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Section Record—there's a great piece by **Paul Vermuelen** called "Lost and Found—Restoring Lost Hole Locations on *Poa Annua* Greens." The article features the efforts to do just that by our own **Rick Bowden** (Bob O'Link G.C.), **Bob Lively** (McHenry C.C.) and **Ray Schmitz** (Flossmoor C.C.). Check it out.

MAGCS wishes to express its deepest condolences to the friends and family of **Gary Hearn** (Salt Creek Golf Course) on the loss of his brother Derek in an automobile accident in May, and to the family and friends of **Dean Bemis** (Rough Designs/Goldsmith) on the loss of his 11-year-old son Drew. Our thoughts are with you and your loved ones during this trying time.



Congratulations and "see ya later" to **Vince Dodge**, whose last day at Indian Lakes Resort was June 7. Vince is moving his family up to the tundra of northern Minnesota where he was to assume the golf course superintendent responsibilities at The Wilderness Golf Club on June 17. Vince has been preparing for the transition by watching *Fargo* daily to learn the new dialect ("Oh, yah, sure there") and *Billy Jack* to accustom himself to life on a reservation. Best of luck to you and your family, Vince—keep in touch.



Congrats also to the proud new parents—**Erwin McKone** (River Forest Country Club) and his wife Kristin are now the owners of a bouncing baby girl who will keep them busy for the next 20 years or so. **Mollie Abigail** weighed in at 8 lb., 1 oz. and 20.5 inches long (tall?). Nice knowing you, Erwin and Kristin . . .

Also celebrating a recent family addition is **Holly Gilmour** of J. W. Turf who gave birth to **Andie** in late May. **Andie**, according to her unbiased mother, is a cute little bundle of joy who came into the world at 7 lb., 10 oz. and will be running the company by her 18th birthday. Congratulations to the Gilmour clan.

For sale: Barrington Hills C.C. has two sets of Toro GM III/GM 3000 rollers for sale. Call Mark Bobb at 847-381-0140 for details.

A resounding success: ITF Golf Day at Whisper Creek

The May 21st ITF Golf Day at Whisper Creek Golf Course (Jim Wyffels host) proved to be a great day on a beautiful golf course. Jim and his staff had the course in prime condition for the event, which featured the coolest GPS golf-car gizmos ever. If you did not get the opportunity to play in the event, take a day and go play Whisper Creek—it exudes class (and cash outlay) in every aspect. From the impressive stone work to the facilities and fixtures to the challenging-but-fair golf course, the place was very impressive. Thanks to Jim and all the people at Whisper Creek, the folks at ITF, and LeAnn Scott and Kelly Schroeder of Arthur Clesen for being our photographers for the day.



Jim Wyffels accepts a token of our appreciation for hosting the wonderful day.



Kevin Knudson, George O'Hara, Mike Joerns and Phil Zeinert.



Chad Ball, Dave Schlagetter, Tim Davis and Ed Fischer.



Paul Yerkes, Bob Lively, Steve Van Acker and Paul Schaefer.



Garry Anderson, Jon Anderson, Jim Shone and Mark Gilmour.



Brian Bossert, Bob Lively, Tim Davis, Bob Kronn and Steve Van Acker were the day's big winners.



One of our much-appreciated photographers, Kelly Schroeder.



Russ Stratton, Tom Fermanian, Doug McKiraham and Bruce Branham.



Kerry Anderson, LeAnn Scott, Pete Farno, Glen Bereiter and Jim Davis.



John Turner, Bob Farag and Dave Louttit get acrobatic.

Honoring John Ebel

On June 6, 75 friends and family members gathered at beautiful Barrington Hills Country Club to attend a memorial celebration in honor of John Calvin Ebel. John, of course, had spent 22 years at BHCC as the superintendent.

After several rainy days, the sun was out to grace those in attendance. More than one-third of the crowd was from the green industry (what a friendly fraternity!). Following an opening prayer and a compelling word of Scripture, several people stood and spoke about the place John had shared in their lives. Much has already been written of that in the pages of our publication and it was again a blessing to witness how the Lord had moved in the life of one John Ebel.

