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Mission Accomplished: Outing Crowns Class C Champion and Replenishes Scholarship Fund

When we hearken back to September of 2004, we will surely all remember it as perhaps the most stellar month for weather that we have experienced in recent years. Like the movie Groundhog Day, it seemed that each waking day was the same as the one before—the perfect blend of high skies, warm, dry air, and moderate breezes. Monday the 16th of September was no exception, as when the MAGCS Scholarship/Class C Golf Outing took place on the beautiful grounds of Glen Flora Country Club in Waukegan, Mother Nature was once again in a very good mood.



Chad Kempf with Class C gross champion Jeff Pozen.



And Chad presents Jim Roberts with the Class C net champion's plaque.

Paul Bastron, CGCS and the staff at Glen Flora had the golf course in outstanding condition for this relatively new addition to the MAGCS lineup of great golf events. This year's Class C Advisory Committee, led by Chad Kempf and expertly manned by Nick Baker, John Ekstrom, Keith Krause, Matt Kregel, John Maksymiu, Brian Mores, Scott White and Aaron Willing, took the reins from last year's group and ran with them, providing all attendees with a smoothly-run golf event followed by an indescribably sumptuous spread of food. The sundae bar was the proverbial icing on the cake—the perfect finish to a great day of golf and fun.

As its name implies, this event has two purposes: to raise money for the MAGCS Scholarship Fund, and to find out which Class C member has the most time on his or her hands to become proficient enough at golf to be crowned champion.

The event did succeed, raising significant money for the MAGCS Scholarship Fund and giving our Association its Class C champions for 2004. Congratulations to net champion **Jim Roberts** of Turnberry Country Club (71) and gross champion **Jeff Pozen** from Prairie Landing Golf Club, who fired a 77 to take the trophy from defending champ Brian Racette. Also congrats to the four charitable hole raffle winners—Gary Hearn, Steve VanAcker, Justin Wheeler and Matt Thornton.

Sincerest thanks to our hosts at Glen Flora Country Club, everyone on the Class C Advisory Committee, and all who gave of themselves to make the event the success it was—especially the sponsors and volunteers who made it all possible. Rousing cheers to our sponsors—Arthur Clesen, Inc., BASF Corporation, Bear's Turf Products, Inc., Cleary Chemical, Feltes Sand & Gravel Co., GRO Horticultural Enterprises, Inc., Nadler Golf Car Sales, Syngenta Turf & Ornamental, Turf Professionals Equipment Company, Turfgrass, Inc., Tyler Enterprises and Vintage Golf Construction. Gratitude also extends to the fine folks who donated prizes, or offered their time and effort in running the numerous charitable holes, including Mike Airoidi of Prestwick C.C., Kelly Schroeder and LeAnn Scott of Arthur Clesen, Inc., Marsha Trayes and Patti Thorson of Burris Equipment, and Sharon Riesenbeck of Waupaca Sand & Solutions. Thanks to all of you, the mission was accomplished: We raised money, played golf, consumed great food and HAD FUN!





No. 8, a par 4, is Paul Bastron's favorite hole.



Justin VanLanduit, Matt Kregel,
Brian Mores and Aaron Easter.



Rob Nixon, Scott Madden,
John Maksymiu and Travis Williams.



John Ekstrom, Josh Murray,
Scott White and Chad Kempf.



Jim Roberts, Jeff Weirs,
Brad Roose and Rob Lewis.



Justin Wheeler, Jeff Pozen
and Darin Douglas.

Giving It the Old at Calumet

We were blessed with another beautiful golf day at Calumet Country Club on Tuesday the 5th of October. Ninety-six players were on hand to compete for the college championship in this ITF/MAGCS combined event. Keith Peterson had the greens rolling fast and furious, and the old motto "stay below the hole" was key!

I had the pleasure of witnessing my playing partner, **Steve Stewart**, nail the "closest to pin" on no. 14. He was 34 feet away! This 210-yard par 3 provided some fine drama as the green surface eluded ball after ball. H&E Sod and Town and Country Landscape sponsored this fine hole, as "Darin Hobonik" gave everyone a ball saying, "Use this ball and land it on the green, and you get a \$50 gift certificate. The closest to the pin receives a \$500 dollar gift certificate." Such a deal! Way to go Steve, nice job with the sweep! **Mike Bavier** had the straightest drive on no. 10, and by the way, that's Bah-vee-ay for those of you who don't speak French. *Merci beaucoup.* Steve Wolf had the closest to pin on no. 11. **David Behm** had closest to pin on no. 2. **Jeff Donahoe** survived the 2004 flood at Sycamore and went on to sink a 36-foot put on no. 5 for the prize.

