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If you watched the Buick Open golf tourney from the Torrey Pines Golf Club near San Diego during early February, you were looking at the handiwork of course superintendent Gerald W. Dearie. Gerald W. is a third-generation "super" from the Dearie family. His father was Gerald F. and his grandfather, Gerald M., was the super at Medinah Country Club from 1956 to 1963. Gerald F. succeeded his father at Medinah C.C. from 1963 to 1968, only to succumb to a wasp sting while out on the course. Additionally, Gerald M.'s

brother was Eddie Dearie, longtime super at Oak Park Country Club.

Having known all of the Dearies except Gerald W. very well, I can attest that they were the "greatest" in all aspects and proud members of the Midwest GCSA. However, I have visited with Gerald W. by phone and he, too, fits the family reputation.



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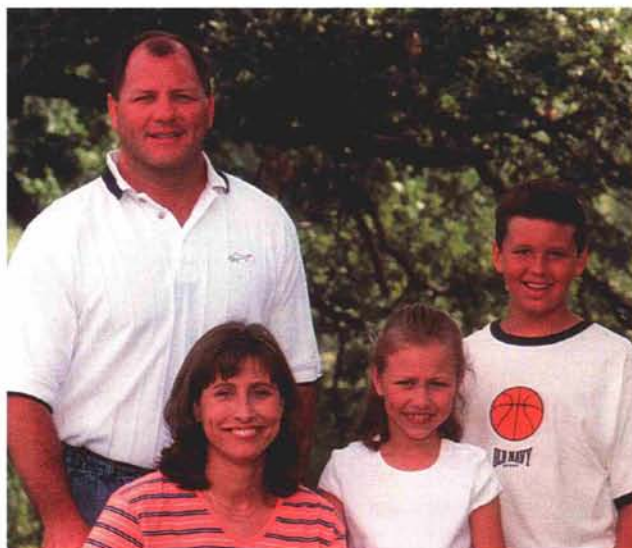
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Name: **Jim Trzinski, Jim Trzinski Golf Course Photography/formerly Waupaca Sand & Solutions**  
 Job title: **Photographer**  
 Date of birth: **October 21, 1968**  
 Place of birth: **Stevens Point, WI**  
 Current residence: **Amherst, WI**  
 Spouse: **Leigh Ann (five years)**  
 Children: **Zachary (10), Courtney (8)**  
 Pet: **Shelby (dog), Patches (cat)**  
 MAGCS member since: **1996**  
 My favorite childhood memory is: **Hunting and fishing with my dad.**  
 My professional mentor: **My wife Leigh Ann, for giving me the confidence to start my own business; and Christine Faulks of Waupaca Sand and Solutions has also played a large role in my professional development.**  
 Favorite actor/actress: **Roger Moore (James Bond)**  
 Favorite musical performer: **Tim McGraw**  
 Favorite cuisine: **"Outdoor" food—venison, pheasant, fish**  
 Favorite "pigout" food: **Fresh, hot caramel corn**  
 Favorite professional/college sports team: **Pittsburgh Steelers, Duke University**  
 Favorite pro athlete: **Derek Jeter, N.Y. Yankees**  
 Favorite pro golfer: **Chi-Chi Rodriguez**  
 My favorite place to play golf is: **Central Wisconsin**  
 My handicap index: **20**  
 My best/most memorable round ever: **The Ridges in Wisconsin Rapids, WI—the only time I ever had nine pars in a row!**  
 The most interesting/exotic place I've ever traveled: **Phoenix, AZ**  
 The last great movie I saw: ***Titanic***  
 Favorite TV show: ***Remington Outdoors***  
 Favorite color: **Burgundy**  
 In my spare time, I enjoy: **Woodworking, hunting, fishing**  
 Three words that describe me: **Friendly, energetic, organized**  
 What I enjoy most about my job: **The chance to work with people who want to look their best (portrait photography) and want to portray golf courses at their best (golf course photography).**  
 What I dislike about my job: **Weekend work.**  
 I'm a Midwest member because: **I enjoy the golf course superintendents who are a very "down to earth" crowd.**