Afterwards, there was a light lunch and many old friendships were renewed. It was indeed a celebration and I suspect that without exception, those in attendance know how blessed they were to have known John.

Brian Bossert, CGCS
Bryn Mawr Country Club

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tor here, so let me explain. A little-league dugout is one small step above a gas-station bathroom as far as cleanliness goes—you'll find sunflower seeds, gum, plastic bottles and many other things I don't want to touch. I finally figured out where the kids are learning the habit of littering: from the golfers who play my course.

I know I could keep you all entertained indefinitely with my ramblings on baseball and golf, however, I was three days late writing this article because of baseball and golf and I have to get some work done. I hope to see you all at the Merit Club later this month.



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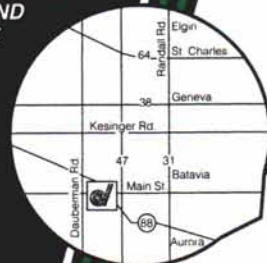
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Ray Kearney

On June 3, Ray Kearney passed away at his home in Marengo, IL. Ray was the superintendent at Marengo Ridge Golf and Country Club for the past seven years; before that, he was the superintendent and general manager at Fox Lake Country Club for 21 years. Prior to Fox Lake, he worked at Plum Tree National in Woodstock.

Ray learned the business from his father, Sid Kearney, and from current MAGCS member Ray Schei. Along the way, Ray had learned to expect the best from his courses, employees, vendors and friends, and gave the best to his family. For those of you who may not have had the pleasure of knowing Ray, all I can say is that he was one-of-a-kind and someone who would do anything for you. Ray may not have had the university degree in turf management, but he had earned a Ph.D.

from the School of Hard Knocks. When you had the opportunity to play one of Ray's courses, his knowledge of the game and his craft were ever-present.

Ray left us at the young age of 51, but for those of us who knew him, he gave and taught us so much it is hard to believe we had not known him for our entire lifetimes. To me, he was much more than a client; he was a friend, confidante and mentor. As life goes on, we all have our down

phases; well, all I had to do was go see my friend Ray and he would get me back on track. I learned reams from him and I am very proud to tell anyone of my friend, Ray Kearney.

Ray is survived by his wife Deborah, his daughter Rhonda, his son Joe and Joe's new bride of three weeks, and his father Sid.



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GCSAA Implements New Member Database System

To provide enhanced services and increased flexibility to members, the GCSAA is converting to a new database system in July. This upgrade in technology will expand the association's capabilities and provide members with easier access to membership information 24 hours a day. The new system also will accommodate information relative to the Professional Development Initiative (PDI). Within 18 months, members will have the ability to view their education transcripts online and access other member-related information.

Members may experience a slight delay in the processing of their requests while GCSAA makes this conversion. All information received by the service center and

through GCSAA Online during the month of July will be processed in the order it is received in as timely a manner as possible.

Look for more information in the coming months about these exciting new features and when they will be available.



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In the past, committee sign-up sheets were placed on a table at our annual Midwest Turf Clinic at Medinah. Members of the Association could put their names on a list under each respective committee where they wished to serve. Soon after, the committee chairperson would contact those on his list.

During this, my first term on the Board, I was appointed chairperson of several committees. No one had signed up for any of my commit-

tees, and I don't think I was the deterrent, however, that is always a possibility. After many harassing phone calls, numerous bar tabs appropriated and several bouts of arm-twisting, I was able to find help. To the members of my committees, thank you now; to every member of the Association, I urge you to help out by signing up for a committee. If you yourself cannot do it, make it a requirement of your assistant. There are many committees to choose from, and I'm sure one will fit your fancy.

Call up the current chairperson of each and look into several to find a fit. I know I will never turn down help or the opportunity to make a new friend.



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Bob Williams Retired

I'd like to share these observations from Andy Rooney, a man who says so much with so few words.

