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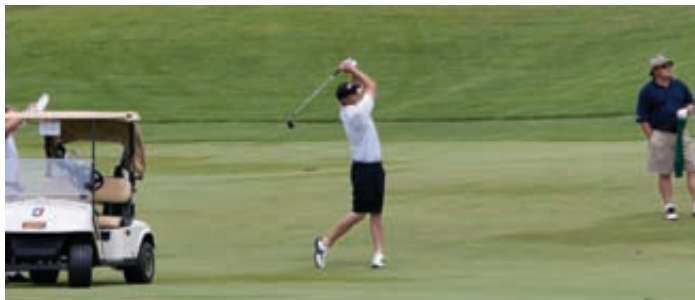
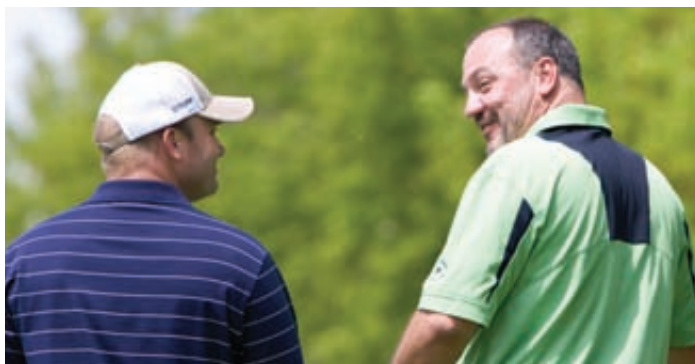
Bob Jr. and Bob Sr. Kronn capture the 2008 Dom Grotti Cup.



Justin Vanlanduit grabs the Class C Championship for the 2nd and as he hopes, the final time.



Ed Fischer, CGCS takes home the "Old Elm Elmer Bertucci Trophy" by winning the Senior Championship with a gross score of 79.



Mulligan

Last month issues mistakenly gave credit to Brian Moesch of Chicago Golf Club for writing the Super-n-Site on Dave Groelle. The author of the article was **Jeremy Duncan** of Cantigny Golf Club. Sorry for the mix up Jeremy.

EDUCATION RECAP

Charles Anfield, CGCS, *Heritage Bluffs Public Golf Club*



June 2, 2008 Royal Melbourne GC

The June meeting education session, featured Pete Cookingham, Project Manager of the Turfgrass Information Center from Michigan State University. He brought good news to the membership of the MAGCS. The TGIF (Turfgrass Information File), formerly a fee paid subscription is now FREE to all MAGCS members. Here it is folks; everything you ever wanted to know about turf is available online for FREE. This is one stop shopping for all of your research and back up documentation on anything turf related. All turf, all the time. Did I mention it's FREE.

TGIF was established in 1983 by the USGA Turfgrass Research Committee and the Michigan State University Libraries. It is now maintained by the Turfgrass Information Center, a division of the MSU Libraries. The ultimate goal of TGIF is to identify all available materials reporting on turfgrass and its maintenance, to provide access to records representing each item, and when possible to provide a direct link to the full-text or actual content of each item. The TGIF is designed to be flexible for all users, those accessing for the first time or for the more sophisticated researchers/users. TGIF provides bibliographical and descriptive records of all types of works related to turfgrass culture.

Sure you can "google" any turf related stuff but that's the equivalent of a search by a five year old. This is a site specific website designed for professionals like you. There is going to be more stringent requirements, environmental issues and challenges in the future. We live in the "Information Age". You need to have better, more timely, information. This is it. There's' also some old issues of National Greenkeeper magazine that makes for some fun reading. Over 90% of the content was published between 1968 and the present.

Go online to the MAGCS website and look on the homepage under **Resources**. From **Resources**, click down to the **On Course Archives** menu option. Using your Name and your Password, log in to the MAGCS Member-Only Area. Click on "Full Database-Search Now-Turfgrass Information File". Click on "Click here to search TGIF graphic. Follow through with reviewing the conditions and terms and enter the data base. From there it's very similar to a google search using specific phrases.

The TGIF must be accessed via the MAGCS website to get the free discount.

Check it out, any problems; just contact our dedicated on-line nerd, Luke Cella for more information. **-OC**



Cliff Haka, Director of MSU Libraries, and Pete Cookingham, Project Director TGIF, explain the real benefits of our partnership with Michigan State and using the Turfgrass Information File. For an overview of the talk and detailed instructions on how to best use the site visit: <http://tic.msu.edu/magcs-tgif-june-2008.doc>



2008 GCSAA Assistant Superintendent Committee

John Ekstrom, Hinsdale Golf Club

It was my pleasure again this year to be apart of the GCSAA Assistant Superintendent Committee. We met on March 11-12 in Lawrence, KS at the GCSAA Headquarters.

This year's group was chaired by newest GCSAA board member John O'Keefe, CGCS from New Jersey. The biggest derivatives of these meetings were that this committee focused on ideas on how to engage more assistants in their chapters. Even taking that a step further, creating a template proposal for chapters if they decide to pursue assistant involvement. This template, if seen to fruition, will encase many ideas from the MAGCS Assistant Committee. The goal is to promote chapters to welcome assistant involvement and share ideas on benefits, implementation, activities, etc.

