


Glen Club facility would be a worthwhile experience. On the walls of the clubhouse, the rich history of the game in our state is flushed out and its leaders identified. Since its inception, the IGHF has inducted some 58 individuals. In addition to the aforementioned, inductees have included noted players Tommy Armour and D.A. Weibring, longtime club professionals Hubby Habjan and Johnny Revolta, architects Robert Bruce Harris and Dick Nugent, and course builder Brent Wadsworth.

The IGHF's mission is to educate and entertain golf enthusiasts from all walks of life. I have been privileged to serve on the selection committee for the last three years and am the lone representative from the turf community. The 18-person selection committee currently consists of some of the area's leading golf professionals, allied association leaders and noted golf writers and is chaired by Bill Heald, the retired golf professional from the Riverside Golf Club and one of four inductees who serve on the committee.

For the upcoming class of 2005, nominations closed January 1. At a meeting in March, the selection committee members will take the list of very worthy candidates and pare the roster to 10 finalists. This is an arduous task, as a great deal of documentation has been assembled supporting each nominee in the form of newspaper clippings, magazine articles and the like. It should be noted that once nominated, candidates remain on the ballot for three elections (six years). With our roster of candidates at 10, we will meet again in April, when each remaining finalist will have a nomina-

tor present in person to further strengthen his or her candidate's case for induction. In the end, an inductee must be named on two-thirds of the ballots to be elected.

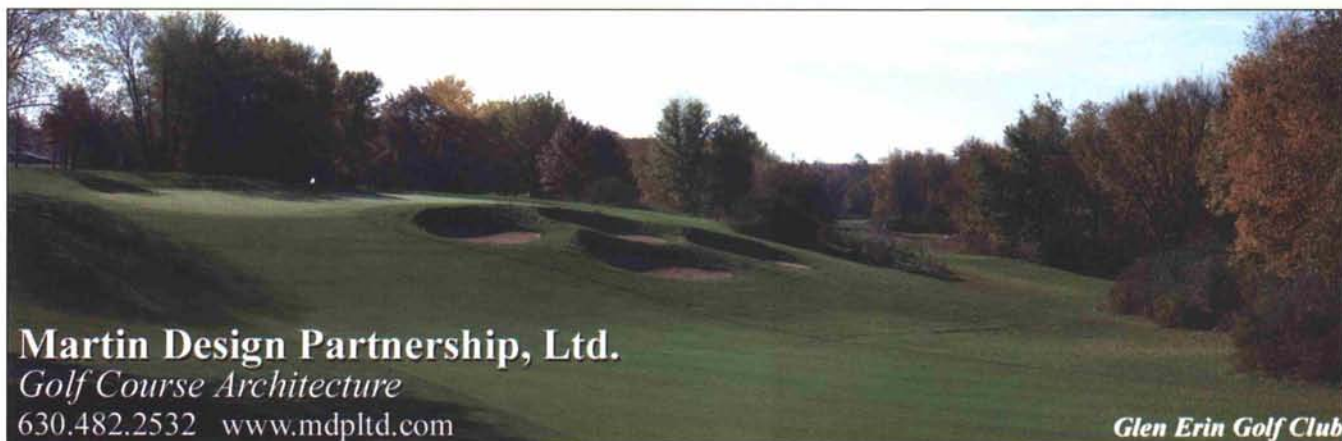
On behalf of the selection committee, I can say that we look forward to inducting a new class this fall. The ceremony is tentatively scheduled for October at The Glen Club. It is my hope that we can continue to include legends from our profession who have shaped the scope of our industry and the courses upon which our great game is played. In the meantime, plan a trip to The Glen Club before the season heats up. An afternoon there would be very educational and a great way to trace the deep history of golf in the Prairie State. 

*I would like to thank IPGA Foundation development director Rob Dauphinais for his substantial contributions to this article.*

*The Illinois Golf Hall of Fame's mission is to educate and entertain golf enthusiasts from all walks of life.*



*The Hall of Fame's 2003 inductees (L to R): MAGCS member and Merit Club superintendent Oscar Miles, CGCS, joined by Bob Mendralla—a 50-year veteran of Wilson Sporting Goods known for innovative club design—and Joe Sisolak, who has dedicated his life to promoting junior golf and remains instrumental in The First Tee of North Eastern Illinois.*



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Bob Maibusch, CGCS.

Bob Maibusch, CGCS, MG of Hinsdale Golf Club gave the following farewell address at the culmination of his service on the GCSAA board of directors.

