

through the thick oak and hickory leaf mulch. Patches of Dog Tooth Violet (Lilly Trout) dotted the same landscape. If you looked closely enough, you could spot an occasional Jack in the Pulpit in its own small grouping. The bloom on these woodland wonders last longer during cool springs. All in all, the display lasts three to four weeks. After the blooms die back, the foliage keeps producing food for next year's crop. The summer heat causes the foliage to disappear and carbohydrates are returned to the bulblets and corms within the rich timber soil.

As delicate as these plants seem, we did discover how persistent they could be when trying to enhance our maintenance practices. Turf quality often suffers around and under oak groves on many golf courses. Competition for water, light and nutrients hurts the turf in the hot summer months. Furthermore, the practice of mowing weekly, especially when wet, produces unsightly muddy-wheel marked circles around individual groupings of trees. When trying to alleviate these problems, we made a very interesting discovery about woodland plants.

During one summer, we decided to stop mowing between tight groups of trees. The turf was nipped down with "weed eaters", a strip or two of turf sod was removed with the sod cutter on the perimeter of the new area and bark mulch was added to cover the nipped down turf from the tree trunks to sod strips. This practice produced a natural looking bed around many groups of trees. It not only helped the trees by lessening the competition for water, light, and nutrients with the existing turf, but also kept the machinery away from sensitive root zones and tender protective bark. As it turned out, many of these areas just looked better mulched or un-mowed. The discovery process continued.

Around Mother's Day the following year, much to our surprise, the bark mulch began to swell under the clusters of trees. What was going on? Behold! The emergence of woodland plants was phenomenal. Dog-Toothed Violets, May-Apple and Spring Beauty were the first of the volunteers to take advantage of the

reversal in habitat. How could these little plants survive years of golf course maintenance and traffic, not to mention the disturbance of construction and grassing years ago? To me, this was Mother Nature at her finest!

The second and third year were met with anticipation when even more native plants filled the beds. These beds were not weedy looking. On the contrary, they looked like they had always been there. Hmmmm, isn't that ironic?

A person like me grows up in a greenhouse environment and learns to grow and control things for the good of the plants. This training continues through a college experience where I learn production and plant propagation with emphasis on controlled environments and production of top performing plants. However, very little is taught about self-sustaining producers that require very little manipulation. I have found this is the key to environmental management and a very valuable lesson for everyone. Often the best and most valuable property management practice is to lean toward sustainability. Choosing, promoting and installing sustainable plant material saves money, makes the job easier, is safer (fewer inputs), is beautiful throughout the entire year and it is rewarding. I chose to write an

article about native woodland plants as an example of sustainability and ultimately stewardship. Keep in mind there are many areas on the property you manage where choices toward sustainability exist. It may be a prairie, a wetland, or woodland, but remember there are opportunities right in front of you that you might not recognize, unless you leave it alone. That is the root of sustainability.



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# the Bull Sheet

John Gurke, CGCS,  
Associate Editor

## DATES TO REMEMBER

May 7 – JW Turf's annual equipment auction and consignment sale in Hampshire, IL. Call your JW Turf rep to find out what you missed.

May 22 – MAGCS/ITF Annual Spring Golf Day at Midlothian Country Club in Midlothian, IL, **Dave Behrman, CGCS** host.

June 7 – MAGCS monthly meeting at Old Oak Country Club in Homer Glen, IL, **Chad Walk** host.

June 20 – 6th Annual John Buck Memorial Golf Outing at Marengo Ridge Golf & Country Club in Marengo, IL, **Luke Roth** and **Bruce Schweiger** hosts.

July 15 – MAGCS Kane County Cougars outing at Elfstrom Field in Geneva, IL.

August 17-20 – PGA Championship at Medinah Country Club, **Tom Lively, CGCS** host.

August 21 – MAGCS monthly meeting at McHenry Country Club in McHenry, IL, **Bill Humphres** host.

Welcome aboard to all of our newest MAGCS members:

**Joshua Therrien**, St. Charles Country Club—Class C.

**Jim Sedrel**, Exmoor Country Club—Class C.

**Chuck Barber**, Beverly Country Club—Class C.

**Samuel MacKenzie, CGCS**, Olympia Fields Country Club—Class A.

**Scott Goniwiecha**, Olympia Fields Country Club—Class SM.

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**Matthew Sporleder**, River Forest Country Club—Class C.

**Derek Solberg**, Wynstone Golf Club—Class C.

**Jim Johnson**, Great Lakes Turf—Class E.

Wow! Membership Committee has been busy lately.

