

Congrats to Dave Kohley (Silver Lake Country Club) and Tim Scott, CGCS (Stony Creek Golf Course) on their fine showing at the GCSAA Golf Championship last month in Orlando. Dave finished in tenth place with a 150, and Tim's 151 earned him thirteenth place. Nice work guys!

Q: If Dave Groelle, CGCS had spent his entire life at his current club, what would he be?

A: Royal Melbourne and raised.

Congratulations to Jeff Rehberg (right) of J.W. Turf on being recognized for Outstanding Sales Achievement by John Deere Golf at the Golf Industry Show last month in Orlando.



This walk down memory lane came to us via Pete Cookingham of the Turfgrass Information Center at the Michigan State University Libraries. They are proud to announce the launch of the website for the Noer/Milorganite Image Collection which has a bounty of old scanned images of golf courses in our area depicting the people, tools, and practices of our predecessors. Your course may be in there, so take a moment to have a gander—it can be found at <http://noermmsd.lib.msu.edu/>.

The IRS has finalized its Employer Mandate Requirements regarding the new health care laws, adding a new delay in which clubs with 50-99 full-time employees do not have to comply with the law until 2016. To qualify for this extra delay, a club must show: 1) That it employed less than 100 full-timers in 2014; 2) That from 2/9/14 to 12/31/14 it does not reduce the size of its workforce or cut hours of its employees to meet the 50-99 full-time threshold (bonafide reasons for changes are ok); 3) That it did not eliminate or materially reduce the insurance it offered as of 2/9/14; and 4) That it did not change its health plan's start after 2/9/14. This additional delay is meant to "ease the transition to covering employees working 30 hours or more per week." So you got that going for you.

For those of you who may have missed it, there was a retirement party for a pretty special guy on January 17th. Randy Wahler, the superintendent at Knollwood Club for the past 33 years—yes, 33 years!—was honored by friends and family on this evening, and for very good reason. I've known Randy since I was a snot-nosed assistant at Old Elm Club under Randy's great friend Ed Fischer. These guys, along with Tim Davis at Shoreacres among others, formed the group of gentlemen I would aspire to emulate as a golf course superintendent. Consummate professionals to a man, they went about the business of golf course management the way it should be done—with a dedication to excellence and a desire to share their experience with the next generation. Randy was the paragon of our profession, the mold from which all superintendents should have come—a great grass grower and agronomist, a communicator without equal, a teacher and motivator of future industry stalwarts, and a damn fine golfer

to boot. He truly was and is someone to know and learn from.



Congratulations Randy—may you take from retirement what you've given to our profession!



Name This MAGCS Member hint #3: He was a long-time superintendent of Butterfield Country Club, and in his retirement you might run into him at the Sandwich Fair in the summertime, or in Harner's Bakery in Aurora with his wife Phyllis in the winter, where Eddie Braunsky took this photo.



Give up? It's Art "Artie" Benson, Jr. of course! Artie was born in the business and remained in it throughout his career in the west suburbs, and if you ever run across him, you're in for a treat—he can spin a yarn like nobody else!

Do you want to get involved with GCSAA Education? The proposal deadline for presenting at the 2015 Education Conference in San Antonio, Texas is March 31st. If you have something to say that you feel others may benefit from hearing, go to [www.gcsaa.org](http://www.gcsaa.org) and click on the Teach for GCSAA thingie. @