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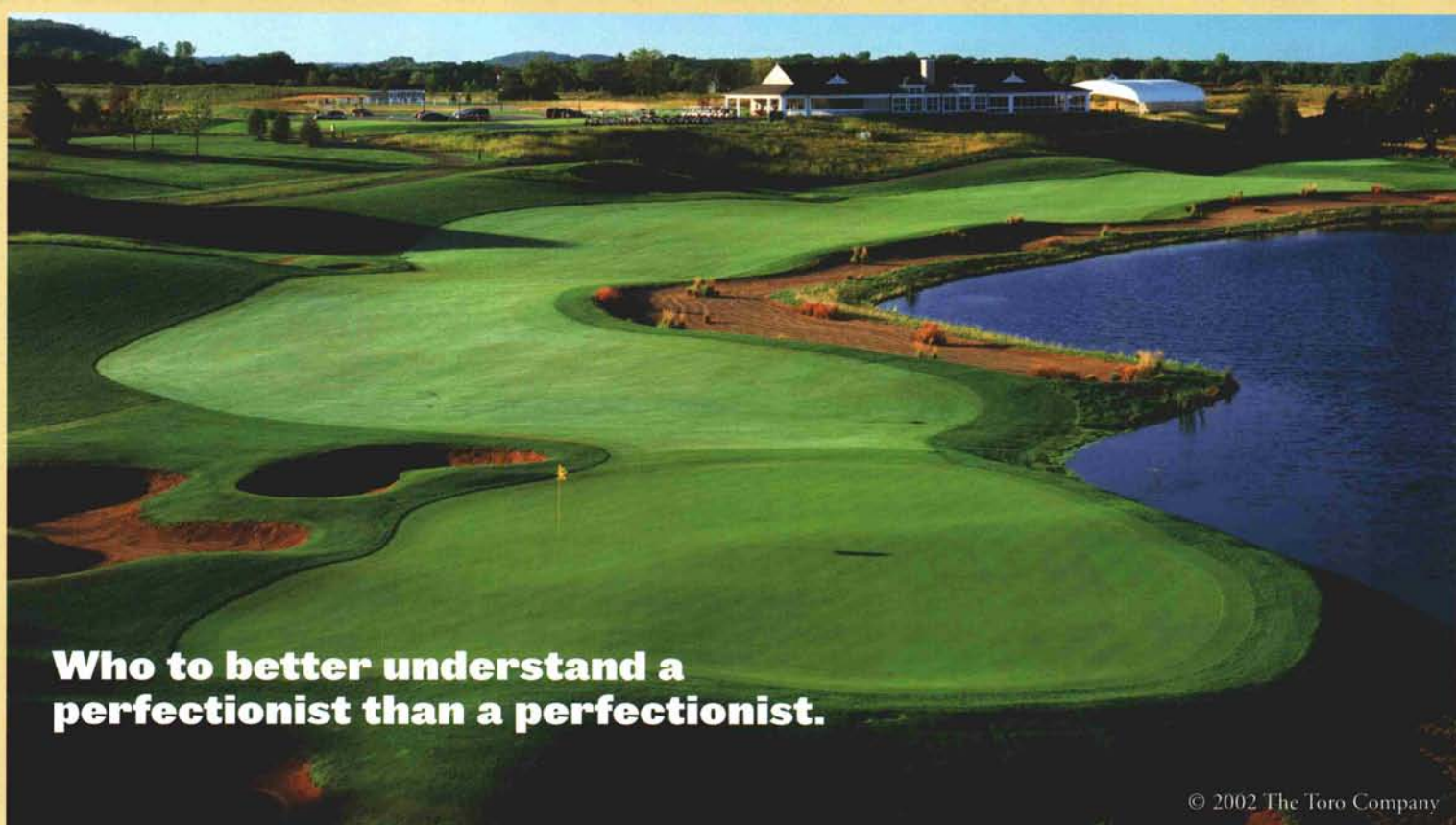
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The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents (MAGCS), founded December 24, 1926, is a professional organization whose goals include preservation and dissemination of scientific and practical knowledge pertaining to golf turf maintenance.