In the college championship, the Danville Community College Jaguars came through with a great showing, **Ron Dohman** and **Dennis Buck** with a 70, combined with **Brian Bossert** and **Brock Burton** with a 68, for a total of 138.

In second place it was the Wisconsin Badgers, **Larry Lennert** and **John Meyer** with a 75, combined with **Phil Zeinert** and **Pat Norton** with a 70, for a total of 145.

In third place it was the Nebraska Cornhuskers. **Tony Kalina** and **Matt Giese** posted a 75, combined with **Justin Wheeler** and **Robert Graziano** with a 71, for a total of 146.

In fourth place were the Penn State Nittany Lions, but first,

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The final results of the partners' competition were:

		<u>Net</u>
1st	Bob Lively, Tony Bisbee	61
2nd	Brian Baker, Erwin McKone	66
3rd	Trent Bradford, John Lebedevs	67

Here is how the college teams fared:

1st	Danville	138
2nd	Wisconsin	145
3rd	Nebraska	146
4th	Penn State	148
5th	Purdue	151
6th	Illinois	153
7th	Joliet	155



Brian Bossert, Dennis Buck, Ron Dohman and Brock Burton comprised the team from diminutive Danville Community College.



Tony Kalina, Justin Wheeler, Matt Giese and Robert Graziano represent the Cornhuskers.

College Try t Country Club



Phil Zeinert and Pat Norton.



*Ed Fischer and Mike Bavier
representing the "Old School."*



Greg Coyne and Jay Druhan.



A.J. Huey, Rich Wahl, host Keith Peterson and Dan Quast.



Len Ziehm, Fred Behnke, Luke Cella and Kevin DeRoo.



*The pride of Penn State: Shane Kissack,
Joel Purpur, Dave Blomquist and Dave Behm.*



*John Anderson, Mark Kowaliczko, Jeff Gerdes and Bob
Kohlstedt try to tie the Illini football team in wins (1).*

. . . what the heck is a Nittany Lion anyway? My Google search tells me it is a mountain lion named after Mount Nittany, which is a mountain that lies on the outskirts of State College, PA, Penn State's hometown. Mount Nittany stands alone with a long slope that can be seen from town, from campus, or from the seats in the football stadium. I am a sucker for Google trivia. Playing for the Lions, Dave Behm and Dave Blomquist



Len Ziehm has been covering the Chicago golf scene for more than 30 years and is a sportswriter for the Chicago Sun-Times. He was also a guest columnist this summer for GolfChicago.com. The ITF and MAGCS were happy he could join us on this great day for fall golf.

recorded a 74, combined with Ed Fischer and Mike Bavier with a 74, for a total of 148.

In fifth place were the Purdue Boilermakers, John Turner and Eric Jones with a 73, combined with Dave Holler and Rich Nicpon with a 78, for a total of 151.



Thanks to Paul Carlson of Central Sod, who donated a fine TailGator package to raffle off and raise money to help send U of I students to the Golf Industry Show in Orlando. Gary Galecki was the lucky TailGator winner. Thanks to all of you who helped raise \$650 to send students to the big show!

In sixth place came the Fighting Illini. Gary Hearn and Rick Wilson shot a 76, combined with Jeff Gerdes and John Anderson with a 77, for a total of 153.

Finally, in seventh place were the Joliet Junior College Wolves. Jeff Smith and Rich Daly came in at 79, combined with Don Ferreri and David Gelino with a 76, for a total of 155.

Congratulations to all the winners!

However, as a Michigan State grad, I have to say . . . let's get it together, guys! If you are an MSU grad, e-mail kerry.anderson@bayercropsience.com, and he will help organize the Spartans for '05. Thanks. That's all I have to say about that.



The NCTE Reborn: Previewing the 2004 Illinois Professional Turf Conference

As with any ITF combined golf day, the underlying theme is TURF RESEARCH! MAGCS is proud to be an allied association of the ITF, and we appreciate the efforts of everyone involved with organizing this fine event.

While we are on the topic of the ITF, I think it would be appropriate to plug the much-ballyhooed, new and improved Illinois Professional Turf Conference (IPTC).

Under new management, the IPTC (formerly the NCTE) not only has undergone a name change, but also has been revamped all the way from the trade show floor to the educational programming. First and foremost, the IPTC is the leading turfgrass conference in the Midwest, drawing turf practitioners from many professions. The educational focus for this year's IPTC includes topics in plant science, business, construction and renovation, as well as technical sessions on equipment usage and maintenance.

