

Shines for September Meeting & MAGCS Annual Golf Championship

Ah, fall! 'Tis the season for the grandest of all sports championships—the MAGCS Annual Golf Championship, that is. This year's rendition of the Fall Classic was held at the incredible Shoreacres, with Tim Davis serving as our host. What a treat to play such a great old golf course in possibly the finest setting in all of Chicagoland! I'd have settled for sitting on the terrace and watching the sailboats all day, but the golf was pretty cool, too.

The weather gods were on our side, and every competitor enjoyed a picture-perfect autumn day on the golf course. After rummaging through ravines, flailing through fescue and fretting over false fronts, the players were treated to an evening of cocktails and serious horse-dee-yourvees on the back terrace overlooking Lake Michigan. Only the dessert table rivaled the lake vista in sheer sumptuous beauty.

Through it all, the cream of the MAGCS golfing crop rose to the surface and were crowned champions (of their respective flights). Winners were: **Dave Kohley**, Championship Flight—73; **Dave Radaj**, First Flight Gross—84; **James Biegon**, First Flight Net—76; **Paul Wagner**, Second Flight Gross—91; **Mike Bavier**, Second Flight Net—73; **Luke Cella**, Third Flight Gross—90; **Scott Speiden**, Third Flight Net—77; **Ernie Kaplan**, Commercial Flight A Gross—82; **Charlie Brugler**, Commercial Flight A Net—76; **John Lebedevs**, Commercial Flight B

Gross—91; and **Rich Daly**, Commercial Flight B Net—70.

The proximities went as follows: **Dan Charlton**—longest putt holed for any score on no. 6; **Rob Graziano**—closest to the hole on no. 8; **John Lebedevs**—longest putt holed for any score on no. 17; and **Al Pondel**—longest drive in fairway on no. 18. Congratulations to everyone on these accomplishments.

To our host Tim Davis and his staff, including assistant Rafael Arias, and to the fine people at Shoreacres—including Debbie Squires (food and beverage), Carmelo Gaego (chef), George Reed (head golf pro), Tom Koenig (assistant pro) and Mike Wilson (caddie master and Dennis' son), we say a collective "thank you!" for your hospitality. To **A. J. Huey**, **Sharon Riesenbeck**, **Marsha Traves**, **Patti Thorson**, **Sylvia Lima** and **Rich Daly** for running the charity betting hole and registration desk, taking photos, and rustling up \$855 for VITAS, we say thank you (again) for

donating your time and talents and helping make our day such a success. Finally, to our sponsors—Nadler Golf Car Sales, Nels J. Johnson Tree Experts, TPEC, Palatine Oil, BTSI, Anton's Greenhouse, Mariani Nursery, Bear's Turf Products, Simplot Partners, Arthur Clesen, High PSI, Pendleton Turf Supply and Kaplan Trucking and Paving—we express our deepest gratitude for your generosity.



This party crasher was last seen foraging for scraps on the terrace before becoming a victim of the Daniel Boone Hat Company.





Sam Wineinger, host Tony Kalina, Ann Huber-Falcone and John Huber.

Prairie Landing at



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Host Jeff Pozen, Brian Baker, new MAGCS and ITF executive director Luke Cella and Kevin DeRoo.



Tim Keating, Brad Legnaioli, Dave Gelino and Don Ferreri.



Peter Leuzinger, Brad Johnsen and John Turner.



Trent Bradford, John Lebedevs, Renny and Kenny (Jacobsen and Shepherd).

Plays Fast and Pretty

MAGCS/ITF Combined Golf Day

*Just two weeks after the MAGCS championship, MAGCS and ITF members met on the field of battle again—this time at Prairie Landing Golf Club with **Tony Kalina**, **Jeff Pozen** and **Kasey Vandenberg** hosting—to fight it out for the annual college and two-person scramble championships.*

Once again, the weather was ideal, with Indian summer conditions providing a fast, firm and beautifully-manicured golf course for the event. The day was chock-full of fun, including the putting contest (run by **Sharon Riesenbeck** and **Kelly Schroeder**) and short course shoot-out.

As is the case with competitions, someone had to take home the bacon, and this time it was the team of **Dave Blomquist**, **Dave Behm**, **Bob Kronn** and **Ed Fischer** representing Penn State that prevailed (they somehow managed not to let the performance of their beloved Nittany Lions football team affect their play). Just one stroke back in second place was Danville Community College (**Kerry Blatteau**, **Ron Dohman**, **Brian Bossert** and **Brock Burton**). Rounding out the field in

third was Southern Illinois University with **Tommy Robinson**, **Jim Knulty**, **Tim Davis** and **Randy Wahler**.

For the other event—the two-person scramble—Tim and Tom Furlong of the Galena Territories Association took first place with a net 59, and **Renny Jacobsen** and **Kenny Shepherd** came in second at 65. The winner of the 28-player shoot-out was Brock Burton. The true winners this day, though, were the University of Illinois turf students, who raised \$550 to help them attend the GCSAA conference in San Diego this coming winter, and Toys for Tots, which, thanks to **Marsha Traves** and **Patti Thorson**, received \$1,000 from the charity betting hole (including \$300 from **Kerry Anderson** alone). The day was made possible through

the hard work of **Tony Kalina** and his staff, the staff at Prairie Landing, the fine people who ponied up their time to help out and the commercial contingent, who made the ultimate contribution by sponsoring the event. President's Club sponsors were: H & E Sod Nursery, Turf Professionals Equipment Company, Bayer Environmental Sciences, Syngenta Professional Products and Griffin Chemical. The Director's Club sponsors were: Arthur Clesen, Olds Seed Solutions, Illinois Lawn Equipment, Griggs Brothers, Simplot Partners, BTSI, Johnson Associates of Lombard, Lebanon Turf, Pro Source One, Chicagoland Turf and Central Sod Farms. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to all!



