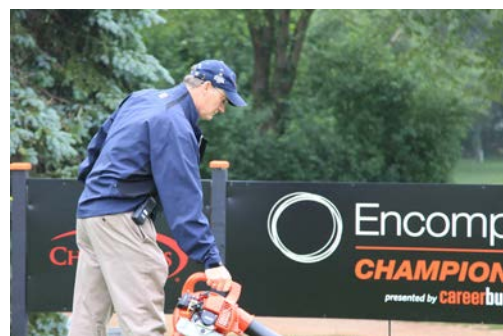
single day, yet the tournament went off seemingly without a hitch—and it ended in as equally dramatic fashion as last year, with a birdie putt on the 18th green on Sunday determining the winner. This year it was Tom Lehman who provided the fireworks; however the biggest winners were the people who made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



Here's news you can use: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is extending the 90-day public comment period for an additional 91 days—until October 20—for the proposed rule expanding the definition of “waters of the U.S.” under the Clean Water Act. This rule would significantly impact how we treat property near any water by subjecting all waters to regulation, including man-made bodies, rights-of-way, golf course ponds, ditches, and flood plains. The public comment period originally ended July 21. Under the proposed rule, any pesticide or fertilizer applications adjacent to these waters may be jeopardized by costly permits. So there's that. [GCSAA has launched an action alert through their website. Keep an eye out for the link so you may send your senator a comment.]

MAGCS members have been all over the trade publications recently. TurfNet's Blog Aggregator had a ditty by **Erwin McKone** (Briar Ridge CC) on lightning strikes and the devastation they can cause, along with links to some sites that have all kinds of info on lightning safety. In the same media outlet, **Bill Meyer** of Park Ridge CC updated his membership on the crazy growth rate they were experiencing in the rough, along with updates on winter-killed area repair; and **Steve Cook, CGCS, MG** of Oakland Hills CC chimed in on re-prioritization of maintenance practices based on winter damage recovery. In the June issue of GCM, in its Front Nine Photo Quiz section, BOTH photos were submitted by MAGCS member clubs. The first was some funky goose damage at Aldeen Golf Club in Rockford, and the second was a lightning strike on Rich Harvest Farms that **Jeff Vercautren** photographed and **Ed Nangle** submitted.

And finally, a big thanks to **John Gurke, CGCS** and **Aaron Reinhart** for hosting the MAGCS June Meeting at Aurora Country Club. On more than one occasion I heard that this used to be how Midwest events were, minus the mad scramble after golf to shower and get seated for dinner in time for the salad. The reminiscence came from the abundant food and beverages provided at the event, including chicken on a stick at the turn, bourbon tasting and duck served in martini glasses on a bed of risotto. The treatment the Midwest received was a testament to John and his dedication to the club – the GM, **Bob White**, **Chef George Upton**, golf Pro **Aaron Sabers** and all the staff made sure nothing was overlooked. **Shane Conroy** provided the education, (check out the education wrap up) talking about technology and the tools superintendents have at their disposal these days. **Jeff Sievert** was crowned the Class C Champion shooting a 82 and **John Gurke** and **Aaron Reinhart** get to put their names on the Dom Grotti trophy (and a few other from the past couple of years, thanks for updating the trophy John) using their course knowledge and mostly Aaron's skill to win (net 136). **Jason Lemanski** and **Greg Van Weelde** tied for second with last year's champs from Ruth Lake CC. Thank you to all those who participated and sponsored our June meeting. – L. Cella

*You are cordially invited
to join the club.*

Did You Know?

Your membership with MAGCS includes a handicap with the CDGA.

In fact, if you are planning to compete in the MAGCS Championship at Harborside on August 26, you'll need one.

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John Gurke and Aaron Reinhart get photobombed by Paul Yerkes while trying to accept the Dom Grotti trophy at the closing ceremonies at Aurora Country Club.

