

for play each day—especially the 10th through the 13th—they are gladly accepting volunteers to assist with course preparation. To take advantage of this opportunity, call Keith at (708) 636-8700, ext. 252 or email him at [kpeterson@beverlycc.org](mailto:kpeterson@beverlycc.org).

A couple MAGCS members from the opposite ends of the “life experience” spectrum welcomed new additions to their families recently. First, Sara and **Keith Krause** were blessed on July 7th at 9:26 am when 8-pound, 8-ounce, 20-¾” Maximillian Kane Krause was born, giving sister Lucy a playmate and future tormentor.



Then, a week later Grandma DeeAnn and Grandpa **Peter Leuzinger** added grandchild #6 to their brethren when daughter Megan gave birth to Ruby Lee Mogan, who came into the world at 7 pounds and 12 ounces. Megan and her family live in Tucson, AZ, and the proud grandparents are out there helping with the other two girls. Congratulations to both families!



Imagine being the superintendent at Pinehurst #2—it was recently announced that the course will host the 2014 US Open and US Women’s Open in consecutive weeks from June 12th through the 22nd. This is the first time ever for one course to host both tournaments. That will be some MAJOR work, huh? Get it?

Speaking of majors, we have a couple of pretty major events coming to our neck of the woods this summer. This month brings the best junior and professional woman golfers from Europe to Aurora and Sugar Grove where they will do battle against their American counterparts in the Ping Junior Solheim Cup (Aurora CC) and the Solheim Cup (Rich Harvest Links and Jeff Vercautren) from the 18th through the 23rd. Then in September, from the 10th through the 17th, **Keith Peterson** and Beverly Country Club will host the 55th USGA

Senior Amateur Championship. Keith could use all the volunteer help he can get to get the course prepared each day, so give him a call at 708-636-8700 if you would like to help out.

During the USGA Senior Amateur Championship, the MAGCS Class C committee will hold a Shop Talk at the Beverly CC maintenance department at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, September 15th. If you are interested in attending, call Scott Verdun at 847-899-1019.

While speaking of assistant superintendents, a big event is coming up next month that brings assistants from all over the country together for two and a half days of education and networking. John Deere Golf and Bayer Environmental Science are accepting nominations for Green Start Academy which will take place from September 29th through October 2nd at the Bayer Training Center in Clayton, NC and John Deere’s Turf Care factory in Fuquay Varina, NC. How does a town get a name like Fuquay Varina? Were people just mad at some guy named Varina? But I degress. To be one of the 50 assistants to get in to Green Start Academy, assistants must be nominated by their superintendent, and follow up with an essay that will be judged by a panel of industry experts including MAGCS past president **Bruce Williams, CGCS**. For more information and to apply, visit [www.GreenStartAcademy.com](http://www.GreenStartAcademy.com).

So I’m channel surfing the other night, and when I click on Comcast Sports Net, I catch a glimpse of a familiar face in a vaguely familiar place. **Greg Martin** (Martin Design Partnership) was the familiar face, and the bar at Bolingbrook Golf Club was the place. The show was “Golf Chicago”, and the particular feature I caught included Greg, Len Ziehm, and moderator Terry Lavin having a relaxed discussion over a couple of adult beverages on various hot topics relating to our industry. The show airs on Saturday evenings at 5, with repeats throughout the week—give it a look-see.

**John Leibold** (Leibold Irrigation, ProGro Solutions, Inc.) recently announced that they have obtained exclusive rights for the Leibold Biological Water Management Systems for the United States. The system offers the latest in biological waste water treatment specifically designed for golf course operations. Growing Solutions, Inc. (**Warren Shafer** and **Scott Speiden**) will serve as authorized sales and service representative for the Leibold Water Management Systems for Illinois and Indiana. For information, contact Leibold Irrigation, Inc. at 800-875-4083 or Growing Solutions, Inc. at 800-816-4041.

Heartfelt condolences to **Oscar Miles, CGCS** (retired) and his family on the passing of his wife Mardelle on July 6th.

MAGCS also sends its sympathies to the Gruening family on the passing of Lorraine Gruening on June 26th. Lorraine was the wife of past MAGCS member Marv and mother to Mike, both of whom were superintendents in the Chicagoland area.

Congratulations to **Maureen Clark** on being named Dow AgroSciences’ sales representative for its Southern Urban

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Lots of MAGCS members were spotted in the pages of our industry's most noted publications recently. In the June issue of *Club & Resort Business*, Onwentsia Club's **Skip Willms, CGCS** was cited in an article about irrigation system renovations called "What Lies Below," while in the same issue Coyote Run Golf Course superintendent **Dave Ward** was interviewed by **Dan Dinelli, CGCS** on his ability to do more with less in today's economy. In July's *GCM*, **Joel Purpur, CGCS** of Park Ridge Country Club had his article published about the drip irrigation system he has been installing titled "Watering from Underground." In the June issue of *Golf Course Industry* magazine, Scott Verdun of Merit Club was interviewed as part of an article titled "A New Course" relating to former superintendents in new careers. Last, but certainly not least, **Fred Behnke, CGCS'** article that ran in *On Course* earlier this year, "The Best Defense is a Good Offense," was reprinted in *The Green Breeze*—the official chapter publication of the Greater Cincinnati GCSA. Congratulations to all of our famous writers!

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How about those stinkin' Japanese beetles and their horny little humpfests? Really not a whole lot more to say about that, except that those sign companies should produce "Tread On Me" signs with a picture of a Japanese beetle on them. Those would sell...