So that lefty guy can win majors after all, huh? From someone who's experienced it, I urge everyone reading this to get down to Augusta and use their credentials to walk the hallowed grounds—it is truly an experience worth the time and effort. Everything you've heard is true—it's hillier than it appears on TV (MUCH hillier), they have really cheap beer and (yuck) pimiento sandwiches, the grounds department is really cool, there's a Hooters within walking distance (and John Daly lives there), and every blade of grass is precisely where it is intended to be. But you just never know when our free passes will be yanked from underneath us, and to have allowed that ship to sail would be tantamount to someone obsessed with space turning down a free shuttle ticket to Mars; or a sports freak ixnaying a free ticket to the Super Bowl; or a sex addict telling Scarlett Johansson, Jessica Alba, Halle Berry, Angelina Jolie, Eva Longoria, and Jessica Simpson that he just wants to be friends while sharing a hot tub with them. Sort of. You get the idea.

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Speaking of our executive director and publisher of this magazine, you may have noticed that last month's issue reintroduced the "Midwest Personalities" segment that was featured in the back of the magazine in years past. This was always a favorite item for many of our readers, and Luke would like to continue to offer these brief glimpses into the lives and interests of our members. Please help him out by visiting [www.magcs.org](http://www.magcs.org) and filling out the Midwest Personalities form. We want to get to know you!

Best of luck to **Jim Shone** in his exciting new career path. Jim, who as we all know has been with Syngenta for 20 years, has decided to move on to the Director of Sales position for Mid-Tech, a division of Spraying Systems Co. Mid-Tech manufactures and markets electronic controls and guidance systems for sprayers in the turf and agricultural markets. Jim should feel right at home in his new gig. His new contact information is as follows:

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*Jim Shone*

Of course, Jim's departure from Syngenta begs the question, "But who will replace Jim in Chicago?"

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Who???" As it turns out, the answer was just down the freeway in Indianapolis, and he's headed back north. **Brian Winkel**, or "Wink" is very excited to announce that he will be "coming home", as he has recently accepted the position as Regional Sales Representative for Syngenta in Chicago. He will be relocating from Indianapolis where he has been employed by Syngenta as the Regional Sales Rep for the state of Indiana for the past 6 years. He is "house hunting" now, and hopes to be "up and running" very shortly. Until then, he can be reached on his mobile phone at: (317) 694-0856 OR via email at: [brian.winkel@syngenta.com](mailto:brian.winkel@syngenta.com) Congratulations and welcome back Wink!

**Brian and Jeune Winkel** are even prouder to announce the birth of their 2nd child, another son!!! Joseph Carl, (NOT THE ONE FROM CADDYSHACK), Winkel was born on Sunday, March 19th at 9:11am in Indianapolis, IN. Joseph was nicknamed "Speedy" by the doctors and nurses because he arrived way ahead of schedule like Brian and Jeune's other son Joshua did two years ago, while "Wink" was trying to sell Syngenta stuff at the GCSAA Convention in San Diego! Wink DID make it home for Joshua's birth with ½ hour to spare, BUT lost the battle to name Joshua "Justin Time Winkel!"



Joshua (inset) and Joseph Winkel and proud parents.

**Chuck Ardell**, superintendent of Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomington, IL received some great news after the Golf Industry Show in Atlanta—he was chosen as the winner of a golf package for 2 at The Phoenician resort in Arizona compliments of Phoenix Environmental Care. The appropriately-named Master's Getaway includes 4 days of deluxe accommodations and unlimited golf on the resort's 27 holes. Congratulations, Chuck!



Chuck Ardell

The Radaj family recently became a fivesome! Congratulations to Tracy and **Dave Radaj**, CGCS on the March 29 birth of son Samuel Russel at 8:29 AM. Sam joined sister Kathryn and brother Jack on the joyous day weighing 10 lbs., 4 ozs., and 20.5 inches long. Great news!

Congrats and best wishes to **Craig Shepherd**, former assistant superintendent at Ruth Lake Country Club on his new position down the road a ways as assistant superintendent at Butterfield Country Club.

Looks like Sam MacKenzie, CGCS, the new man at Olympia Fields Country Club, will have his hands full come late July/early August. The South Course is slated for a major restoration project designed by golf course architect Steve Smyers. The project is intended to not only restore, but modernize the 1915-era track, reintroducing its original style and strategy that has been lost throughout the years and through 2 prior renovations. About 500 yards will be added which will push the championship tee yardage to 7,200 yards, and the irrigation and drainage systems will be improved as well.



### Let's talk Top 100 now—

The March 11 issue of *Golfweek* featured its perennial "America's Best Courses" (both classics and moderns), and the Chicagoland area once again plays a prominent role. Of the 100 best classic courses (pre-1960), these local courses made the list:

- 11 – Chicago Golf Club, Wheaton – CB Macdonald, 1894; and Seth Raynor, 1923 (**Jon Jennings, CGCS**).
- 27 – Shoreacres, Lake Bluff – Seth Raynor, 1921 (**Tim Davis**).
- 41 – Olympia Fields North Course, Olympia Fields – Willie Park, Jr.; 1922 (**Sam MacKenzie, CGCS**).
- 57 – Medinah Country Club, Medinah – Tom Bendelow, 1928; Roger Packard, 1986; and Rees Jones, 2004 (**Tom Lively, CGCS**).
- 72 – Skokie Country Club, Glencoe – Tom Bendelow, 1904; Donald Ross, 1915; and W. B. Langford and Theodore J. Moreau, 1938 (**Don Cross, CGCS**).
- 82 – Point O' Woods Country Club, Benton Harbor, MI – R. T. Jones, Sr., 1958 (**Ron Fox**).
- 87 – Beverly Country Club, Chicago – Donald Ross, 1916 (**Keith Peterson**).

