

## MIDWEST PERSONALITIES



**Name:** John Meyer, Simplot Partners  
**Job title:** National Accounts Manager  
**Date of birth:** November 9, 1959  
**Place of birth:** Milwaukee, WI  
**Current residence:** Savage, MN  
**Spouse:** Jules, 12-1/2 years  
**Pets:** Jonah and Brandy  
**MAGCS member since:** 1990  
**College/degree:** B.S. in agriculture from University of Wisconsin  
**My favorite childhood memory is:** First baseball game at County Stadium in Milwaukee (Chicago White Sox vs. Detroit Tigers)  
**My personal hero:** Jesus Christ  
**My professional and/or personal mentors:** Dr. James R. Love and Len Conley  
**Favorite actors:** Harrison Ford & Julia Roberts  
**Favorite musical performer:** Eric Clapton  
**Favorite restaurant:** Swan Court in Maui  
**Favorite "pigout" food:** Ribs  
**Favorite sport and team:** College football, University of Wisconsin Badgers  
**Favorite pro athlete:** Brett Favre  
**Favorite pro golfer:** Tiger Woods  
**My handicap index:** 19.1  
**My favorite place to play golf is:** Cantigny  
**My most memorable round ever:** Oakmount C.C. in October 2001. All the history—the champions that walked those grounds, the extremely fast greens, the caddies we had, and great camaraderie—John Turner, John Lebedevs and Bob Freske.  
**The most interesting/exotic place I've ever traveled:** Grindalwald, Switzerland  
**The book I've been recommending lately:** The Holy Bible  
**The last great movie I saw (rental or theater) is:** *Saving Private Ryan*  
**Favorite TV show:** "This Old House"  
**Favorite color:** Green  
**In my spare time, I enjoy:** Woodworking and spending time with Jules  
**Three words that describe me:** Analytical, patient, affectionate  
**What I enjoy most about my job:** Calling on friends, meeting new people and solving turf problems.  
**What I dislike about my job:** Not enough time to play golf.  
**I'm a Midwest member because:** It is a great organization to network with all Chicago-area golf course superintendents and assistants.



**Name:** Chad Kempf, Hinsdale Golf Club (five years)  
**Job title:** Assistant Superintendent  
**Date of birth:** February 19, 1972  
**Place of birth:** West Bend, WI  
**Current residence:** Lisle, IL  
**Spouse:** Anita, 1 year  
**Children:** Hailey Elizabeth, born December 2002  
**MAGCS member since:** 1997  
**College/degree:** B.S. in soil science from University of Wisconsin-Madison  
**My favorite childhood memory is:** My 7th birthday party, when I received my Huffly dirtbike.  
**My personal hero:** My father  
**My professional and/or personal mentors:** Bruce Worzella and Bob Maibusch  
**Favorite sports teams:** Green Bay Packers and Wisconsin Badgers  
**My favorite place to play golf is:** West Bend Country Club  
**The most interesting/exotic place I've ever traveled:** Hawaii  
**The book I've been recommending lately:** *Who Moved My Cheese* by Spencer Johnson, M.D.  
**The last great movie I saw (rental or theater) is:** *Caddyshack*  
**Favorite TV show:** "Whose Line Is It Anyway"  
**In my spare time, I enjoy:** Volleyball, computers and reading  
**What I enjoy most about my job:** The people I work with and being outdoors.  
**I'm a Midwest member because:** I enjoy meeting my colleagues in the area.



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