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# Maybe . . . Tod's death . . . leaves a legacy of the brevity of life and how we are to live it . . .

*Editor's Note: This letter comes to us from longtime MAGCS member and past president (1963) John Ebel, who communicated these thoughts to contributing editor John Gurke.*

Hello, John.

For some time I've been meaning to respond to your substitute President's Message in the *Verdure* newsletter concerning Tod Hopphan. I just couldn't seem to put pen to paper. After reading your second tribute to Tod in *On Course* magazine, I better understand why the delay.

I really didn't know Tod very well, but have been a longtime friend of his father, Carl. The loss to Tod's wife, Debra, and their children is overwhelming, and for a parent to lose an adult child is an indescribable hurt. So, we ask why? And we don't know why. There must be an explanation of why Tod was taken so early in life. It's comforting to know that Tod was and is a man of God! Good news! We know he is in a better place living with the Lord.

Maybe the reason for Tod's death is to leave a legacy of the brevity of life and how we are to live it. His passing has had a very strong impact on the lives of many. Maybe we need to examine ourselves on how we live and where we plan to spend eternity.

Psalm 103 says, "As for man his days are as grass; as a flower of the field he grows, the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and the place shall know it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting . . . upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto children's children."

Our time here on Earth is brief, but God's love never ends. If Tod's passing has made a difference in the lives of those still here, then he has gotten the victory! Tod's death was not just some senseless accident, and the world is better because he was here.



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<b>2001</b>		
January	"Contemplating a New Maintenance Facility? Before You Build" "It's A Wonderful Life"	Kevin DeRoo Bradley Anderson
February	"A Pebble Beach Diary"	Dave Ward
March	None	
April	"75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Retrospective: The Roaring Twenties"	John Gurke
May	"How's the Weather Inside?"	Fred Behnke
June	"Morale and Leadership: Buzzwords for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century" "Over the Banks We Go" "75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Retrospective: The Forties"	Henry Michna Scott Speiden Chuck Anfield
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# the Bull Sheet

John Gurke, CGCS,  
Contributing Editor

## DATES TO REMEMBER

October 1 — MAGCS Scholarship Fundraiser at Geneva Golf Club, **Ed Braunsky, CGCS** host.

October 12 — Illinois PGA Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at the Glen Club in Glenview, IL.

October 17 — ITF Fall Golf Day and MAGCS College Team Championship at Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park, IL, **Dudley Smith** host.

October 20 — MAGCS 75th Anniversary Gala Dinner Dance at Bryn Mawr Country Club, **Brain Bossert, CGCS** and Pam Bossert, hosts.

November 7 — 49th Annual MAGCS Turf Clinic and Annual Meeting at Medinah Country Club, **Tom Lively, CGCS** host.

November 4-16 — “Management Skills for the New or Prospective Manager” seminars. These are two-day seminars offered by SkillPath in the following locations: Arlington Heights, Chicago, Schaumburg, Naperville, Oak Brook and Oak Lawn. Call 1-800-873-7545 for details.

November 27-29 — North Central Turfgrass Exposition at Pheasant Run Resort.

Another fine Kane County Cougars outing was enjoyed by a capacity crowd on August 18, thanks mainly to **Kevin** and **Cheryl DeRoo**. Kid games and prizes were a big hit, and the game was truly a nail-biter, with the Cougars nosing it out through a one-hour rain delay by a margin of 1-0. Those who stuck it out were treated to an awesome fireworks display after

the game. Thanks to the DeRoos for their hard work, and to all who attended for another successful getaway from the same-old.

Congratulations to **Scott Witte, CGCS** of Cantigny Golf Club on becoming a certified golf course superintendent (thus the CGCS after his name).

Another MAGCS member is in the midst of a reconstruction project—**Vince Dodge** of Indian Lakes Resort is waist-deep in gassing and grassing. The front nine on the West course is being totally regrassed using Basamid on fair-

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Host Mike Figg and Purdue's Zach Reicher.



Lynn Wesson, Fred Behnke, Mark Gilmour and Hans Hoppfan enjoying their day.

The August MAGCS monthly meeting was held at White Hawk Country Club with Mike Figg serving as our host. The trip to northwest Indiana was well worth it, as the course was in beautiful condition and those who attended were treated to some good ol' Hoosier hospitality. Education for the event was provided by Purdue University's Zach Reicher, who gave an informative talk about the research projects going on at Purdue and fairway renovation. The results of the golf event were as follows: Closest to the pin on hole #7—**Eli Witt**. Closest to the pin on #3—**John Coghill**. Longest drive on #2—**Paul Swenson**. Longest drive on #1—**Dave Groelle**. Longest putt—**Carl Hoppfan**. The blind draw winning teams were: 1st—**Dan Tully** and **Fred Behnke** with 134; 2nd—**Brad Krolak** and **Dave Mayzel** with 136; 3rd—**Dave Groelle** and **Zach Reicher** with 139; 4th—**Lynn Wesson** and **Paul Carlson** with 140; 5th—**Chuck Anfield** and **Marlin McManus** with 140; and 6th—**Jim McNair** and **Tim Keating** with 140. Congratulations to all the winners, and thank you from MAGCS to the folks at White Hawk for a great day.