*As my time on the GCSAA board of directors has come to a close, I want to take this opportunity to let you know how much this experience has enriched my life both professionally and personally. The highlight of my career thus far has been the opportunity and privilege to serve on this board. Little did I know that this professional opportunity would lead to and enhance personal relationships that are and will continue to be so precious to me.*

The sum of the benefits I have received from the membership's counsel, encouragement, experience and, yes, even your criticisms cannot be measured. It says so much about the selfless purpose within this association that we can find reasons to disagree, sometimes vigorously, but still maintain a sense of fraternity and brotherhood. I will greatly miss the camaraderie and fellowship that was so graciously afforded me through board service. It has blessed me with experiences and memories that will last me a lifetime.

Whether you were offering a kind word, educating me on past history, sharing fresh perspective on what could be a vision for the future, or anything else large or small, the gifts that you have given me cannot be repaid. Collectively, this group can be much more than the sum of the considerable depth of its individual talents. That synergy of talent, dedication and sacrifice is an incredible event to experience and I thank you for allowing me the privilege to be a part of it.

If ever an action, inaction or word on my part was hurtful to you or offended your own beliefs, please accept my apologies. Nothing I said or did was meant to be malicious, and I hope that it was never interpreted that way.

I have had several inquiries about my reasons for leaving the board of directors. I thoroughly enjoyed my tenure here, but for me to stay longer at this time would be selfish. I know that the demands and challenges of my family and my current employment would preclude me from devoting the time and attention that I feel is necessary to accomplish continued board service in a manner that does justice to the needs of the organization; service to you, the membership; and still attend to the needs of my family and employment. I am incredibly fortunate to have a supportive family, staff and employer who seriously questioned my departure from the board and encouraged me to stay if it would make me happy. Their sacrifice these last five years in allowing me to devote time to GCSAA that would have normally been reserved for them fills me with tremendous pride and gratitude.

Staying longer now would only satisfy personal goals and that is not what this organization or this membership deserves. I think too highly of both those entities to have them suffer with a board member who is less than effective. Quite honestly, there were times when I questioned my contributions and wondered if I had already stayed on

too long. I hope not, and I trust that you will understand why my exit at this time is necessary. One thing I have learned is to never say never. After all, I am the same person who, until five years ago, said I would never be a member of the GCSAA board of directors.

It was not always easy to be in this position, but as long as I reminded myself that I was here because the membership trusted me enough and had confidence in my abilities enough to ask me to represent their interests, I hope that I stayed grounded in a spirit of service. I tried to never forget that I was here to serve your vision.

Occasionally, the rhetoric did sting. When I felt the weight of criticism and second-guessing on my shoulders, I took solace and inspiration in the words of President Theodore Roosevelt:

*"It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of good deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming, but who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself for a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who, at worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place will never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."*

By the nature of the business we are in, we all find ourselves to be men and women in the arena. I learned life lessons from many members, and your encouragement, support and counsel were always deeply appreciated. It is an incredible gift.

Thanks again for all that you have given to me. You cannot imagine how much it has meant to me.

With sincere appreciation,

Robert J. Maibusch, CGCS, MG





# the Bull Sheet

John Gurke, CGCS  
Contributing Editor

## DATES TO REMEMBER

March 12-20 – 2005 Chicago Flower and Garden Show at Navy Pier in Chicago, IL.

March 16 – Chicagoland Association of Golf Course Superintendents Annual Meeting at Oak Park Country Club, **Al Fierst** host.

March 16-17 – Reinders' 17th Turf and Irrigation Conference at the Waukesha Expo Center in suburban Milwaukee, WI.

March 17 – CDGA/USGA Green Seminar at Medinah Country Club, **Tom Lively**, **CGCS** host.

March 18-20 – Chicago Golf Show at Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, IL

March 21 – MAGCS (in cooperation with J.W. Turf) monthly meeting at Soldier Field in Chicago, IL. Featured guests will be John Nolan from Soldier Field and Ken Mrock from the Chicago Bears.

March 24 – CAGCS Annual Meeting, Oak Park Golf Club, **Al Fierst** host.

April 25 – MAGCS monthly meeting at White Pines Golf Course, **Steve Partyka** host.

