

wasn't worth the stamp to send in your application. Whatever your reason, it just doesn't matter anymore—you can join GCSAA online and begin enjoying all the benefits of membership immediately. Guess where you can find it? Try [gcsaa.org](http://gcsaa.org) and I think you'll find what you are looking for.

.....  
Myth debunking 101: The popular myth I refer to is that purple martins eat half their body weight in mosquitoes each day (I've also heard 2,000 per day cited). During a gathering of the DuPage Birding Club at Cantigny Golf Club in July, purple martin expert Ray Feld shed some light on this complete fabrication. To wit (and to **Witte**—host superintendent **Scott** that is), the myth was originally perpetuated by the author of a book about martins who also happened to sell purple martin houses, making the book a great sales tool. In fact martins do eat mosquitoes, but they comprise only .03% of their diet. Truth is they eat dragonflies and other flying insects that offer larger doses of protein. Don't let this stop you from keeping martin houses on your courses, though—they're still fun to watch as they divebomb and circle your cart while making your rounds.

.....  
Great news for the MAGCS scholarship Fund—the 9th Annual John Buck Scholarship Outing held in July at Pinecrest Golf Club in Huntley netted \$3,892.39 for our future scholars. Great job by everyone who had a part in this event.

.....  
Be on the lookout for MAGCS podcasts which will be coming soon to a PC (or Mac) near you.

.....  
Congratulations to former MAGCS member Tom Brodeur on his beautiful TPC Boston golf course during his hosting of the PGA Tour's second event of the FedExCup Playoffs (Deutsche Bank Championship) in early September.

.....  
Not to be outdone, **Ken Lapp** and his staff unveiled the new Rees Jones-renovated Dubsdread course at Cog Hill Golf & Country Club to the world for the BMW Championship in mid-September to huge accolades. That course was simply spectacular during the tournament (as it was a couple weeks before when Chicagoland Turf's iTurf Classic was held in conjunction with the iTurf Expo—more on that later), and it really did us all proud. Renovations or no, the result of the tournament was eerily familiar, with Tiger lapping the field enroute to victory. I think that guy is no flash in the pan. Congratulations to Ken, **Frank Jemsek** and everyone at Cog Hill for hosting a great international event.



*Ken's crew works in the divot mix in the landing areas to create a smooth and clean look.*



*O'Hair finds himself waist deep in one of the new fairway bunkers on the 10th at Dubs.*



*Tiger was sweating on day one. By the end of day three, not so much.*



*(continued on page 23)*





PALATINE OIL CO., INC.

Chicagoland's  
Only  
Full-Service  
Supplier!

# "One Call Does It All!" Discover the difference!

## Budget Broken?

Give us a call and we can be  
**Your Solution** to any **Fuel Cost Hassles!**

Over **thirty-seven years**  
of caring service  
and delivery of  
Quality products.

visit us online **www.palatineoil.com** or call us at **1-888-358-7621**



For more about...

Pegasus™ L, Pegasus DF, Firebird® GC,  
Vital®, Kestrel®, Lucid™, Current™,  
Knighthawk® & Symmetry™

Contact: Rick Grant at 317-776-9983  
or visit [www.phoenixenvcare.com](http://www.phoenixenvcare.com)

Pegasus, Knighthawk, Current and Symmetry are trademarks of Phoenix Environmental Care LLC. Vital is a registered trademark of Luxemourg-Pamol, Inc. Lucid is a trademark of Rotam USA. Firebird and Kestrel are registered trademarks of Phoenix Environmental Care LLC. Firebird GC is a Restricted Use Pesticide. Always read and follow label directions.



Growers of Quality Sod

## SERVICE!

LOCAL GROWING FOR  
EASY PICKUP OR QUICK DELIVERY.  
DELIVERY ON TIME, EVERYTIME.

