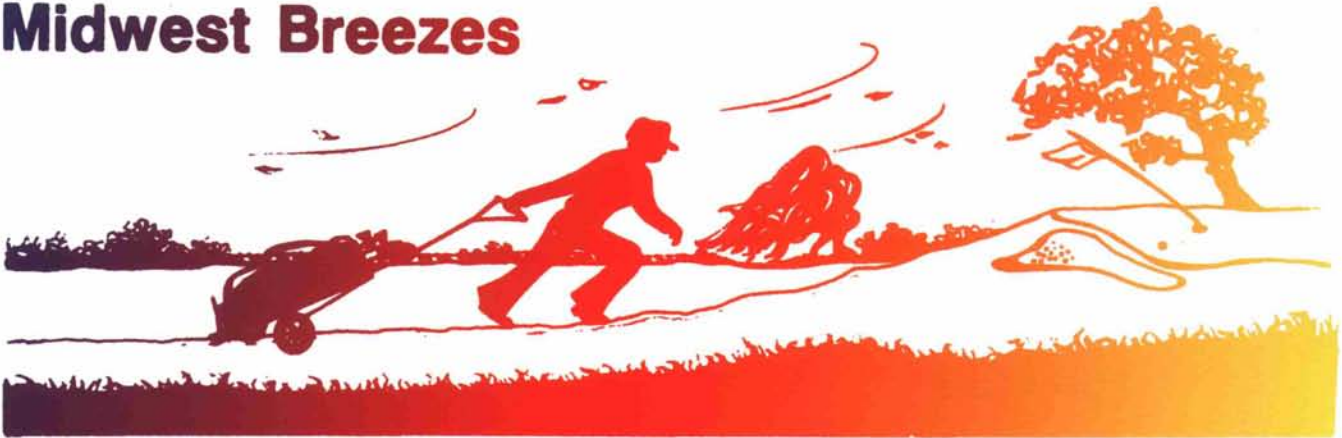


Midwest Breezes



David Schlagetter, Indian Hill Club

This spring Dave went through all of his bunkers and added sand to provide a uniform depth of six inches in every section of every bunker. He also replaced the sand directly above the tile lines, and this has significantly improved his bunker drainage.

This project required 20 loads of sand and 750 man-hours for 69 bunkers.

~Brad Anderson, CGCS



A few of the crew at Indian Hill remove old sand from atop drain lines in a bunker. New sand is used to backfill the trench, increasing the porosity to the tile line, thus increasing overall drainage of the bunker.

the Bull Sheet

John Gurke, CGCS, Associate Editor

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 18 – MAGCS monthly meeting at Shepherd's Crook Golf Course in Zion, IL, **Craig Lewis** host. The Dom Grotti, Class C, and Senior Championships will be contested at this event.

June 26 – 7th Annual John Buck Memorial Golf Outing at Bartlett Hills Golf Course in Bartlett, IL, **Kevin DeRoo** host.

June 28 – Class C Golf Outing at Aurora Country Club, **Virgil Range** host.

July 17 – ITF Summer Play Day at Prairie View Golf Club, **Steve Storz** host.

July 17 – Midwest Regional Turf Field Day at the W. H. Daniel Center in West LaFayette, IN on the campus of Purdue University.

July 19 – Assistants Shop Talk at the Merit Club at 6:00 PM, **John Nelson** and **Scott Verdun** hosts.

July 21 – MAGCS Family Night Picnic and Kane County Cougars game gala blowout whatchamajigie at Elfstrom Field in Geneva, IL. Watch your mail for details.

August 7 – MAGCS monthly meeting at Mistwood Golf Club in Romeoville, IL, **Dave Drendel** host.

MAGCS would like to welcome its newest members and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors:

Michael A. Johnston, Class C,
Bryn Mawr CC

Kelli L. Zopfi, Class E,
JW Turf

David M. Feddersen, Class C,
Ridgemoor CC

Curtis W. Keller, Class C,
Hillcrest CC

Timothy S. Christians, Class SM,
Antioch Golf Club

John J. Fulling, Class A,
Kalamazoo CC

The Class C Golf Outing will be held at Aurora Country Club on the 28th of this month. If you wish to join in the festivities, RSVP to Virgil Range at 630-892-3600 or at vrange78@comcast.net. Prerequisites for participation include, but are not limited to, being a Class C member in good standing, having a set of golf clubs, and of course, opposable thumbs.

