



Congratulations to **Erwin McKone**, former assistant superintendent at River Forest Country Club, who is now the director of golf at Briar Ridge Country Club in Schererville, Indiana. Erwin gets a lot of ink, doesn't he?

News from new member **David Marquardt**. His former company, Bio-Grow Technologies, has a new name—Dirt-n-Turf Consulting of Hinckley, IL. These high-tech names sure get confusing, don't they?

We now have all the good dope on Luke Cella's whereabouts, and more importantly, how to find him. Luke's physical address is The Midwest Golf House Complex, 11855 Archer Ave.,

Lemont, IL 60439. The phone number for MAGCS business is 630-243-7900 and for ITF business is 630-243-9483. Fax number is 630-257-0362. Finally, you can e-mail Luke at lcella@cdga.org. If you have any questions pertaining to your association, or your membership therein, give Luke a jingle.

This update comes from **Brian Green**, CGCS of Sunset Valley G.C. regarding the tragic murder of his daughter last year: "On Friday, December 5th, the murderer of our daughter was finally sentenced to 35 years after an exhausting, lengthy trial and a very long 30 days of waiting for the sentence. We are thankful to all the supers that supported our family throughout the last year. All prayers and thoughts helped immensely. This sentence is better than the original plea bargain of 17 years, which frankly was insulting. We now have the opportunity to raise our grandchildren without worrying about this scum hurting this family anymore." Let's all keep the Greens in our thoughts.

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The Party Line

December in Chicago, which—for the members of MAGCS—means it's time to relax and get together with the old crew at the several annual superintendents' parties that are always on the docket. Once again, the annual South Side Superintendents Party and the annual West Side Superintendents Party rolled into town, and judging from all eyewitness reports, both were great successes. Don't be fooled by their monikers, though, as these now-famous soirees are attended by people from all walks of MAGCS life, and both are always highlighted by appearances from some of our dear (old) retired friends.



*West Side party arrangers
Don Ferreri and Gary Hearn.*

The South Side Party took place at the Bier Steub in Frankfort on December 8, and featured a German food-fest bar-none, along with the usual cavorting, carousing and ka-chinking of very large beer steins in toast to the season past and the holiday to soon come. The West Side Party—a mere infant compared to its venerable brother down south—again was held at Dave & Buster's in Addison on December 10. Thanks to Gary Hearn and Don Ferreri, who arranged everything, the Italian feast and bottomless beverage reservoirs kept everyone happy (except those who had the misfortune of playing pool against Ray Mason).

If you haven't found the time or urge to get yourself to one or both of these events, you really should try—it's the time of year where you can reacquaint yourself with your neighbor next door or halfway across the state, WITHOUT having to talk turf! These are where the real winter business gets done—the hunting trips scheduled, the skiing ventures firmed up and the breakfasts planned for the next three months. Thanks to everyone who had a hand in arranging these parties, and to all who showed up and let off a little steam.



*Dave Braasch and
Ray Mason of
Glen Erin G.C. with
George O'Hara and
Todd Schmitz.*



Let the feeding frenzy begin!



Wally Fuchs and Carl Hopphan.

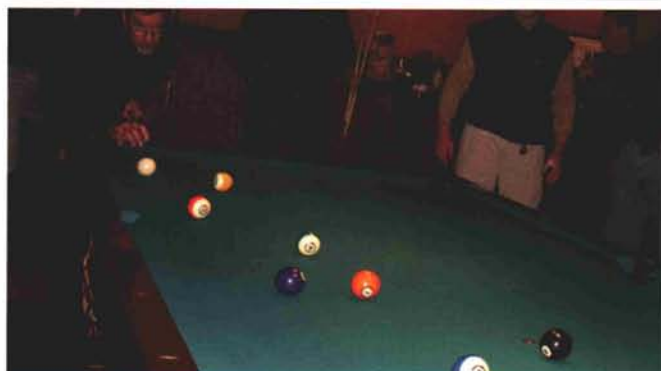


*Jim Burdett, John
"Bear" Berarducci
and Roger Johnson.*

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Scott Spier and John Meyer.



George O'Hara in deep concentration.



Marsha Trays in less-than-deep concentration.