- I've learned—that one of the best classrooms in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.
- I've learned—that no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with once in a while.
- I've learned—that life is like a roll of toilet paper; the closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.
- I've learned—that it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.
- I've learned—that to ignore the facts does not change the facts.
- I've learned—that the easiest way for me to grow as a person, is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

At its meeting on June 12, 2002, the MAGCS Board of Directors:

- Registered a thank-you letter from Fred Opperman for creating an editorial award in his name.
- Discussed and reconfirmed the MAGCS practice of supporting our nominees for the GCSAA Distinguished Service Award for three years. A Board member was assigned the task of coordinating support for each MAGCS nominee.
- Affirmed that survivors of deceased members can continue to receive *On Course* by simply contacting the editor and requesting to stay on the mailing list.
- Approved accounts payable expenses for April in the amount of \$24,019.58.
- Approved accounts payable expenses for May in the amount of \$12,114.02.

Other items of interest:

- Larry Tomazewski reported on the status of our investments; contact Fred Behnke for more detailed information if desired.
- Brian Bossert graciously offered Bryn Mawr as the venue for the 2002 Fall Dinner Dance. Recalling the outstanding hospitality of Bryn Mawr last year, the BOD enthusiastically accepted his kind offer.
- The following benevolence was reported:
 - Gary Hearn's brother and sister-in-law to-be passed away.
 - Dean Bemis' son, Drew, passed away.
 - Ray Kearney passed away.
 - Wayne Trometer had surgery.



Horace Heat and Herman Humidity: Then, and Now

The way we are is often foreshadowed by the way we were. In On Course, we've launched "The Way We Are" to run intermittently with "The Way We Were." This special edition of "The Way We Were" comes from past president of the MAGCS and GCSAA Bob Williams, who shares a personal letter and the yellowed newspaper clipping that accompanied it. The letter is on Minikahda Club (Minneapolis, MN) stationery and reads as follows:

April 3, 2002

Dear Mr. Williams:

Greetings from Minnesota. I hope that your weather in the Chicago area is treating you better than the weather here in Minnesota. We just received 7" of snow on April 1-2.

I am the superintendent at The Minikahda Club in Minneapolis. I have just taken over the position here this past March. As most new superintendents probably do, I have been trying to clean and organize the facilities to my liking. We have this one filing cabinet that has many, many old files and documents in it. Some of these files date back to 1949. As I was sorting through the files from 1955, I found this article. One of the members at the time had apparently read the article and passed it on to the acting grounds committee chairman.

After seeing your name in the article, I thought that you should have it. I really like the small section in the upper-right-hand corner that talks about Horace Heat and Herman Humidity. I wish I knew what newspaper the article came from. After reading the article, it is apparent that some things never change and yet we have come a long ways since you gentlemen were in charge.

I would like to thank you for all that you and others like you have done for our industry. You were leaders and innovators; back when the universities had done so little research, you, the superintendents, were leading the way. Enjoy the article.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Johnson
Superintendent

The article in question, by a certain legendary reporter named Charles Bartlett, appears below.

Horace-Herman—Golf's Most Gruesome Twosome

"Well, that's it," agreed Ray Gerber, Bob Williams, and Gordon Brinkworth as they finished posting the bulletin at right on all courses in the Chicago golf area. "Maybe we've just had it for this season. Maybe they have made a clean getaway. But you never know, with the Septembers that sometimes hit us. All we can do is mend our fences and start building for next season. Let's hope it's nothing like this consarned one. Worst ever in these parts for golf courses. Hit us a lot harder than '47 and '53, and they were rough!"

Gerber, Williams, and Brinkman, three golfers with green thumbs, are leaders of the posse that has spent the last five weeks running down Heat, Humidity, Pythium, Crabgrass, et.al. Never before in the history of their worthy and too-often unsung lodge—the Midwest Golf Course Superintendents Association—have they met such a swift and devastating attack by the aforesaid golf course criminals.