Congratulations to the following individuals who are celebrating their 25th year of membership in MAGCS: **Glenn Bereiter**, **CGCS**; **Jim Evans**; **Don Ferreri**; **Brian Green**, **CGCS**; **Jim Huber**; **Craig Joscelyn**, **CGCS**; **Dave Louttit**; **Jeff Smith**; **Darryl Taggart**; **John Turner**; **Steve Unruh**; and **Brian York**. MAGCS thanks you all for your continued allegiance and support!

Check out the story on page 28 of your December issue of *Golf Course Management*. It's about Dan Fuhrman—nephew of **Renny Jacobson** (Green Garden C.C.)—and his Colorado Army National Guard unit's experiences in Afghanistan. Dan is a recent graduate of Colorado State University's turf program, speaks seven-plus languages and is a winner of GCSAA scholarships in both 2003 and 2004, among other accomplishments. He also got to meet David Letterman when the "Late Night" host visited his unit on Christmas Eve, 2002. And who said working summers for your uncle is a dead-end job?

And while you're looking through your old magazines, take a gander at January's *Golfdom*—**Randy Kane** has a very comprehensive article on ball marks called "Cruisin' for a Bruisin'" on page 61.

This breaking news arrives from the Fox Valley Park District: "We are pleased to announce that **Harry Lovero** has been promoted to the position of Orchard Valley Golf Course superintendent. Harry joined Orchard Valley in an assistant superintendent capacity in the spring of 1993 and has over 30 years of experience in the golf industry. He is a graduate of College of DuPage and has completed additional coursework through the University of Illinois. Harry will assume his new responsibilities following **Jim McNair's** retirement this spring. Please join us in congratulating Harry!" Harry—congratulations!



Harry Lovero.

More movement on the career path:

- **Jim Reed**, formerly of A.S. Altum & Associates, has started his own company—Reed Irrigation Services.
- **Tim White**, formerly of Olympia Fields Country Club, is the new superintendent of Prestwick Country Club.
- **Nick Baker**, formerly of Ruth Lake Country Club, is now the superintendent of Riverside Golf Club.
- Finally, **Jimmy Frels**, formerly with Prime Turf, is still with Prime Turf, only with a fancier title and increased responsibilities—Jimmy has been promoted to field customer service representative. Also on the move within Prime Turf is **Sylvia Lima**, whose inside sales responsibilities have been increased with the addition of sister company Prime Soil, a supplier of pulverized black dirt and various aggregate materials.

Congratulations, and best of luck and success in your new ventures, gentlemen (and lady)!

Heartfelt congratulations to **Jim McNair**, **CGCS** and **Diane Dickson** (both from Orchard Valley G.C.) on their recent exchange of wedding vows at the Little White Wedding Chapel in fabulous Las Vegas. **Jim** and **Diane** followed the likes of **Michael Jordan** and **Joan Collins** in celebrating their nuptials at the famous chapel, and are now one step closer to the perfect retirement scenario (the all-important "get a fresh spouse you're not tired of yet" step). Best of luck, McNairs!



Newlyweds Diane and Jim McNair.

Media and public relations director **Gary Hearn** needs your help. Gary is asking our members to give him a call or shoot over an e-mail with any

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January brought us its usual heaping helping of learning opportunities through GCSAA, MAGCS and even the Club Managers Association, of all sources.

On the 19th and 20th, GCSAA and MAGCS brought Dr. Frank Rossi from Cornell University to Golf House to present his "Annual Bluegrass Management" seminar. The always outspoken and at-times controversial Dr. Rossi did not disappoint, keeping his audience

thoroughly involved for the day-long event. Among his more memorable quotes were: Regarding the greening response from applying carbohydrate-rich supplements to turf—"Feed microbes carbon, and they crap out nitrogen." Regarding various aeration methods—"You guys figure out more goofy ways to drive a piece of metal in the ground . . ." And regarding gradening—"This is all the rage back east, but we're a lot stupider than you."



Dr. Frank Rossi.

### MAGCS January Meeting

Fred Behnke and Mount Prospect G.C. hosted our meeting on the 24th, with two educational presentations on the docket. Leading off was MAGCS member and owner of Possibility Place Nursery, Connor B. Shaw, who spoke on "How to Improve Your Golf Course With Native Woody Plantings." Mr. Shaw had some very good advice on not only what species to plant (for those members who still PLANT trees), but also how to arrange them to appear more natural. Next on the agenda was a highly enlightening and energetic presentation by Richard J. Wolff, RD, LDN called "Time Saving Fitness—Fitness Strategies for Busy People." Mr. Wolff began by allay-

ing our fears that we must exercise for one to one-and-a-half hours per day if we wish to live past 50. We don't. He presented some very simple methods for us to remain healthy without spending huge amounts of time and money (and effort) to do so. Following this presentation, we were led into the feeding room where numerous dishes filled with carbs and fats and other such delectable delights awaited. Once it was all over, there was plenty of day left to get to the health club and work off the lunch... Thanks to Fred and everyone at Mount Prospect, and to Tony Kalina and his Education Committee for a great day.