Kerry Anderson, Bob Maibusch, Al Fierst and Les Rutan.



College championship winners from Penn State University, Dave Blomquist and Dave Behm.


BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Phil Zeinert, CGCS *Elgin Country Club*

The following are highlights of the MAGCS Board of Directors meeting held Thursday, October 16, at Bartlett Hills Golf Course. Full meeting minutes, once approved, are available on the Midwest Web site.

- The MAGCS Board of Directors received a letter from Scott White at Links of Carillon requesting a donation to KARE (Kane Area Rehabilitation and Education for Wildlife). A motion to donate \$1,800 passed.
- A motion to invite and offer airfare to Fred Opperman to attend the Midwest Turf Clinic on November 5 at Medinah Country Club passed.
- The Board approved a motion to increase 2004 *On Course* advertising rates by 5% over 2003 rates.
- The slate of nominees for the 2004 Board of Directors put forth by the Nominating Committee was approved. The nominees are:
President: Fred Behnke, Mt. Prospect Golf Course
Vice President: Phil Zeinert, Elgin Country Club
Secretary/Treasurer: Gary Hearn, Salt Creek Golf Course
Directors: Paul Bastron, Glen Flora Country Club; Dave Braasch, Glen Erin Club; Jay Druhan, Palos Hills Municipal Golf Course; Tim Anderson, Prestwick Country Club; Scott Witte, Cantigny Golf Course; Brad Helms, Palatine Hills Golf Course

For the director slots, four (4) out of the six (6) candidates will be elected; the three (3) receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to the three (3) openings for two-year terms, the next highest in votes will be elected to the one (1), one-year term opening.

- The Board of Directors received several thank-you cards. Vicki Trost, KARE representative, thanked the MAGCS for a donation derived from betting-hole proceeds at the August meeting held at Bartlett Hills Golf Course. Brian and Pam Bossert thanked the MAGCS for helping with their attendance at the induction of Merit Club superintendent Oscar Miles into the Illinois Golf Hall of Fame. 

MIDWEST VOICES

Dear Editor Ralston, Executive Secretary Minnis & President DeRoo:

Yes, some of your retired honorary members do read *On Course* and the occasional miscellaneous mailings. It is most enjoyable to read the club profiles that appear in regular issues of the magazine, as well as "the Bull Sheet" column that often mentions folks of my era up there.

But *The Family Tree* publication is outstanding! Others may have been published in the past, but yours is the first I've seen. The historic list of superintendents is priceless. It lubricated some of the creaking gears in my thought mechanism.

Congratulations on the quality of MAGCS publications in recent years. I look forward to receiving each issue and read most of it. And besides, it gives me a break from the daily chore of weed-picking, some techniques learned in early visits to the Chicago area.

Jim Latham



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Bayer Environmental Science and The Environmental Institute for Golf Initiate Superintendent Conference and Show Grant Program

Bayer Environmental Science has teamed up with The Environmental Institute for Golf, the philanthropic division of GCSAA, to send five golf course superintendents to the GCSAA's International Golf Course Conference and Show. The purpose of this grant is to assist golf course superintendents with their professional development through participation in the annual event that features the most comprehensive education program available in the industry.

All superintendents who have not attended GCSAA's International Golf Course Conference and Show for the prior two years are eligible to apply. Only one application per person, please. Applications are available at <http://www.gcsaa.org/career/pursuing/scholarships/scholars.asp>.

The deadline for entry is November 14, 2003. The Environmental Institute for Golf will notify winners by November 28, 2003. Winners will be selected through a


random drawing. Please note that winners who have already preregistered for GCSAA's Conference and Show and in doing so have been charged for any expenses will receive a refund of any charges that would be covered by this program. If you have any questions or need assistance with the application, contact The Environmental Institute for Golf's scholarship/student programs manager, Pam Smith, at 800-472-7878, ext. 678, or via e-mail at psmith@gcsaa.org. 

Grants, Scholarships Available to Children, Grandchildren of GCSAA Members

The Joseph S. Garske Collegiate Grant, funded by Par Aide, offers educational grants to children and stepchildren of GCSAA members. Par Aide funds the award of \$2,500 in honor of the founder of the company, Joseph S. Garske. Application deadline is March 31, 2004.

The Legacy Awards, funded by Syngenta Professional Products, offers 20 educational scholarships available to children and grandchildren of GCSAA members. Originally established to offer funding for students seeking degrees in areas other than the golf course management profession, the program has been

expanded to include turfgrass management. The application deadline is April 15, 2004.

Applications for both of the above are available online at <http://www.gcsaa.org/career/pursuing/scholarships/scholars.asp>. 

Free Life Insurance: A GCSAA Member Benefit


As a benefit of membership, all members, excluding student, affiliate company, facility outreach and non-U.S. citizen members, are automatically enrolled into the dues term life insurance policy. This benefit is at no cost to you, as GCSAA pays for it entirely. Here is what your benefit entails:

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