We endeavor to increase efficiency and economic performance while improving and enhancing the individual and collective prestige of the members.

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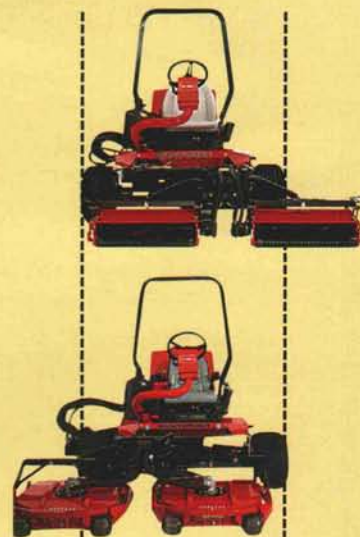
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Making A Difference

Inspiration can sometimes be found in the most unlikely places, at the most unlikely of times. I discovered this for myself on Memorial Day, 2003, in the form of a baby deer not more than two weeks old. This fawn was spotted by my staff early Monday morning lying motionless beneath a tree between the third and fourth holes. My first instinct was to just leave it alone, let nature take care of itself. Maybe Mama would return to claim her young prize.

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After continuing our morning routine, preparing the golf course for a busy day of play, approximately two hours later I returned to the fawn's location. It was still there, still curled in a ball but a little colder now, motionless, too young to realize its fight for life was waning. With golfers in sight, a decision had to be made: leave it and it would surely perish, pick it up and all I would have to do is find it a home. Of the two options, I thought the latter was the logical choice. I quickly learned, though, that finding Bambi a home was not as easy of a proposition as I anticipated.

After a multitude of phone calls made by me, my wife and my secretary to area petting zoos, nature centers and veterinarians, we finally succeeded in placing the fawn. We came up with a name of a person and organization that is state- and federally-licensed to care for orphaned and injured native mammals and birds. To our Association members, I ask that if you get nothing else out of this message, please write down this name and number. The organization is called K.A.R.E. (Kane Area Rehabilitation and Education) for Wildlife. The person in charge of this volunteer organization is Vicki Trost; Web site is www.Kareforwildlife.org and the phone number is 630-377-1895. K.A.R.E. is located on the outskirts of northeastern St. Charles, IL. Vicki is one of six rehabilitators located in Kane County.

My initial conversation with Vicki was impressive. Her concern for the fawn was paramount, but removing it from its environment was an alternative only if all other options were exhausted, or if it were injured. Upon examination, I could see a couple of small visible wounds, probably the act of a hungry coyote. After assuring Vicki that reuniting the fawn with its mother was an improbability, she agreed to take it in.

As impressed as I was with Vicki over the phone, my good feelings were only confirmed upon my visit to her humble abode. Nestled quietly on the edge of the Fox River Bluff Forest Preserve, her home featured a heavily wooded yard populated with stacks of cages of various sizes. After a routine examination of the fawn, she was kind enough to reassure me that bringing the animal to her was the correct thing to do. Nursing animals back to health for their eventual return to the wild is what she and her organization are all about.

My visit concluded with a guided tour from Vicki. She showed me the current inventory of animals under her care. The list included 22 baby foxes,

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It's All Been Arranged

Serving on the Arrangements Committee this year are Dave Braasch (co-chair) and committee members Joel Purpur, Mike Mumper, Keith Peterson, Todd Schmitz and Stacy Wallace. I would like to thank these individuals for volunteering their time.

The most common concerns with MAGCS events seem to be the cost of meetings, location of sites and prompt notification of members regarding upcoming meetings.

What does the Arrangements Committee do? That is a good question. The Committee's primary responsibility is to make all the arrangements for MAGCS meetings, both locally and nationally. This includes securing sites, setting times for meetings, determining room requirements, securing audio-video equipment, ordering food and beverage service, setting the cost for the event, providing directions, estimating the number of participants, providing the executive secretary with all pertinent information for registration mailings, ordering signs and banners, soliciting sponsors to help offset the cost of the event, tracking costs associated with the event and verifying final payment for the event. To accomplish this, the Arrangements Committee works closely with the Education Committee, the Golf Committee and the treasurer.