Name: **Kerry Satterwhite, City of Bloomington, IL Golf Courses (e.g., The Den at Fox Creek)**  
 Job title: **Director of Golf Course Maintenance**  
 Date of birth: **May 15, 1962**  
 Place of birth: **Kankakee, IL**  
 Current residence: **Normal, IL**  
 Spouse: **Ronda (10 years)**  
 Children: **Kreighton (11), Alexis (8)**  
 MAGCS member since: **1987**  
 College/degree: **Turfgrass Management Certificate, Penn State University; B.A., Northern Illinois University/Milliken University;**  
 My favorite childhood memory is: **Spending time on the Kankakee River. We would canoe down to the Kankakee River State Park and explore Indian caves along the way.**  
 My personal heroes/professional mentor: **I don't place a tremendous emphasis on heroes and I don't think I have ever had a true mentor. The superintendent that has provided me with the greatest personal and professional advice is Oscar Miles.**  
 Favorite food: **Peanut M&Ms and pizza are my two culinary sins.**  
 Favorite college sports team: **Illinois Wesleyan, University of Illinois and Penn State. I like the competition at the collegiate level, particularly at the small schools. That's where the real student/athlete is.**  
 My handicap: **Is that my limbs have been detached and repaired more times in the past five years than the Scarecrow in *The Wizard of Oz*. I have my orthopedic surgeon on speed dial.**  
 The book I've been recommending lately is: ***Guns, Germs, and Steel* by Jared Diamond**  
 In my spare time, I enjoy: **Being with my family or being involved in some athletic activity. In the winter I work out about three hours a day, half that in the summer months. I lift weights, play basketball and run daily. As a family, we spend**



time together playing golf and tennis, riding our bikes on Constitution Trail and hiking.

Three words that describe me: Solitary, analytical, determined

What I enjoy most about my job: It is diversified.

There is a constant challenge to multiple-facility management and each of the three courses presents a different set of challenges. I like being outdoors and enjoy mentoring.

Also, I have been fortunate to meet Arnold Palmer on several occasions, one benefit of managing a Palmer Signature course. It has been a true privilege to sit down and talk to him about golf. I have a great photo of Mr. Palmer kissing my daughter on the cheek, prior to teeing off on no. 9 at The Den.

What I dislike about my job: I still have a difficult time accepting the volume of play. We average about 100,000 rounds between the three courses and are open from dawn to dusk, seven days a week, at least one course year-round.

Quotable: "I think it is difficult to be employed in this profession and find adequate time to spend with your family. That is a priority in my life and the freedom and flexibility of my current position have permitted me to do that. It is a tremendous intrinsic benefit and one that I would find very difficult to sacrifice."

Notable: Kerry is an ardent environmental advocate and the only superintendent in the country to receive a GCSAA Environmental Steward Award in two different categories, public and private.



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## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

*At its Friday, March 1 meeting, the MAGCS Board of Directors:*

### **Made the following donations:**

- GCSAA Platinum Tee Club: \$5,000.
- Williams Leadership Endowment: \$1,000.
- Musser Foundation: \$1,000.

### **Registered thank-you letters from:**

- Make-A-Wish Foundation.
- Western Golf Association Evans Scholars Foundation.
- Secret Santa Fund.

### **Reviewed thank-you letters to:**

- J.W. Turf and Holly Gilmour for donating \$8,300 to endow the John Buck Memorial Scholarship. This \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded in addition to the two scholarships funded by the MAGCS Scholarship Fund.
- Simplot Partners and John Meyer for donating \$680 from their NCTE raffle to the MAGCS Scholarship Fund.

### **Discussed other matters.**

- The hospitality room in Orlando was well-attended and well-received. Luke Strojny thanked Paul Yerkes for all of his work in setting everything up and Kevin DeRoo and Fred Behnke for running things onsite, but most of all, the MAGCS is grateful for the tremendous support

of our sponsors. More than \$27,000 was donated by our sponsors, which ended up covering 75% of the total bill. The Board will display the sponsor banners at several monthly meetings as an extra thank you.

- Due to the growing popularity of MAGCS golf events and in the interest of fairness, the Board adopted a members-only policy for MAGCS golf events. All persons who register to play at any of our meetings must be members of the MAGCS. Substitutions for preregistered players must be members as well. The host superintendent will continue to be able to sponsor several guests. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.
- A new format for the Web site has debuted. The Board decided to give the membership a chance to get acclimated to the changes before revisiting the subject at a later date.
- A request to purchase our membership mailing labels was turned down. The Board, at this time, feels that privacy issues outweigh the potential revenues. A qualified person/organization must join the Association in order to be provided with membership information in the form of our annual directory.
- The Board approved accounts payable expenses for January in the amount of \$41,389.84, and February in the amount of \$22,873.49.



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