Connor Shaw.



Richard Wolff and Tony Kalina.

The following day offered two half-day seminars titled "Localized Dry Spot and Using Wetting Agents on the Golf Course" and "Managing Turfgrass Root Systems in the North," presented by Dr. Keith J. Karnok. I'm certain Keith had some memorable quotes as well, but I was not present, as the Greater Chicago Club Managers Association was presenting "Anatomy of a Golf Course Renovation" at Park Ridge Country Club on the same day. This program, created for club managers and superintendents who may be faced with a renovation project in the future, featured renowned golf course architect Arthur Hills and past president of Westmoreland C.C. David Fishburn, who offered their insights in regard to the major renovations that were undertaken at WCC this past decade. When asked about the difficulty or lack thereof in the permitting process, Mr. Fishburn had the following recollection: "There were some complexities in the permitting process in dealing with multiple municipalities. We have one hole where you tee off in Wilmette, pass through Evanston and putt out on the green in Skokie." The main point these gentlemen made: Do it all at once! Boy howdy.



Famed architect Arthur Hills.

The last week of the month brought even more opportunities to get smart, with the January MAGCS monthly meeting at Mount Prospect Golf Club on the 24th (see boxed item on this page) and the CAGCS Annual Shop Tour on the 27th (see photos on page 28).

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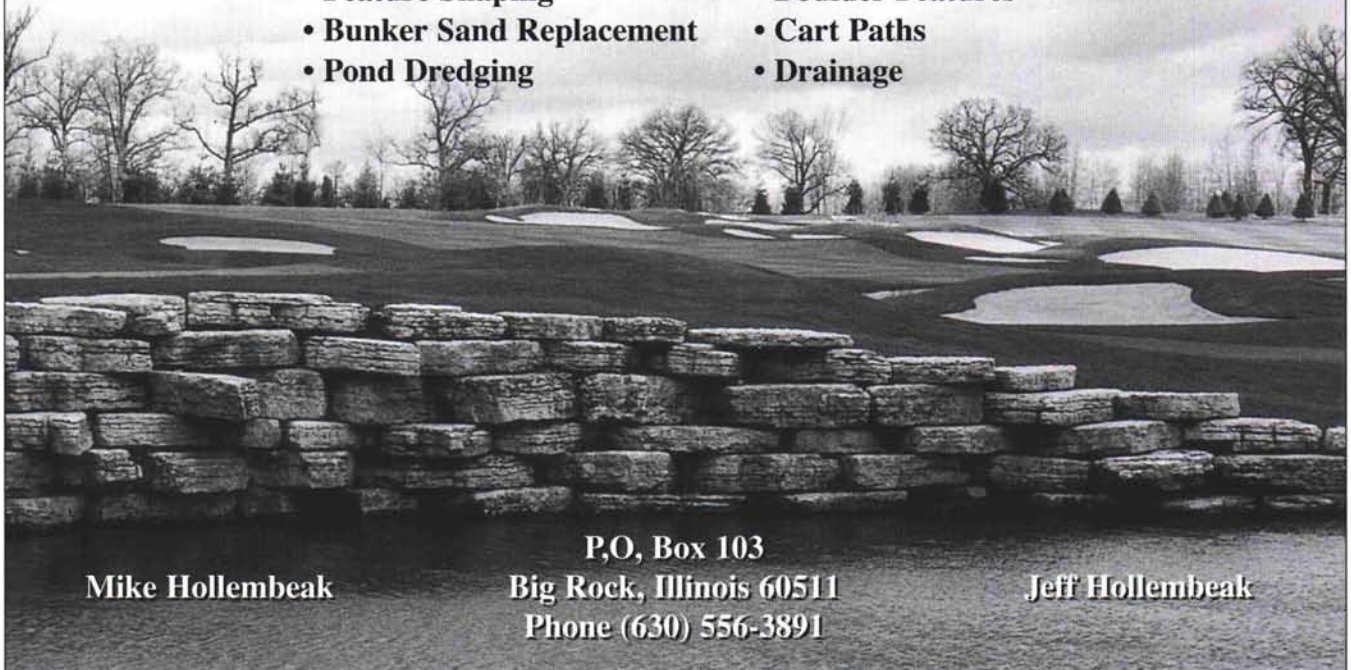


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Rodney Borrowman, Steve Schendel and Craig Kight of Ruffled Feathers.