If you are a student of Penn State's World Campus, there is good news: they are accepting GCSAA's Certification portfolio as the equivalent of up to 18 credit hours toward the university's new 120-credit online turfgrass science degree. This means that all those seminars you attend can be used not only toward GCSAA certification, but toward a college degree as well!

Local Supers in Print:

The April issue of the revamped *Golf Course Industry* magazine prominently featured several MAGCS members covering various topics of interest. In fact, no fewer than 3 of our colleagues received ink in the issue, including **Mike Mumper**, CGCS (Arrowhead Golf Club) in the Letters to the Editor section, **Bob Lively** (Flossmoor Country Club) in the Design Case Study section, and **Ron McCarthy** (Edgewood Valley Country Club) in the Product Focus section. Congratulations and thanks to you gentlemen for your efforts in promoting our profession.

Also in print recently was MAGCS president **Tim Anderson**, CGCS in the April issue of *Turf Central*. Golf Editor Bob Labbanca did a nice piece on the renovations going on at Naperville Country Club, pointing out that it really is much more than a renovation—it's like building a new golf course. Tim relates that the project entails a new pump station in a different location from the original one, a new deep well, a new irrigation system, new control system, rerouting of 11 holes, rebuilding of all 18 greens and 2 practice greens to USGA specs, new sand-based tees, and a new maintenance facility. Of the 125 total acres, 85 acres were stripped to dirt for the project. Wadsworth Golf Course Construction and Leibold Irrigation are the chief contractors on the project, slated for completion this year.

Enough of superintendents in print—how about superintendents' dogs in print? As you know, Golfweek's SuperNEWS puts out a calendar each year featuring the golf course dogs of superintendents around the country. They are currently seeking nominees for the 2008 calendar, and time is short for getting your images to them. Slides, prints, or digital images of your dog or dogs will be accepted until September 3rd, and can be sent to Production Department, Turnstile Publishing Co., 1500 Park Center Drive, Orlando, FL 32835. For more info, call Kevin Waters at 407-563-7026.

Belated congratulations to **Jim Chisolm**, formerly at Harborside International, who is now the new assistant superintendent at Naperville Country Club. Perfect timing, Jim! How 'bout those cicadas, huh?



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Couple of things from GCSAA:

First, after exhaustive research and countless hours of back-breaking toil, it has been announced that GCSAA has adopted a new logo. Thing about it is, it looks REALLY similar to the old logo. In fact, I think it IS the old logo, but either bigger or smaller or some dang thing. Check it out and tell me what's different if you can.

the virtues of using the staff and resources available to us through our membership. I'm guessing you all had a similar call. While I agree that GCSAA is a tremendous resource for us which should not be overlooked, I'm just a little creeped out by the CEO calling me at like 2:00 AM on a Sunday. I mean, when does this guy sleep for crying out loud?

this: The Buckley's son, who lives in the house, is a smoker. He smokes outside. In the garden by the garage usually. Hmmm.

MAGCS recently lost one of its oldest and dearest members when **Bob Johnson** passed away on April 28th. Bob was the founder of Illinois Lawn Equipment Company way back in 1955, and was one of this association's great characters throughout his life. To his sons Rick and Chris, his family, and all of his many friends, we offer our deepest sympathies and highest regards for a great friend who will be sorely missed.




A new job posting recently crossed my desk for the position of golf course superintendent at the George Williams College Golf Course in Lake Geneva, WI. The first page of "principal duties and responsibilities" seemed fairly normal—purchasing, disease identification, accurate records, yadayadayada. It was the "knowledge, skills and abilities required" section that kinda surprised me. To wit, the following are requirements for the next superintendent of the George Williams College Golf Course:

- Requires the physical strength to unload 80-lb. bags for one hour, dig and stoop for extended periods of time, and to walk 2 mile to check the irrigation pipes and holes.
- Requires the ability to drive a tractor for up to 3 hours without a "break."
- Requires the ability to be at work as early as needed, often at or even before sunrise.

Sign me up!