Over the course of the year, the Arrangements Committee helps organize 11 different events (two non-golf meetings, the hospitality suite, five golf events, the Cougars baseball game, the Midwest Turf Clinic and the Fall Dinner Dance). At the recommendation of the Past Presidents Council, we will be adding a twelfth event in 2004, family hockey night.

As the Committee works to fulfill its responsibilities, it also tries to address the membership's concerns regarding the planning of events. The most common concerns with MAGCS events seem to be the cost of meetings, location of sites and prompt notification of members regarding upcoming meetings.

Cost of events is influenced by a variety of factors including number of participants, amount of sponsorship support and fees charged by the host site (we are fortunate in that we are routinely offered substantially discounted fees as a professional courtesy). Over the past four years, the cost of monthly golf meetings has ranged from \$65 to \$125 with an average cost of \$80. This year, our goal is to maintain an **average** cost of \$80 for golf meetings. To help track monthly meeting costs, we have put together an income/expense report. This report is completed for each event so we can monitor our financial status through the course of the year. The goal of the Committee is to achieve a year-end break-even status for all 11 events.

Location is a difficult topic. With close to 700 members located in 14 different states (predominantly Illinois, but Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Virginia, South Dakota, Colorado, Florida, California, Minnesota and Montana are also represented), and given travel times within the Chicago met-

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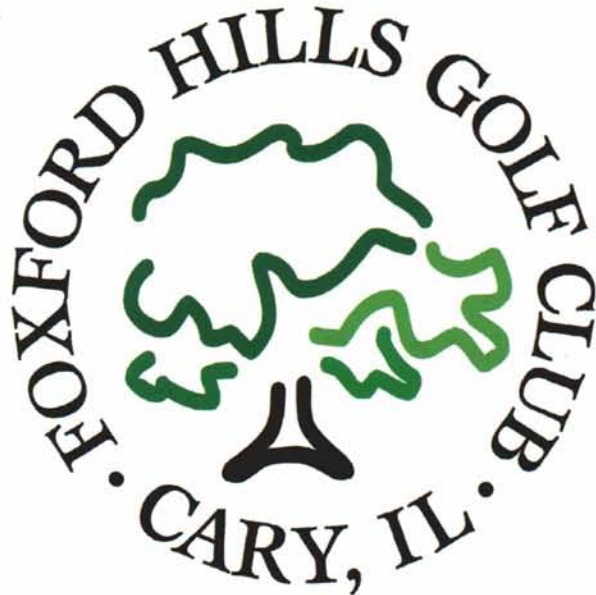
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Tom Jauch -N-



Tom and wife, Jeanette, enjoyed a Caribbean cruise to celebrate their 30th anniversary.



The Midwest's July golf meeting will be held at Foxford Hills Golf Club in Cary, where Tom Jauch, CGCS, is the hosting golf course superintendent.



A 427-yard par 4, no. 9, "Lupa da Loop," features some of the distinctive bunkering that characterizes Foxford Hills.

Tom graduated from Lake Forest College in 1971 with a B.S. degree in economics and then earned an A.S. degree in horticulture from the College of Lake County in 1975. He began his career in landscaping before becoming the golf course superintendent at Sportsman's Country Club in Northbrook in 1982. In 1988, Tom left Sportsman's to team with Tim Miles, who was then the president of GreenVisions Management Company, as the firm's construction superintendent to build Royal Fox Golf Club. He later served in numerous construction and maintenance capacities, earning certification with the GCSAA in 1991. In 1996, Tom took on a new role and new title as the vice president of construction when Crown Golf purchased GreenVisions. In that capacity, Tom built golf courses in eight different states before joining GolfVisions, a new company founded by the core staff of the former GreenVisions, in 1998.

First under the auspices of GreenVisions, then on behalf of Crown Golf and finally GolfVisions, Tom has overseen maintenance operations at Heather Ridge Golf Course in

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Gurnee since 1993. In fall 2001, Tom took on additional maintenance responsibility for Foxford Hills, initially coordinating the grow-in for the Tim Nugent-designed course.