A few educational highlights for golf course superintendents and their staffs include:

- **Bruce Clark**, Rutgers, will cover the influence of maintenance practices on plant diseases.
- **Dave Minner**, Iowa State, will talk about winter injury on putting greens and how to avoid it.
- Fellow superintendents **Bob Lively** and **Jim Keith** will speak of course renovation and construction techniques.
- World-renowned motivational and business professional **Lou Cassara** will talk about building better business relationships.

For the turf equipment technicians, IPTC offers:

- Half-day seminar covering electrical troubleshooting.
- Half-day seminar covering hydraulic shooting.
- Tips and tricks of the business.

For the turf staff, IPTC offers:

- Pesticide applicator training in Spanish and English.
- Chainsaw and equipment safety in Spanish and English.
- Basic turf, soil and plant science sessions.

A special price is in effect for all ITF members. Pay two full conference packages registrations at \$95 and each additional registrant from the same ITF member organization is only \$40 per person. So plan to bring your key personnel this fall.

The trade show floor, too, has dramatically changed to allow the following activities:

- Live music by the band The Tavern Hill Liars, comprised of our own **Bill Johnson** (Olds Seed Solutions) and **Parin Schmidt**.
- Keynote address by the voice of the Chicago Cubs, Pat Hughes.
- Presentation of the ITF's Distinguished Service Award to longtime MAGCS member David Ward.
- A reception on the floor immediately following this special presentation to David.
- A spouse pass for the trade show floor and special activities at no cost.

In addition, the IPTC rally event on the trade show floor features the grand prize of airline tickets anywhere in the continental United States.



University of Illinois Research Field Day Moves North

On Thursday, September 16, the University of Illinois Research Field Day made its inaugural visit to Lemont, IL, on the grounds of Midwest Golf House at the CDGA Sunshine Course. The event, long held on the campus in Urbana, will become a biennial fixture at Golf House for years to come, if this year's turnout and positive comments are any indication. With the help of the day's sponsors—CDGA, ITF and U of I—and the numerous vendors onsite, the day was a complete success. Heck, there was even a beverage cart (thank you Prime Turf) for those whose thirst got the better of them while walking from research station to station.

The purpose of the Field Day is to spotlight the research being done throughout the state of Illinois both at our educational institutions and at Golf House, and to reveal to those of us who benefit from that research the results of that research. It is also a great chance to interact with the current students at these institutions who are assisting in these projects—students who are the future of our industry.

On this bright, sunny day, no fewer than 11 research projects were

highlighted in various locales throughout the course; each small group of attendees rotated through 30-minute stops at each station. Each research head was present to discuss his or her project, provide the results of these efforts and field questions from the various groups; this format gave the day a very light and informal feel. Following the presentations, participants partook of a barbecue lunch, after which the vendors took the stage for a hands-on demo session of their latest equipment and wares. This

turned out to be a great way to work off the huge lunch, as well as a chance to relearn the art of mowing a green and operating an aerator, to name but a couple. Hopefully, the Sunshine Course has recovered from the abuse it was forced to take.

Thanks to everyone involved in making the Field Day the success it was, and congratulations to our friends at Midwest Golf House for pulling this thing off—it was a tremendous day, and we look forward to the next one!



Lee Miller speaks on dollar spot control and resistance.



Bruce Branham, with new approaches to Poa annua control.



Zach Anderson discusses the use of sensors for early disease detection.



Tom Fermanian gazes into the future, where sensors are used to measure turf quality.



Hank Wilkinson (L) and Randy Kane review the big diseases of 2004—anthracnose and take-all patch.

Highlights of the 2004 Chapter Delegates Meeting

Following is a synopsis of the topics and issues discussed at the 2004 Chapter Delegates Meeting.

Chapter Effectiveness

John Fulling, CGCS, reported on the work of the Chapter Effectiveness Task Group. The highlights of his presentation included:

- The importance of chapter effectiveness in GCSAA's ability to serve members through chapters.
- The effectiveness of different chapter models.
- The delegates' perspective on the usefulness of the chapter assessment tool.
- Chapters were asked to complete the assessment tool and return it to GCSAA by March 31, 2005. This will provide baseline information to aid GCSAA staff in identifying chapter goals and then identifying incentives and resources to address those needs.

Chapter Affiliation Agreement

Pat Sisk, CGCS, reported on the work of the Chapter Affiliation Task Group. The major revisions in the new affiliation agreement that takes effect on January 1, 2006 include:

- A new purpose statement.
- Nomenclature changes and conformity issues to align with GCSAA Bylaws.
- A more comprehensive list of cooperative programs that are available to chapter members as a result of their affiliation.
- New affiliation application guidelines.
- Chapter assessment tool requirements.
- The addition of an amendment clause, allowing for revisions to the agreement to be addressed during the affiliation period.