## QUALITY!

FEATURING  
ELITE KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS,  
BENTGRASS SOD, AND  
TURF-TYPE FESCUE

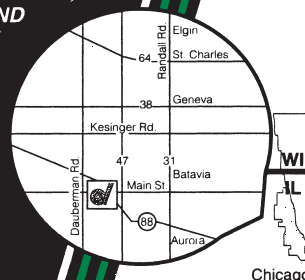
- LOWER MAINTENANCE
- MORE DROUGHT & SHADE TOLERANT
- BETTER WEAR RESISTANCE

NEW  
PRODUCT

## PRICE!

CALL FOR A QUOTE

**630-557-2900**



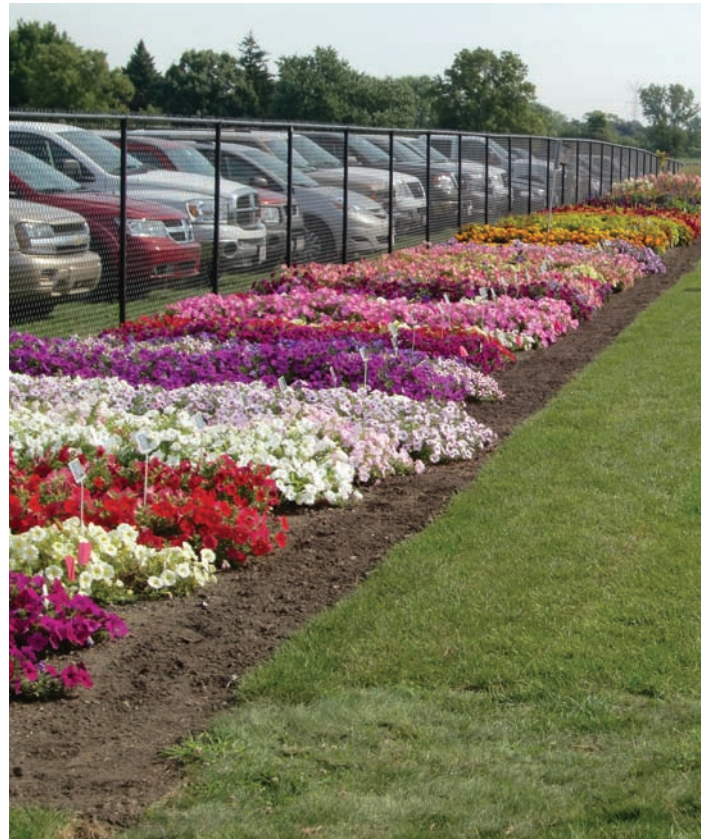
**MAIN STREET  
11 MILES WEST  
OF BATAVIA, IL**





*Padraig finishes his first hole of the tournament ready to tackle the rest of Dubsdread.*

On August 25th and 26th the inaugural iTurf Expo was held at Midwest Golf House and Sunshine Course in Lemont. This event—a first-ever combination of the IPTC and the Midwest Field Day into one unified entity—featured over 50 companies displaying their wares in the outdoor trade show, turf research updates direct from the plots, product and equipment demos, hands-on training and instruction for a variety of topics, annual flower trials, and the iTurf Golf Classic on Dubsdread, to name a few things. The price was right (at \$50 per member), the weather was mostly cooperative, and the first rendition of this promising event got off the ground running. Thanks to everyone involved for their tireless work in putting this event together!



*The annual flower trials provided some color.*




*Dr. Settle gets down and dirty with his research plots.*

*(continued on page 25)*



# SPEED ROLLER


## SLEEN WATER




**Rated #1 at MSU • No Hydraulics**


**Schedule a Demo Today!**

Danny Quast 920-210-8616	Mike Kozlowski 920-296-7914
-----------------------------	--------------------------------





## Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.



**Environmental Services**

- Environmental • Water Resources • Stormwater Management •
- Stream and Wetland Restoration, Pond Management • Construction •
- Design / Build • Wetland Permitting • Prescribed Burning •
- Experts in Soil Erosion & Sediment Control •

Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. has a dedicated team of experts in soil erosion and sediment control, as well as stream, lake and wetland restoration and management.

**Office Locations:**

IL: Rosemont • Morris • New Lenox • Peoria  
IN: Indianapolis • Crown Point • South Bend • Columbus • Ft. Wayne • Evansville

**9575 W. Higgins Road Rosemont, IL 60018**  
Phone 847-823-0500 Fax 847-823-0520  
[www.cbbel.com](http://www.cbbel.com)  
Jedd Anderson, Vice President  
Head, Environmental Resources Department  
[jedd@cbbel.com](mailto:jedd@cbbel.com)

# THE LITTLE GIANT

## RTV500

**Starts quicker.  
Runs quieter.  
Stops smoother.**

The new Kubota RTV500 compact utility vehicle has all the comfort, technology and refinements of a larger utility vehicle. Available in Kubota orange and Realtree® camouflage, the four wheel drive RTV500 is ready for work or play. Visit your local Kubota dealer to test drive the only utility vehicle of its kind.