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MIDWEST PERSONALITIES



Name: **Gary Hearn**, Salt Creek G.C.
 Job title: **Greens superintendent**, 13 years
 Date of birth: **August 7, 1958**
 Place of birth: **Danville, IL**
 Current residence: **Streamwood**
 Pets: **Cat Phylisha and dog Gretchen**
 MAGCS member since: **1985**
 College/degree: **University of Illinois/ornamental horticulture**
 My favorite childhood memory is: **One week at Lake Shafer in Indiana.**
 My personal heroes: **John Wayne, R2-D2, my brother**
 My professional and/or personal mentors: **Bill Bonnett, Oscar Miles**
 Favorite actor: **Harrison Ford**
 Favorite musical performer: **Moody Blues**
 Favorite restaurant: **Cajun/New Orleans**
 Favorite "pigout" food: **Chinese**
 Favorite sport and team: **Baseball—both Chicago teams**
 Favorite pro athlete: **Brett Favre**
 Favorite pro golfer: **Jack Nicklaus**
 My handicap index: **15**
 My favorite place to play golf is: **Butler National**
 My most memorable round ever: **Pebble Beach, with my dad.**
 The most interesting/exotic place I've ever traveled: **Swiss Alps, Switzerland**
 The book I've been recommending lately: ***The Altman Code* by Robert Ludlum**
 The last great movie I saw (rental or theater) is: ***Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers***
 Favorite TV show: **"CSI: Las Vegas"**
 Favorite color: **Blue**
 In my spare time, I enjoy: **Golf, ho trains, history**
 Three words that describe me: **Quiet, dedicated, perfectionist**
 What I enjoy most about my job: **No set hours, being with nature**
 What I dislike about my job: **Floods, etiquette-less golfers**
 I'm a Midwest member because: **I enjoy the camaraderie, sharing ideas and listening to mentors.**



Name: **Keith Krause**, Aurora C.C.
 Job title: **Assistant superintendent**, 1 year
 Date of birth: **January 24, 1979**
 Place of birth: **Naperville, IL**
 Current residence: **Oswego**
 Spouse: **Sara**, 1 year
 Pets: **Gar pike named Oh Snap!**
 MAGCS member since: **2003**
 College: **Michigan State University**
 My favorite childhood memory is: **Early-morning golf with my father.**
 My personal heroes: **My brothers**
 My professional and/or personal mentors: **Dave Blomquist, Michael Morris**
 Favorite actor: **Ralph Wiggam**
 Favorite musical performer: **They Might Be Giants**
 Favorite cuisine: **Mexican**
 Favorite "pigout" food: **Mexican**
 Favorite team: **Chicago Cubs**
 Favorite pro golfer: **Happy Gilmore**
 My handicap index: **15**
 My favorite place to play golf is: **Crystal Downs C.C.**
 My most memorable round ever: **Crystal Downs, because it's Crystal Downs.**
 The most interesting/exotic place I've ever traveled: **Germany**
 The "read" I've been recommending lately: ***On Course* magazine**
 The last great movie I saw (rental or theater) is: ***School of Rock***
 Favorite TV show: **"The Simpsons"**
 Favorite color: **Red**
 In my spare time, I enjoy: **Writing music, high fives**
 Three words that describe me: **Hanging-in-there**
 What I enjoy most about my job: **Great people**
 What I dislike about my job: **~~John Gurke~~
Job is great!!!**
 I'm a Midwest member because: **~~John made me do it.~~
Great group of superintendents!**



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MAGCS Member Dan Quast to Receive Distinguished Service Award

Danny H. Quast, CGCS, a MAGCS member who until 2001 served as superintendent at Medinah Country Club, will receive the GCSAA's 2004 Distinguished Service Award at the International Golf Course Conference and Show in San Diego.

Quast, now retired from the superintendent's role, has directly influenced his profession by furthering many careers with his tireless dedication to professional development. A past president of the Miami Valley GCSA, Quast also has served on the GCSAA's information services committee, the Wisconsin GCSA's Board of Directors, the USGA Green Section Committee and the O.J. Noer Foundation Board of Directors. He worked at prestigious Milwaukee Country Club before coming to

Medinah. While at Medinah, Quast triumphantly hosted the 1990 U.S. Open and 1999 PGA Championship. He is the founder of *The Grass Roots*, the acclaimed official magazine of the Wisconsin GCSA.

The GCSAA will also honor Gordon LaFontaine and Gordon C. Witteveen. LaFontaine, a former executive director and past president of the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation, has selflessly devoted his time and resources to the advancement of the turfgrass industry in Michigan, and around the nation. For more than 30 years, he has played an influential role in advancing turfgrass research and education, while unifying turfgrass organizations, GCSAA chapters and state agencies across the country.

Witteveen, a published author, historian and former golf course superintendent, has been a powerful voice for golf course superintendents across Canada and the United States for more than 40 years. A founding member and past president of the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association (CGSA), Witteveen has written or co-authored four books concerning turfgrass and the superintendent profession, most notably *Keepers of The Green: A History of Golf Course Management* and *Practical Golf Course Maintenance*. He has guided the careers of many superintendents while traveling the world offering seminars and participating in conferences. 

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