The Success of the Facility

A new membership growth concept was introduced that centers around the development of an affiliate "facility" membership as a 'value-add' to a Class A or Superintendent Member membership. By offering a facility membership, GCSAA will be able to deliver value, benefits and services to not only the golf course superintendent, but also to the golf facility that addresses the facility's goals. Delegates brainstormed content ideas for a facility membership and identified potential challenges. The information discussed by the delegates will be forwarded to the Membership, Career Development and Strategic Communications committees for further discussions.

Association Name Change Consideration

Jonathan Jennings, CGCS, chairman of the Messaging/Brand Strategy Task Group, outlined the process that will be followed to answer the following question: "Does the current name, Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, help us achieve our mission, vision and goals, or would a name with a clearer, more definitive meaning be better?" The process being engaged involves some of the same elements that were used in the exploration of membership standards (PDI) and the recent headquarters location study. The group is gathering information from a written survey sent to chapter leaders and a telephone survey being conducted with randomly selected members. The task group plans to make a recommendation to the Board of Directors at their winter board meeting in January.

Other Highlights

GCSAA chief executive officer Stephen F. Mona, CAE, addressed the decision-making process and the benefits of having allied associations join the Golf Industry Show.


GCSAA chief financial officer Cameron Oury provided the delegates with a financial overview and also outlined the process for investigating a potential long-term dues pricing plan.

Delegates had the opportunity to hear from and visit with the candidates running for the 2005 GCSAA Board of Directors.

Pat Finlen, CGCS, chairman of the Headquarters Location Resource Group, briefed the delegates on the process that his group had undertaken in reaching its three recommendations: <http://www.gcsaa.org/about/community/hdqrtslocation/report.asp>

Delegates learned about enhancements to the Golf Industry Show, including the establishment of solution centers, featuring interactive displays with best management practices.

Delegates also received updates on the new certification exam; The Environmental Institute for Golf; the GCSAA committee volunteer process; and the International Association of Golf Administrators (IAGA)/GCSAA action plan.

These highlights are also available online. For more information relating to the 2004 Chapter Delegates meeting, please contact Janet Satterlee, GCSAA's senior manager of chapter services, at 800-472-7878, ext. 3603, or review the delegates information online. 

Wills, Trusts and Powers of Attorney: An Overview

This article is to provide you with a brief summary regarding the use and/or need for wills, living trusts, living wills, property powers of attorney and healthcare powers of attorney.

Why does one need a will and what purpose does it serve? A **will** provides direction to your executor and the probate court as to how to dispose of your assets and provide for your minor or disabled adult children upon your death. If you do not have a will, all of your assets will be transferred to your heirs pursuant to statute. Illinois has a statutory testamentary scheme for individuals who die intestate, or without a will. Also, if you have minor children, you may provide for their physical and emotional care in your will, instead of granting this power to the probate court pursuant to state law. Please keep in mind that a will does not avoid probate but only gives instruction to your executor and the probate court as to how you want the court to dispose of your assets and provide for your minor or disabled adult children. Also, certain assets may not pass through your will, so it is very important that you review and give consideration to how assets are titled or owned and to the beneficiaries on your accounts and insurance policies. For example, real estate owned in joint tenancy or tenancy by the entireties does not pass through your will but goes directly to the survivor, or a 401(k) plan with a beneficiary goes directly to the beneficiary.