**Martin Implement, Inc.**  
18405 115th Avenue  
Orland Park, IL 60467  
(708) 349-8430

**Kubota**

[www.kubota.com](http://www.kubota.com)

\*Realtree is a registered trademark of Jordan Outdoor Enterprises, Ltd.  
© Kubota Tractor Corporation, 2008



# SOD

## Sod That Fits Your Course To A Tee

*All varieties available as washed sod, traditionally cut sod or big roll sod.*

*Your Single Source for:*

**Bentgrass Varieties**

- Penncross™ Bentgrass Sod
- Pennlinks™ Bentgrass Sod
- Penneagle™ Bentgrass Sod
- L-93™ Bentgrass Sod

**Low Mow Varieties**

- XL2000™ Bluegrass Blend
- Bluegrass Fescue Blend

*Installation and turf stripping capabilities available.  
We can custom grow to your specifications.  
Please inquire.*

**H&E SOD NURSERY inc.**

3900 West 167th Street, Markham, IL 60428  
**708-596-7200**  
**1-800-244-7200**

Member:  
**Midwest Sod Council**

**WWW.HESOD.COM**





Kevin DeRoo demos the latest in greens mowers.



Mike Mumper sends his approach shot into the 18th green on Dubsdread.



President Tony Kalina receives one big check from the "Friends of Phoenix" (Rick Grant and Rick Bowden) for the MAGCS Scholarship Fund.

November 1st is the deadline for TurfNet's Superintendent of the Year Award nominations. Presented by Syngenta, this award recognizes superintendents who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to provide excellent playing conditions under trying circumstances. In the past 10 years, MAGCS has had two members achieve this honor—**Paul Voykin** of Briarwood Country Club in 2003 and **Sam MacKenzie, CGCS** of Olympia Fields Country Club in 2008. The award will be presented at the Golf Industry Show in San Diego in February.

.....

You hear about it every day. You're either into it or you're out of it. It's Twitter, and you can now follow *Golfdom* on it. After you've finished deleting your unwanted emails and responding to the ones you need to, and after you've checked your Facebook page and your MySpace stuff, and after you've connected with all your Linked In buddies, and after you've spent some time on your bookmarked web sites (whatever that may entail), you can now tweet on Twitter and follow Larry Aylward and the crew at *Golfdom* magazine. Wasn't this internet thing supposed to SAVE time? I'm showing my age, aren't I?

.....

(continued on next page)



Congratulations to MAGCS member **Rick Jacobson** (Jacobson Golf Course Design Inc.) on the recent opening of his newest course. Bowes Creek Country Club was christened in late September in Elgin, IL. It is a rustic, prairie-style design featuring fescue eyebrows on bunkers which will act as an extension of the naturalistic look of the adjacent landscape, rather than a manufactured look. Future MAGCS meeting site?



MAGCS sends its sincerest condolences to **Ken Shepherd** and **Craig Shepherd** on the loss of Ken's father and Craig's grandfather Donald "Shep" in September.

On September 8th, Kemper Lakes Golf Club and **Dan Tully** hosted the MAGCS Golf Championship. On a perfect day for golf and on a perfectly manicured course the battle was contested on a field that surely befitted its name—there were MANY lakes and I believe that just the balls that I hit into them must have raised the water level an inch or more. My own game aside, there was some very good golf played that day, and at its end the champions had been crowned. Congratulations to **Brian Racette** of Lincolnshire Country Club on being this year's MAGCS Golf Champion and new possessor of the famed chair. Also congratulations to Bob Kronn of Woodstock Country Club on winning the Senior Championship and to **Mike Hatton** of E Z Go/Textron on winning the Commercial Championship. Thank you to Dan Tully and his crew, to the participants, and to the generous sponsors for the day who were Irrigation Rx, **JW Turf/ John Deere Golf, Nadler Golf Car Sales, Inc./Authorized Club Car Distributor, Nels J. Johnson Tree Experts, Inc.,** and **Quali-Pro**.