On the 30th of April, MAGCS kicked off the 2007 golf season with its Spring Scramble at Indian Lakes Resort. Thanks to host superintendent **Chuck Ardell** and all of the staff, the day was terrific. We got it all—great education topic, great weather, great golf course, and great food and service throughout the day. The great education entailed a presentation from Ms. Carla Wagner of Wild Goose Chase who spoke on

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| Association Logo Changes Adopted at Spring 2007 Board Meeting | |
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|  | <p>Proposed Usage: <i>Primary Logo</i></p> <p>Usage: <i>Primary mark to be used in all vehicles. Specifically for all external audiences where GCSAA might not be recognized as Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. (i.e., Avid Golfer Communications)</i></p> |
|  | <p>Proposed Usage: <i>Alternate Primary Logo</i></p> <p>Usage: <i>This mark would be used when sizing would cause legibility problems with wording or when directed to audiences fully familiar with the GCSAA acronym.</i></p> |
|  | <p>Proposed Usage: <i>Official Seal</i></p> <p>Usage: <i>This mark would be used as the official seal of the association. Its use would be significantly restricted to only communications or situations appropriate for a corporate seal.</i></p> |

Second, be it known that if you are a non-certified Class A member of GCSAA who was grandfathered A on July 1, 2003, when the membership standards were implemented through PDI, you were also grandfathered with the eligibility requirements for certification application that were in effect at that time. Your certification grandfathered status will end on July 1, 2008. If you have not achieved certification applicant status, you will be subject to the requirements implemented with the 2003 membership standards. Don't ask—just go to gcsaa.org or call the certification department at 800-472-7878.

Finally (making this a few things from GCSAA as opposed to a couple), I received another personal call from Steve Mona recently extolling

Anybody's mulch catch fire lately? Apparently a case of spontaneous mulch combustion caused a house to catch fire in Crystal Lake last month. The CLFD could find no other explanation than this for a fire that severely damaged Joe Buckley's house. They theorize that the mulch, which was spread 2 weeks earlier, naturally decomposed and generated enough heat (we've all seen mulch piles emit smoke, right?) to combust. The warm, windy conditions of that particular Sunday allowed the flame to creep to the garage wall against which the mulch was piled, catching it on fire and sending flames up the internal wall to the attic of the garage and ultimately to the house attic. The other theory, though far-fetched, goes like



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Goose Control During Breeding Season—a topic in which most all of us have a vested interest. After Carla's presentation, it was off to the links for some fun with the 4-person scramble format. The winners were determined by a blind scorecard draw, with the team of **Don Ferreri, Rick Wilson, Tim Scott, and Dave Kohley** taking top honors. In hot pursuit, **Sam Wineinger, Greg Rounds, Eric Reed, and Brian Kimbrough** took second place, while **Tim Keating, Bruce Woehrle, Ted Fist, and John Turner** took third. We thank Indian Lakes Resort and Chuck Ardell, all of our participants, and most importantly our generous sponsors—**BTSL, Harris Golf Cars, Huber Ranch Sod Nursery, Inc., JW Turf, Inc., Nadler Golf Car Sales, Nels J. Johnson Tree Experts, Inc., Turf Professionals Equipment Company, and Wild Goose Chase**—for their support for this fabulous day.