In the modern category (post-1960), our area had 2 notables:

- 35 – Butler National Golf Club, Oak Brook – George and Toma Fazio, 1974 (**Mike Sauls**).
- 53 – Black Sheep Golf Club, Sugar Grove – David Esler, 2002 (**Dave Biery**).



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# Cheers! Here's to Our Future!

*As I sit here in my wonderful new office, I am thinking about the great changes that are happening within our Association. It amazes me that in my three years as a MAGCS member, our Association and magazine have grown tremendously. I am anxious to see where we will be in another three years.*



Keith's new office.



Grey goose!

As I write this I am sipping on my new favorite beverage, Grey Goose Vodka. Wow! What a smooth flavorful drink. I now drink this beverage all the time and I owe it all to *On Course* magazine. I didn't know what Grey Goose was until I saw the full page advertisement in our magazine stating "The only Goose you want on the course."

Well, I tell you what, after drinking this pretty little bird, I have decided that it is "the only Goose I want in my belly". You know what I mean? Ummm, that's good.

Anyway, this article can't be about me and my new love for geese. This is about *On Course*, our Association and its future.

Our Association is making some great leaps forward towards the future. We have set realistic goals to expand our membership and to develop a leadership and volunteer management plan. *On Course* has already changed the editing format and it's possible that the editors will be giving the magazine an updated facelift.

Yummm, This vodka is really good! Boy, two tall glasses of this stuff goes down like water. I highly recommend Grey Goose Vodka to everyone. Not children though. They'll have to wait until they are 21 years old to enjoy this delicious liquid mouth party. Boy howdy! I think I shall have another glass. Assistant superintendents are going to see more benefits as members of MAGCS with a dedicated Assistants' page on our website and an electronic quarterly newsletter. With that, we will be able to reach most all of the assistant superintendents in our area. This next idea is probably my favorite.

Man oh man! I swear this vodka is the best display of flowable happiness in the world. Great job Grey Goose! You know how to make a man happy. I'm so happy I could pee. Actually, that's a good idea. I'll be back...

Man, my bathroom never seemed so far away before. Ok, where were we? I need another swig. Yummmmm. I love Vodka!!! We have also added the class D member, which is pretty awesome. This will help us reach out to golf course employees, turf technicians, turf students, and others who weren't members before. Isn't that cool? It's very exciting to watch this Association grow beyond what we thought was never possible.

Do you know what else is exciting? Three and a half tall glasses of Grey Goose Vodka. That's exciting. Yummm. I'm going to have some more. Do you know what else is exciting? Four tall glasses of Grey Goose Vodka. Now we're talking.

OK, our Association is growing and growing. We are really awesome. I really believe we could take over the entire golf industry with these ingenious ideas that are being brought forth. No, wait! I think we could take over the entire country with these magnificent things, which we talk about. We are smartest people ever. I love this Association more than anything in the world.

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I love everybody in this great institution. I love everybody!!!! I want to kiss everyone.

Yummy! Another glass for me.  
Vodka yummy, yummy.

What's that smell? It smells like methane. Oops, I think I just had a *Midwest Breeze* come from my pants. You know what I mean? Hahaha-haha. That was funny.

OK, back to business. Ummmmmm. Our Association is making some great leaps forward . . . Motor ing!!! What's your price for flight?!!!! Finding Mr. Right!!!! I love that song. What happened to those guys? I love to sing it in my falsetto. I like to say falsetto. FALSETTO!!! Do you know who else was good? Men at Work. What is a Vegemite sandwich anyway? Whatever it is, I want one. No, make it two. I'm hungry. Lalalalalalala!! Boop boo boop!! I just made that song up myself. I'm pretty good at making songs. I should be a song maker! Lalalalalalala!! Boop boo boop!!

What was I doing? Oh yeah. *On Course* is really good.



Hey! Someone drank the rest of my vodka. What's that about? Who did it? No one is here except me. Weird!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I bet it was an alien. A big green alien. A big green, stinky alien. No, maybe it was a French alien because Grey Goose is made in France.

It was a cone head!!! A cone head stole my vodka!!!!!! Cone heads come from France.

"We come from France." That's really funny. The Cone heads were funny. I love cone heads!!! I have to wiz.

Ouch!!! My face! Holy fire-crackers! Son of a brother that hurt! Note to self: don't fall off desk chair and hurt face on hard floor.

Whew! Where was I?

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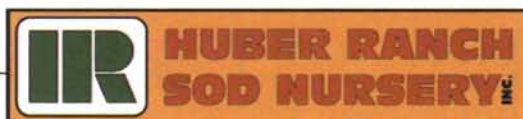
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