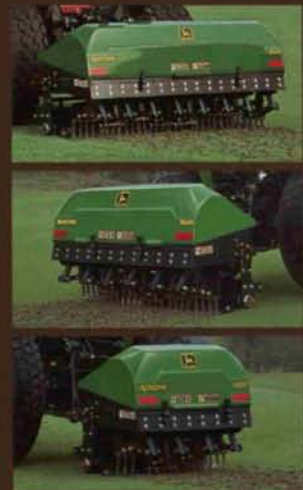


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ways (applied August 30) and methyl bromide on greens. Fairways will be regrassed with Princeville, and greens with Penn G-2. Vince is also rebuilding all the tees, doing some bunker work and having a new irrigation system installed, among other things like the daily maintenance of the rest of the property. Sounds like **Gene Thompson** got out of Dodge (no pun or innuendo intended) just in the nick of time . . . Good luck with the work, Vinnie.

The August issue of *Chicagoland Golf* had a very nice article by the true superintendent's friend, Phil Kosin, about turf conditions in our area as they relate to the heat and humidity of July and early August. We should be thankful to have friends like Phil associated with us—it wasn't that long ago when superintendents were very close-mouthed about any problems they were experiencing

(and any successes they were achieving), and golfers had no source of accurate information on the care of their courses. This type of press truly helps our profession and our customers to be better informed about the work we do and the challenges we face.

Also in the local press, a fine article in the September/October issue of *Chicago District Golfer* about **Paul Voykin**. Len Ziehm captured what most of us know already about Paul and his groundbreaking work at Briarwood Country Club, but it's still nice to know that people who use our courses are learning about it as well.

**Dan Albaugh**, CGCS has a new address. Dan is now at Pheasant Run Resort, where he will take the reins from retiring **Peter Mirkes, Jr.** Congratulations and best of luck to both of these fine gentlemen in their new environs.

As part of the Superintendent Leadership Series, the Northwestern Illinois GCSA and GCSAA present "Influencing On-The-Job Behavior." Funded by the Callaway Golf Grant for Professional Development, the seminar begins where "Managing On-The-Job Behavior" ends. Join instructor Gerry Sweda and your colleagues from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on October 25 at Forest Hills C.C. in Rockford (host MAGCS member **Don Altman**, CGCS). For more information, contact Robin Krupke at 815-232-3329.

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## National Crisis Prompts Cancellation of 75th Anniversary Festivities

On September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon stunned and horrified the nation. In the hours following this national tragedy, GCSAA President Tommy Witt released the following announcement:

“In light of today’s tragic events, I am announcing that the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America is canceling all scheduled activities this weekend in Lawrence, Kansas-Kansas City metropolitan region.

“This includes the 75th anniversary celebration, the chapter delegates meeting and the Chapter Leadership Program.

“It is not appropriate to host a celebratory event in the wake of today’s tragedies, nor do we want to risk the safety of anyone who would have to travel. We will provide additional information as

soon as it becomes available. We extend our thoughts and prayers to the victims and their families in this time of need.”

The MAGCS echoes the thoughts of our national organization. As *On Course* goes to press, further information on the rescheduling of the cancelled events is not yet available.

### Bensumec Advisory

PBI-Gordon Corporation has asked golf course superintendents to stop using Bensumec 4LF until further notice. The company says it has had reports of yellowing turf on greens after application of the product.

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began trying to identify the specific cause. We have now determined that one batch (lot 1286) is apparently contaminated with low levels of phenoxies and dicamba.”

On Saturday, September 8, the company posted a notice to the GCSAA member Web forums asking superintendents to stop using Bensumec on their greens. The company also posted a notice on its Web site at [www.pbigordon.com/bensumec\\_message.htm](http://www.pbigordon.com/bensumec_message.htm), which includes the advisory and an injury recovery plan for greens that have been treated with Bensumec since August 1.

The company asks that any golf course or superintendent that has applied the product since August 1 please contact Gary Custis at 800-821-7925 or 800-471-3677.



On Course . . . (continued from page 2)

we have an elegant evening planned. We will highlight our 75th anniversary and again have Nadler Golf Car Sales to thank for covering the beverage costs. Thanks to Dave and Eric!

- October 27 – Remember to turn those clocks back when you go to bed. Yippee, it will be dark at 5 p.m.; no more 12-hour days and I’ve been looking forward to getting that hour of sleep back all summer!
- November 7 – Midwest Turf Clinic at Medinah Country

Club. Education chairman Gary Hearn and his committee have an excellent program planned. We’ll be taking a look back over our 75 years through the eyes of our most senior members. Paul Konrad, WGN morning weather anchor, has agreed to be our celebrity keynote. Where did the tradition of getting a celebrity start, anyway? If you missed out last year, a photographer will be on hand to get a picture of you for our archives. We need those in case Gurke does another “The Way We Were” segment for our 100th

anniversary. He assures me that both he and I will still be working then. Last, we hope to get a group photo of all the past presidents who will be in attendance. Our 75th anniversary is obviously an appropriate time to bring past leadership together.

There you have it: plenty of special events that will celebrate, not only another successful year, but an historic 75 years. Hope to see you there!