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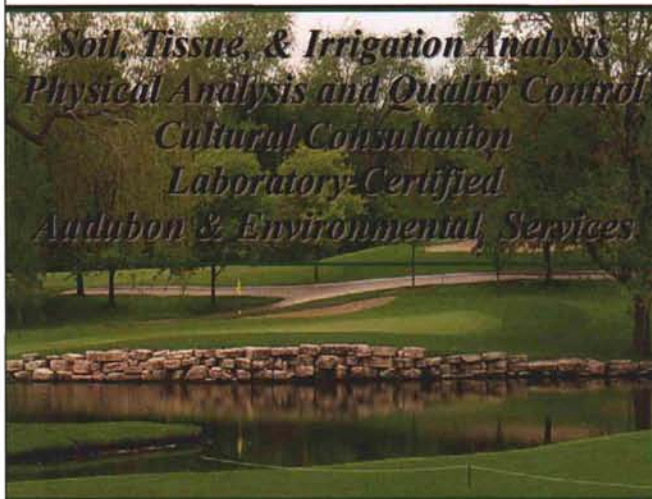
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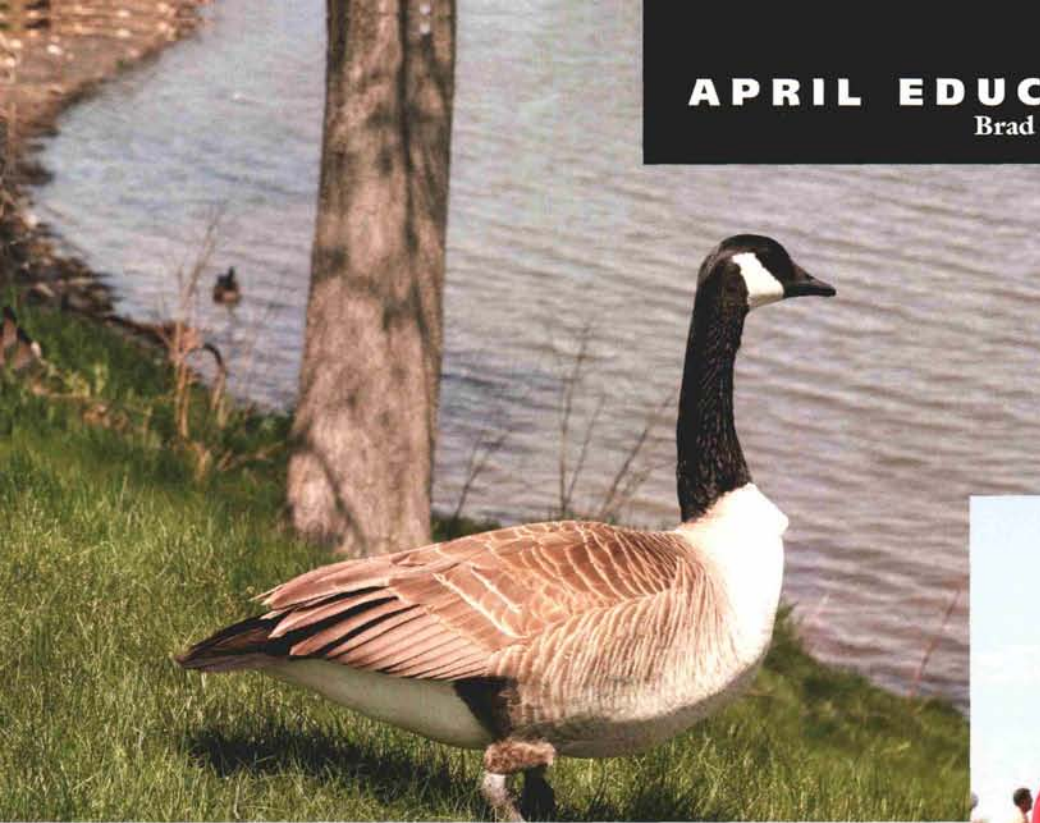
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APRIL EDUCATION RECAP

Brad Anderson, CGCS Associate Editor



I have always thought that the geese on my golf course are just too lazy and indolent to migrate with the more conscientious minded geese. But according to our April meeting speaker, Carla Wagner of Wild Goose Chase, the geese that are overwhelming the golf courses and parklands of Illinois are actually a species of non-migratory geese. Their non-migratory status and place of residence is imprinted to the place of their hatching.

Carla Wagner, biologist of Wild Goose Chase, finishes up the education outside at Indian Lakes Resort.

The Giant Canada Goose was a threatened species that our Federal Government reintroduced to our area in the 1960's. The success of this program has been incredible: the average nesting pair of Giant Canada geese clutches 4-6 eggs every year with a 90% survival rate. In five years, one pair of Giant Canada geese can easily become a flock.


All that property managers may legally do to mitigate the health, environmental, and recreational nuisance that these vermin are causing is to harass them or apply for a permit to addle the eggs as they are laid each spring.

Egg addling is best achieved by shaking the eggs to destroy the yolk, or by dipping them into corn oil to suffocate the embryo. Both methods are very effective for stabilizing the Giant Canada goose population, but egg addling must be done before the eggs are two weeks old.

In Illinois you must apply for a permit each year to shake or dip the eggs. The contact person for applying for your permit is:

Roy Domazlicky
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
2050 W. Stearns Rd.
Bartlett, IL 60103
Phone: (847) 608-3100, Ext. 2031
FAX: (847) 608-3109

Give yourself plenty of time to apply for your permit. I applied for my 2007 permit in November of 2006, and I received it in February. It is a good idea to mark your calendar today as a reminder to apply for your permit this fall.

Successful egg addling occurs at a time when we are generally most preoccupied by a multitude of daily goals and objectives, so you may need to adjust your work schedule and labor budget in April to assure that you will have the adequate number of trained staff on hand to locate the nests for addling the eggs. 

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