One idea picked up from the tour—in-dash CD player with remote for the utility vehicle of the future.



Jeff Gerdes, Derek Weber, Carlos Salazar, Aaron Hearn and Martin Solache of Bolingbrook G.C.

GCSAA milestones—these MAGCS members and friends have reached the following milestones in their membership with GCSAA:

- Quarter-Century Club: Jim Evans; Mark Kowaliczko; Tom Savage; Steve Van Acker, CGCS.
- 26 to 29 Years: Dave Behrman, CGCS; Brian Chalifoux; Art Clesen; Don Cross, CGCS; Al Fierst; Brian Green, CGCS; Peter Hahn; Richard Hahn, CGCS; Brad Johnsen; Bob

Maibusch, CGCS, MG; Mike Nass; Jules Peuvion, CGCS; Ron Reed; Tommy Robinson; Mike Sauls; Jeff Scott, CGCS; Verlyn Strellner, CGCS; Dave Ward.

- 30 Years: Pete Leuzinger, CGCS; Jerry Mach.
- 31 to 34 Years: Len Berg, CGCS; Leon Hartogh; Bob Kronn; Richard Lamkey; Mike Matchen; Pete Mirkes; Ted Mochel; Skip Willms; Dennis Wilson.
- 35 Years: Tom Byrne; Ed Fischer, CGCS; Wally Fuchs.
- 36 to 39 Years: Julius Albaugh, CGCS; Mike Bavier, CGCS; John Kiraly; John Lapp; Jim Meyer; Fred Opperman; Ray Schmitz, CGCS.
- 40 Years: Danny Quast, CGCS.
- 41 to 44 Years: Art Benson; Tom Burrows; Harold Fredricksen; Ken Lapp; Oscar Miles, CGCS; Dick Trevarthan.
- 46 to 49 Years: Tom DiGuido; Joe Dinelli; Carl Hopphan; Dudley Smith; Paul Voykin; Ted Woehrle.
- 50 Years Plus: Marv Gruening (51 years) and Bob Williams—GCSAA's longest-standing member at 63 years!

Congratulations to all of you on your achievements!

- **50 Years Ago This Month:** The new Worthington and Jacobson dealer—Illinois Lawn Equipment—held its first annual open house at the company headquarters in Orland Park. Also, the Midwest Regional Turf Conference took place at Purdue University on the 7th, 8th and 9th. Cost for the three-day event (including banquet ticket and group photo)—\$10.

- **40 Years Ago This Month:** A record 2,611 attended the 36th International Turfgrass Conference and Show in . . . Cleveland.

- **30 Years Ago This Month:** Oscar Miles, CGCS wrote the MAGCS membership about his new position—Oscar was leaving Olympia Fields C.C. for the Hoosier state and Broadmoor Country Club. Ray Gerber won the GCSAA Distinguished Service Award at the conference and show in New Orleans. By the way, 4,900 attended that one.

- **20 Years Ago This Month:** Dr. Marvin Ferguson, prominent turfgrass researcher and golf course architect, passed away suddenly at 66 years of age.

- **And 10 Years Ago This Month:** President Joel Purpur addressed the membership regarding a name change for our newsletter, intimating that the name *Bull Sheet*, being a play on words with a bad phrase, did not reflect a professional image, just as the likes of *Grasshole Management* would not. The forward thinking of Joel and that Board of Directors 10 years ago is where we can attribute the success of today's award-winning *On Course* magazine.

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Congratulations to Brooke and Dave Groelle (Royal Melbourne C.C.) on the birth of Chase Alexander on January 19. Chase weighed in at 9 lb., 6 oz. and was 22 inches long, and, along with mom is doing great!



The Groelles: Brooke, Chase and Dave.

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“Bull Sheet” would like to thank John Lapp for contributing the photo of Frank Dinelli's retirement party that ran in January's issue.

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MAGCS sends its condolences to the family and friends of Tom Vieweg, longtime member and former superintendent of Cary Country Club, who passed away on February 10 at 59 years old.