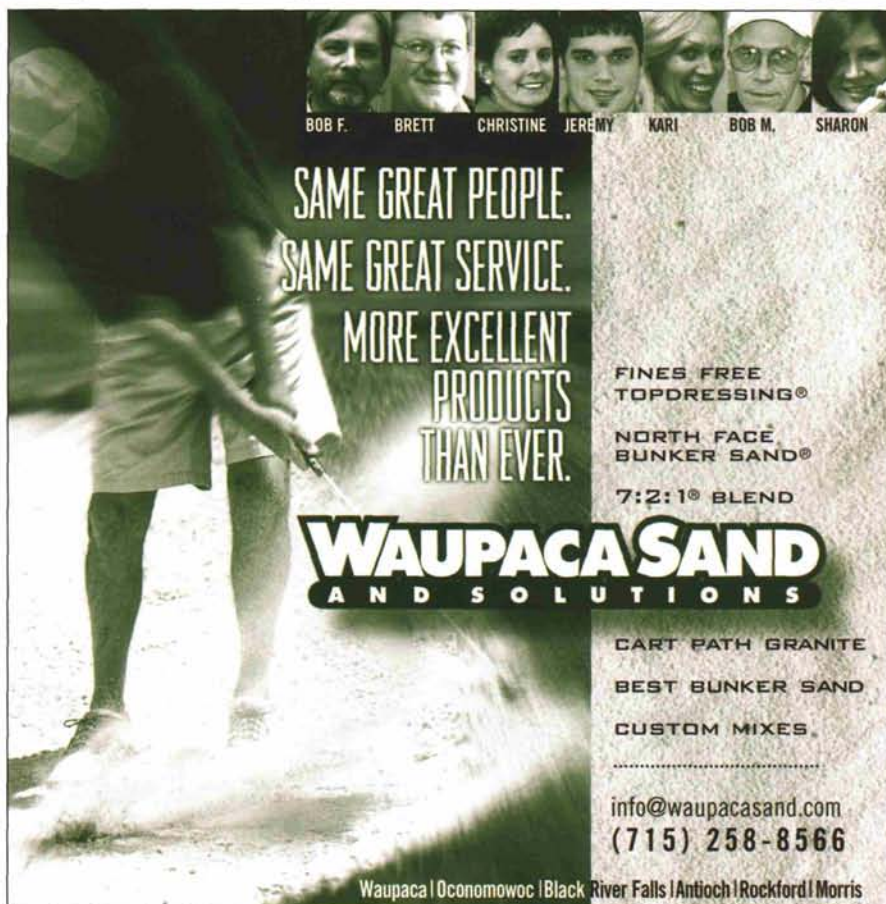
A **living will** provides direction to your healthcare providers that you do not want death-delaying medical procedures used to artificially prolong your life. It also lets your family know your wishes, taking away any painful decision they might otherwise have to make during a very difficult time and resolving any possible conflict among family members over this issue. Your

physician must determine that your condition is incurable and irreversible, that death is imminent except for death-delaying procedures, and that you are unable to make your own healthcare decisions. He or she must then record such determination in your medical record before further action is taken.

Living trusts function very much like a will because they allow you to dispose of your assets and provide for minors and disabled adults after your death. A living trust is a

separate legal entity that holds title to the assets you choose to convey into it. As the trustee, you continue to control the assets and enjoy the use of and income from the assets as if you continued to own them outright. Also, you may revoke the living trust at any time during your lifetime and convey some or all of the assets in the trust out of the trust at any time before your death. The main advantage of a living trust is that upon your death it causes the immediate transfer

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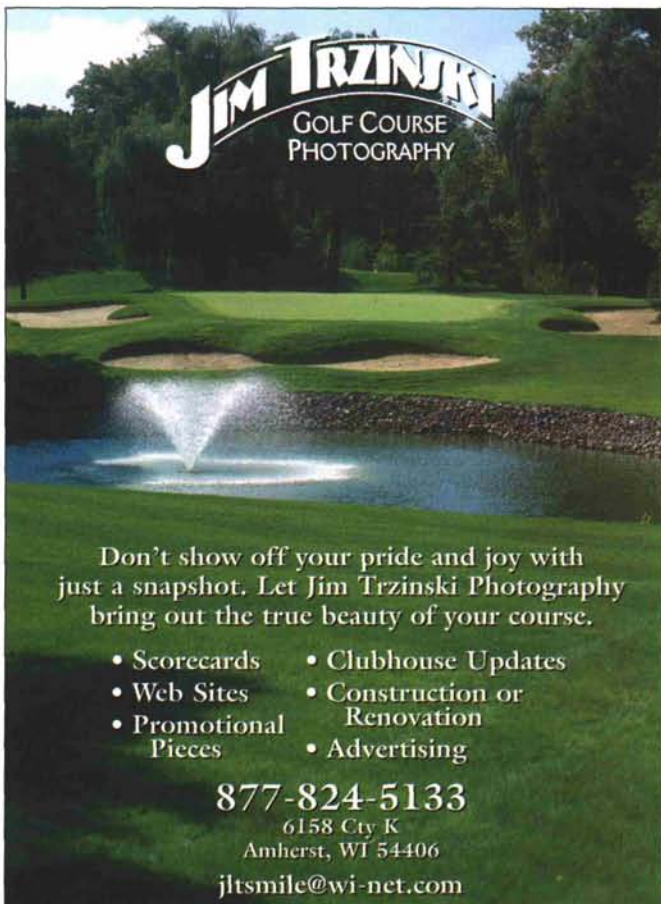
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