*Our generous sponsors.*



*Luke Cella tries out a hazard of another kind.*





*Luke indicates his score on that last hole.*



*Scott Witte attempts to hit over one of those consarned lakes.*



*(continued on next page)*





*Kurt Sams and MAGCS 2009 Golf Champion, Brian Racette.*



*Host Dan Tully (l) accepts his framed cover of "On Course" after happily hosting the MAGCS 2009 Championship.*

Later in September, on the 21st, the 6th Annual Wee One Golf Outing was held at a very piney and hilly Pine Hills Country Club in Sheboygan, Wisconsin with Rod Johnson hosting on a day that started just plain bad for Wisconsin folks what with the Pack losing to the Bengals the day before while the Bears prevailed over the Steelers. This event has become like a visit to an old friend with the antici-

pated taco stand and brat stand and of course those crazy greens that are absolutely impossible to read. I am convinced that if you can confidently putt Rod Johnson's greens, you can putt anywhere in the world. Conditions were the usual perfect, and another great day on a great course was enjoyed by everyone in attendance. And of course, the real winners were those whose families benefit from the great cause—to remember Wayne Otto (the Wee One) by helping others in our industry with overwhelming medical bills. The Wee One Foundation currently has over 350 members in 17 states, and has gifted more than \$250,000 to families in Arizona, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, and North Carolina. You can become a member by going to [weeone.org](http://weeone.org). Thanks to Rod and the staff at Pine Hills, to the volunteers who ran the registration table and the 9th hole event, to everyone who contributed to the cause by attending, and to the day's wonderful sponsors for their undying support of a truly great cause.



*Pine Hills clubhouse over looks the course.*



*The pines and hills of Pinehills.*





*Host Rod Johnson, CGCS addresses the group and thanks members of the Wee One Foundation.*



*Jason Lemanski coils up.*



*Chad Papke shares a laugh after the golf.*



*MAGCS member Mike Mumper shows off his fine form. Go Bears!*



*Andy Weadge travelled by air to Sheboygan courtesy of his green chair Jim Thrope (r).*



*What taco stand is complete with a pair of maracas?*

.....-OC



**Save Money, Improve Turf**  
**Use HIGH QUALITY BIOSOLIDS**  
**As Fertilizer or Soil Amendment on**  
**Golf Courses...Athletic Fields... Public Parks...**  
**New Construction and Renovation.**

**Benefits:**

- Excellent soil amendment with high organic matter content that builds soil quality
- Reliability built upon three decades of research and 15 years of successful application in the Chicago region



- A slow release fertilizer delivering nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, and micronutrients
- Technical support from environmental soil scientists
- Contributes to environmental stewardship
- Available at *no cost* and delivered free!!

Call today 708-588-4063 or 708-588-4300



# Premium Ice Melter

QUAD RELEASE™

- No messy residue on Carpet
- Safer to Vegetation
- 4-Way Melting Power works fast
- Effective to 10 degrees below zero
- Pattern Indicator
- Treated to allow easy pouring and extend shelf life

**BTSI**

PO Box 1325 \* 800-732-9401  
 Frankfort, IL 60423 \* Fax: 815-463-8395

## ORGANIC SEDIMENT REMOVAL SYSTEMS

A Leader in Pond Restoration Since 1991



Restore your pond

Enhance your pond

Remove Accumulating Muck

Protect Irrigation System

Restore ponds to their original bottom by removing bottom sediments without disturbing existing aquatic life or damaging existing landscape. OSR will dramatically reduce weed and algae problems and greatly increase water quality for a healthier environment while costing up to 75% less than the conventional dredging.



For Information, Sales or Service call

Rich @ 608-565-7105  
[www.Pondclean.com](http://www.Pondclean.com)



**USGA Physical**  
**Analysis and Quality**  
**Control**

**Profile Management**

**Soil & Tissue Analysis**

**Independent**  
**Irrigation Analysis**



David Marquardt - Consulting Agronomist  
 630-251-1511 Dave@dirty-n-turf.com  
[www.dirty-n-turf.com](http://www.dirty-n-turf.com)