And what a layout it is. Owned by Town & Country Homes and managed by GolfVisions, Foxford Hills opened for play in June 2002 and its 5,000-square-foot clubhouse opened in January 2003. The 6,988-yard layout plays to a par 72. The

course features 60 large bunkers, including a giant beach bunker on hole no. 12. Numerous mature trees are present on the back nine, where five of the course's seven ponds also come into play. Variety characterizes the course, as it features different styles of holes and putting green surfaces, interesting water features and rolling terrain. Tom's personal favorite hole is no. 11, known as "Slice of Heaven," because of its elevated tee box with a panoramic view

through a narrow opening of mature trees to an attractively bunkered fairway and green.

Reflecting on his career in golf, Tom says his greatest reward is having been involved with constructing and maintaining numerous golf courses and the positive experience he has had in the development of many young golf course construction and maintenance professionals. He cites his biggest challenge at Foxford Hills



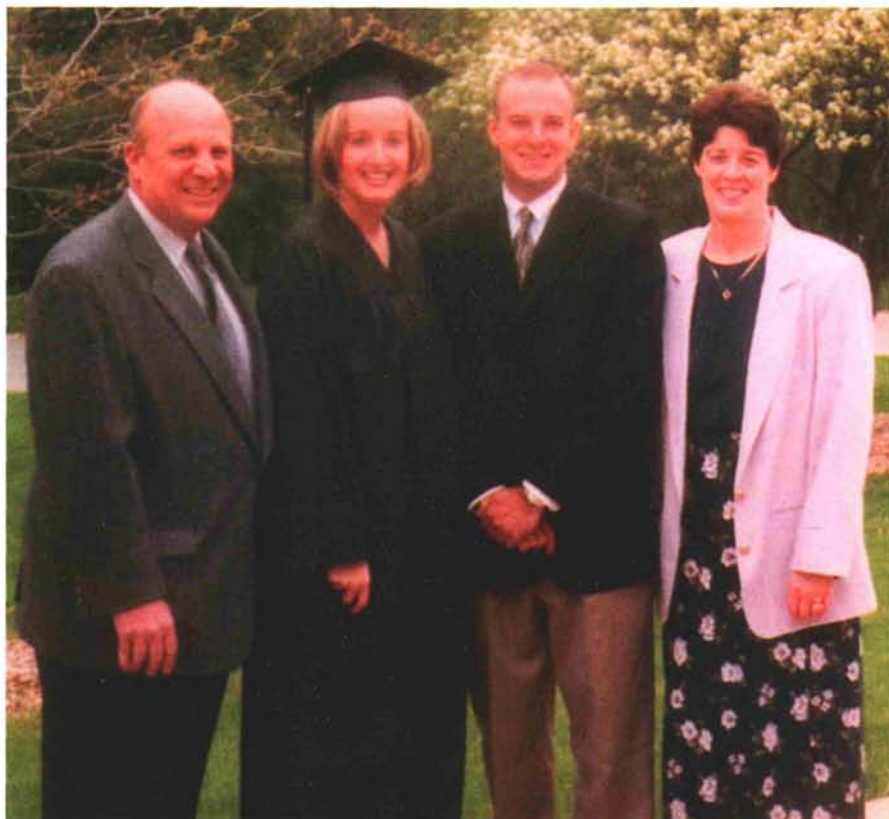
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No. 16, "Babbling Brook," is a picturesque 347-yard par 4 adjacent to the McHenry County Nature Conservancy.

as exceeding the customer's expectations; helping him achieve this goal are assistant Ernie Johnson, mechanic Kerry Perriman and the entire staff, cited by Tom as doing a fantastic job to that end. Tom is very proud to be an employee of a management company and desires to combat the bad publicity often inappropriately attributed to them.

Fifty-four-year-old Tom presently resides in Mundelein with his wife, Jeanette, and two children: Tom Jr., 24, and Katie, 22. Tom's hobbies include golf, snow-skiing and flying. After years of frequent travel during the construction phase of his career, he is very happy to be back at home full time with his family and looks forward to becoming more involved with the MAGCS.

See you at Foxford Hills on July 8!



Tom, Jeanette, Tom Jr. and Katie at Katie's college graduation; Katie is the seventh Lake Forest College graduate in the Jauch clan.

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