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Don't forget about the big new iTurfExpo coming to Midwest Golf House this month on the 25th and 26th. You should have received all the information and registration documents, but if not, call Luke Cella and sign up. This is going to be an outdoor, in-season Trade Show/Research Update/Equipment and Product Demo/Hands-On Education and Training/Golf Event type deal all in two days! And the price makes it a no-brainer for bringing key staff members to experience all that ITF and MAGCS have been collaborating on over the past year. Also, don't forget the iTurf Classic golf event on the 25th at the newly-renovated Dubsdread course, whose recent facelift was performed by the "Open Doctor" Rees Jones, with Wadsworth Golf Construction doing the work. We look forward to seeing you at Golf House later this month!

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Have you checked out TGIF (Turfgrass Information File) lately? There is a new feature called "Dig Deeper" that allows you to search a full documents text (not just the words in the TGIF record). For example, searching "Cella"

in the archive site returns 18 results without the "Dig Deeper" box checked; checking the box increases the search results to 49. This feature exists now in several of the archive sites, including *Golf Course Management*, *USGA Green Section Record* (& predecessor titles), *TurfNews*, and *The National Greenkeeper*. Take advantage of your MAGCS membership and [check out TGIF](#) today.

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On a rainy Wednesday on the 8th of July, the 9th Annual John Buck Golf Outing took place at Pinecrest Golf Club in Huntley, IL with Brian Comiskey hosting. Even though the weather was rather uncooperative, the venue was in excellent condition, and the field of participants enjoyed a truly fun day of scramble golf. The intent of this annual get-together is to benefit the John Buck Scholarship Fund, which is distributed to the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation, the MAGCS Scholarship Fund, and the Northwest Illinois Golf Course Superintendents Association Scholarship Funds. When it was all said and done, the team of...well, me, along with old reliable **Jeff Hoste**, old faithful **Andy Weadge**, and just plain old **Dave Blomquist** took top honors for the second consecutive year, carding an unsurpassed 55. Besides the great golf, the day included fantastic food and drink, and a grand time for all who endured the soggy weather. Thanks to Brian and his grounds staff, to everyone at Pinecrest for their hospitality, and to JW Turf and Buck Brothers for their kindness and generosity.



*Sharon Riesenbeck tried to keep the marshmallows dry – next time – a campfire might help instead of wimpy umbrellas.*



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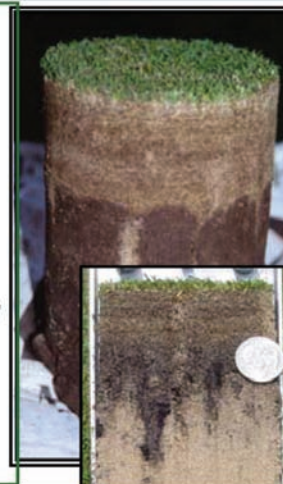


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Over the last 8 years the Class C Committee and all Assistant members have had the opportunity to become more involved in the association as well as have many functions throughout the year to network with colleagues. For the most part these have been met with great success to be attributed to past Committee Chairmen as well as the support of the MAGCS Board. In the past few years however, as is to be expected, things have changed, and it has become difficult to get many different faces to come out to the shop talks or to volunteer for various events—even at the Kane County Cougars game it is rare to see more than 3 or 4 assistants in attendance. With these things in mind, we as a committee have decided to mix it up a little in an effort to stir up some more interest with most of the focus on shop talks.

Beginning in September with the generosity of Keith Peterson, GCS at Beverly Country Club, and the help of Joe Schneider, Assistant Superintendant, we are going to combine a shop talk with a night of helping out the hosts and volunteering during the USGA Senior Amateur Championship. On the evening of Tuesday, September 15, Class C members are invited to meet at the Beverly CC shop at 5 pm where we will be met by Joe and hopefully Keith, depending on his schedule. While having some dinner (usually pizza), they will give us a run down of what all has gone into preparing the course etc. This will be followed by an opportunity to see the golf course while helping out the crew for the evening in preparing for the final few rounds of the tournament. It is our goal as a committee to make this a regular occurrence whenever a MAGCS member is hosting an event that requires some extra hands to combine the shop talk and helping our fellow members with their tournament.

This year will also hopefully become a successful restart for the Class C golf outing. After a few stumbling blocks last year, we will be back at it at Aurora Country Club. Thanks to the generosity of the club, along with Superintendent John Gurke, CGCS and Assistant Superintendent Virgil Range. The outing will take place on Thursday, September 17 and we will begin promptly at noon. Registration for this event will be available on the MAGCS Website and reminders will be sent in emails until the time of the event. Two years ago we did this at Aurora Country Club and it was a great time at a great golf course, and I'm sure this year will be no different. Thanks again to John and Virgil for their generosity.

The final idea that I would like to get out there is something that we did a few years ago and received quite a bit of publicity, Habitat for Humanity. With the help of a number of MAGCS members, donations were solicited and we were left with the responsibility of sodding the yard and putting in the landscaping. The yard was taken care of in December on a day where we got hit with about 3" of snow and the outside rolls of sod were partially frozen, yet it was still one of the best experiences because it is such a good cause. The family that the house was being built for even came out to help move top soil with us for a while. All that said, it would be great if anyone was interested in helping to organize that again. The last house was in Aurora and we still have all of the contact info for the DuPage County Habitat for Humanity group. If anyone is interested in getting involved with this, feel free to contact either Matt Breeden or I and we can help get you started. -OC



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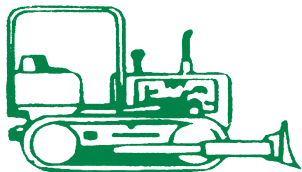
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