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### MAGCS Member Tommy Witt, CGCS, Receives Distinguished Service Award

At the annual meeting in Orlando, GCSAA honored Tommy Witt, CGCS at Northmoor Country Club in Highland Park, with its prestigious Distinguished Service Award.

Witt was GCSAA's president in 2001, and has served on several chapter boards in his native Texas. He has mentored nearly 40 assistant superintendents and interns who became golf course superintendents. His dedication to improving career opportunities, security and compensation within the golf course management profession has led him to develop and present numerous seminars and presentations on topics related to professional development. His teaching credits include educational programs for the GCSAA, Club Managers Association of America and the PGA of America, during which he promotes the golf course management profession. He also regularly speaks to student audiences about how to prepare for a golf course management career.

William G. Fielder, a retired CGCS and member of the Cactus and Pine chapter, was also honored.

"Billy and Tommy epitomize the kind of long-term, selfless service that the Distinguished Service Award is supposed to recognize," said GCSAA President Mark J. Woodward, CGCS. "It was a privilege to present them with this well-deserved honor."



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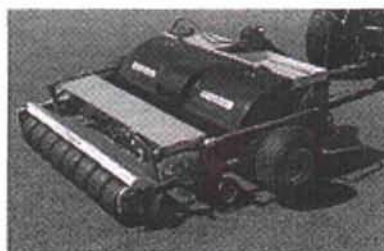
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# The 2005 Golf Industry Show— Orlando Offers Up Mo

*The newly-named and expanded Golf Industry Show made its debut in the Orange County Convention Center—albeit the old one and not the shiny new one across the street—amidst much anticipation and even a little controversy. As the large MAGCS contingent trickled into town, questions such as, “Can we possibly do better than last year in the golf tournament?”, “How will this new trade show look with all the new exhibitors, the Solution Centers and a freakin’ green being built right there in front of us?”, and “Why, after years of struggling for our name to be recognized as the go-to guys in golf, did our name get removed from the event’s title?” As the Show progressed, most of these questions were answered, and overall the general buzz was resoundingly positive.*



GCSAA Distinguished Service Award winner Tommy Witt and the missus.



President Phil Zeinert addresses the hospitality room on behalf of MAGCS.

The Midwest had plenty to look forward to, starting with **Tommy Witt's** winning the GCSAA Distinguished Service Award. Also eagerly anticipated was **Tommy Robinson's** and the MAGCS chapter team's defense of their titles from 2004—a feat that turned out to be impossible to repeat. Tommy gave it his best, taking second place with a 143 in the Championship Flight. Other MAGCS notables in the golf championship were:

- Chapter Team Gross—5th place to **Dave Kohley, Al Pondel, Tommy Robinson** and **Tim Scott** with a 198.
- Chapter Team Net—4th place to **Chad Ball, Ed Fischer, Brad Johnsen** and **Steve VanAcker**. 8th place to **Don Cross, Al Fierst, Bob Maibusch** and **Les Rutan** (who also placed a scorching 86<sup>th</sup> place in the Gross).
- First Flight—**Dave Arden** took 8th place.
- Second Flight—**Paul Bastron** also finished in 8th place.
- Fifth Flight—Steve VanAcker had 3rd place, **Paul Schaefer** was on his heels in 4th and **Mike Bavier** took 6th.
- Senior I—**Tim Davis** was 4th and Tommy Witt 7th.
- Senior II—Ed Fischer took 2nd and **Tom VanDeWalle** 8th.
- 2-Man Teams, Net 1 Division—**Bob Lively** and **Kurt Sams** tied for 1st place with a 63.

Congratulations to all of our competitors!

Next on the agenda was the Show and all its trappings. The Opening Session, held on Thursday morning, featured GCSAA's Old Tom Morris winner Jack Nicklaus and recognized the winners of the Distinguished Service Award and Golf Championship. The opening of the trade show floor was next, as hordes of chotchky-seeking individuals anxiously awaited the moment the doors would open to be first to pounce on the assorted hats, mini-basketballs, sunglasses, stress-balls, stuffed skunks and what not. The floor itself was a masterpiece of ease for those who wanted to systematically visit each and every booth. The electric vehicle test track—complete with Segway rides for those willing to wait in line, the “Building of the Green” display, the various Solution Centers, and the driving range were very well-received additions, and the overall impression from attendees polled was great. A bonus feature was walk-