Having been involved with our Assistants Committee since its inception in 2003, and our chapter unarguably leading the way in this area, I was happy to share many of our ideas. Each of the ten members on our committee represented a different chapter, and unfortunately two of those chapters have already declined assistant involvement. Again, thank you MAGCS Superintendents and Board for allowing assistant participation. Whenever I meet people from other chapters, it is humbling to me in that I take for granted the opportunities we have in the Midwest.

MAGCS Members Serving on GCSAA Committees (2008)

John Ekstrom –Assistant Superintendent Committee

Fred Behnke, CGCS – Strategic Communications Committee

Luke Cella, CGCS – Strategic Communications Committee

Jon Jennings, CGCS – Chapter Relations Committee

Erwin McKone, CGCS – Election Committee

Dan Dinelli, CGCS – Environmental Programs Committee & Competency Task Group

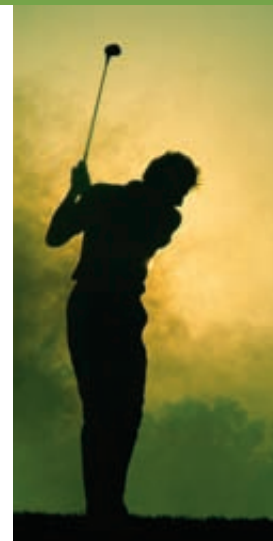
Bob Maibusch, CGCS, MG – Professional Development Committee

Kerry Satterwhite, CGCS – Compensation and Benefits Task Group

Bryan Bielecki - Compensation and Benefits Task Group

Michael Heustis – Competency Task Group

He is my friend! He is my brother!



I know this article is a little "off-course". But, the things said are feelings that we all have experienced. This article is not about golf or the golf industry. It is about "us". An article about dealing with the loss of a loved one; it is something that is inevitable in all our lives. It is something that we have no control over.

Life is very special! The relationships that are created and molded throughout our lives leave an indelible print as to who we are and the way we act. These relationships; parents to children, spouse to spouse, siblings to siblings, grandparents to children, friends to friends, co-workers to co-workers, etc. form us. Some are good and some bad. Hopefully, the good experiences help us grow into thoughtful, loving individuals.

Unfortunately, as part of life these connections/relationships sometimes sever and disconnect. People die. When this occurs our lives can be turned upside down. Our lives take a serious jolt. In some manner, most have unfortunately experienced this discord. We have lost someone near and dear to us; a grandparent, mother or father, husband or wife, brother or sister, uncle, aunts, friends, associates, co-workers, etc. Hopefully, there has been something absorbed from your relationship in the form of experience. This experience provides future direction in our lives, it makes us who we are today.

Unfortunately, I have experienced a number of close relationships that have ended. I have experienced the loss of a father, a brother, and various friends over the last two years. The circumstances do not matter; old or young, good or bad health, family or friend. The outcome is the same. I have lost someone near and dear to me. What I have experienced is no less than anyone else has or will experience in the future. As much as marrying, having children, creating new friends and co-workers is part of life, losing people close to us is also part of life. The true measure of who we are is how we react to these changes. What do we do with what we've learned, experienced, and enjoyed from people that were part of our lives is how we must choose to go on. If we let the relationships impact us in a positive manner, the people lost will live on forever! The memories and special feeling will live on from generation to generation!

Though all these losses have had an impact on my life, the loss of my oldest brother has clearly created a void. He was the glue that bound all us siblings and families together. He was the person that took the family under his arms when our father passed away. He was the cool, calm, and collective sibling that always seemed to be there. He was someone that always kept things under control and in perspective. He wasn't supposed to die! He was only 57.

So often I think of him! He was a brother, a son, a husband, a father, a friend, and a co-worker. He was someone looked up to by many. He was someone that was deeply liked by many; someone that left a positive impression on many. He was like someone in your life.

To this day (four months later), I am deeply saddened by his death. But the wonderful memories we had together live on! Not a day goes by where thoughts of my brother cause a smile to pop on my face or a tear to run from my eye. I thank him for all these fond memories. I thank him for guiding me as to who I am today. I thank him for being a wonderful brother.

This article is about all the things that we want to say and do with the people who are near and dear to us. But for some reason, the answer is always "tomorrow". Sometimes "tomorrow" comes much sooner than we expect. Sometimes we don't get the chance to do the things we want to do. Don't allow yourself to have any regrets. Don't miss the opportunity to express your feelings. Don't miss the ball game, play that round of golf, go to the family gathering, visit and talk to a loved one, have a cold drink or tell someone how you feel. No one knows what tomorrow brings and unfortunately with life expect the "unexpected" (the curve ball).

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To all of you who have lost someone near and dear to you! To my brother!

Thanks.....

*May the memories we had together live on forever.
The advice and direction you warmly offered but never
became overbearing.*

For the brotherly support during difficult times.

*For the many rounds of golf enjoyed together and
future rounds of golf we will play together in my mind.*

*For allowing us to be part of your life and your family's;
a wonderful sister-in-law and three beautiful nieces.*

*Knowing you left this world a better place and the
people you touched are better for knowing you.*

You are deeply missed. Thank you for being my
"brother"! -OC



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