



Earlier that week, just down the street a bit at Aurora Country Club, the teams from the US and Europe faced off in the Ping Junior Solheim Cup matches. Captains and golf legends Nancy Lopez and Carin Koch led their respective teams comprised of the best 12 young women between the ages of 13 and 18 for two days of competition and fellowship. The matches were very close—much closer than the final tally would indicate—and fought hard to the finish. In the end, though, a strong US team prevailed by a 15 ½ to 8 ½ margin




US Captain Nancy Lopez coaches up team member Tiffany Lua.



A true family affair—Nancy Lopez with her daughter and son-in-law get the Americans pumped up.

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The 18th green where Alexis Thompson of Team USA clinched the Cup.

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 Congratulations to MAGCS member and former president **Bruce Williams, CGCS** on his new position with Valley Crest Golf Course Maintenance Based in Calabasas, CA, Valley Crest is the largest contract maintenance firm in the golf industry, managing maintenance operations at 58 US golf course properties. Bruce accepted the role as director of business development-West after retiring from his 12-year run as director of golf courses and grounds at the Los Angeles Country Club. We at MAGCS all wish Bruce the best in his new position.



Bruce Williams

A sign that the tide may be turning in the perception of golf courses and their use of water was seen in a May 21st article in the New York Times (a fairly liberal paper to say the least). The article, "On the Fairway, New Lessons in Saving Water" highlighted the recent drought in Georgia, and cited superintendents as the "go to guys" for expert advice on water conservation. Garith Grinnell of the Southern Nevada Water Authority summed it up nicely by saying, "Look, if you want to learn how to irrigate, these are the guys to ask." Good stuff.

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 Congratulations to MAGCS member **Eric Reed**, former Store on Wheels representative for John Deere Golf who is now a sales representative for BTSI. Best of luck to Eric!

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 A true friend of the industry and of the game of golf has passed away. Phil Kosin the editor of Chicagoland Golf and the long-time host of the Saturday morning golf show on WSCR-AM 670 (The Score) lost his battle with cancer on August 10th. Mr. Kosin was certainly synonymous with golf in Chicago, and a champion of the people who work to provide great golfing experiences here, often featuring interviews with MAGCS members on his show. He will surely be missed.

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 Big congrats to this year's MAGCS Scholarship recipients **Kayce DeRoo** (Kevin and Cheryl), **Nick Fogle** (Charles and Sandi), and **Tanner Witt** (Tommy and Lorrie). Good luck in your futures, and we hope that your scholarships provide you with that little edge you need to succeed.

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 One of the many cool things about our jobs is the great assortment of tools at our disposal that exist in our maintenance facilities (and the technicians that know how to use them). We have all marveled at the ability of a golf course mechanic to fabricate a useful addition to our operation from a pile of scrap metal, haven't we? Mark Periot, the superintendent at Edgebrook Golf Course in Sandwich, IL is a bit of a fabricator himself, and possibly a cycling enthusiast to boot, having built a completely functional upside down bicycle from junk parts. I'd fall down for sure. Or would I fall up?

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How do you reach the water bottle on this thing?

Great news from Terry and **Dave Behm** (Willow Crest Golf Club)—on July 29th they welcomed their daughter Kendall Rose into their lives. Kendall joined sister Lauren and brother Cal, and entered the world at 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and 20" long.

So is the caddy as we know him or her a threatened species? I ask this not because of Caddy Master Lou's query "Do you want to be replaced by golf carts?" in our favorite movie "Caddy Shack," but by this item in Fanhouse titled "North Carolina Golf Course Rents Llamas as Personal Caddies." And these are not the Dalai-type llamas, either—these are the furry critters that tote heavy loads long distances for cruel masters. Which makes them a pretty good fit as caddies I suppose. Anyhow, this course rents out llamas for \$40 on Tuesdays (no clue why just Tuesdays), with the disclaimer that "they're not too good at reading greens." Wonder how they are at fixing ball (and hoof) marks...

On July 25th the 2009 MAGCS Family Night Picnic and Kane County Cougars game took place at Elfstrom Field in Geneva, IL. This yearly event celebrates family, providing an opportunity for MAGCS members to gather with their loved ones and enjoy an evening of great food, fun, and minor league baseball. Another great time was had by all in attendance, and we thank the generous sponsors and all those who contributed their time and energy to set up and run the event.





Lots of news from the folks at Billy Casper Golf in the Chicago area:

Ben Grimme (formerly at Meadowlark GC in Hinsdale) has been promoted to golf course superintendent at the Indian Boundary Golf Course in Chicago.



Ben Grimme

Brett Gutekunst (formerly at Indian Boundary GC) has been promoted to golf course superintendent at Jackson Park Golf Course in Chicago.

Brian DiGise, who comes from the Legends at Bergamont in Oregon, WI is the new assistant superintendent at Robert A. Black and Sydney Marovitz Golf Courses in Chicago.

Ryan Gilmore, who also hails from Oregon, WI has joined the team as assistant superintendent at George Dunne National Golf Course in Oak Forest, IL.



Ryan Gilmore

Valerie Lawrence, formerly at the Garden City Country Club in Garden City, NY is the new superintendent at Columbus Park, Marquette Park, and Douglas Park Golf Courses in Chicago.

Matt Senatra, formerly at Billy Caldwell and Edgebrook Golf Courses is now superintendent at Sydney Marovitz and Robert A. Black GC's in Chicago.



Matt Senatra

Chris Holt, formerly of Hillcrest Country Club in Long Grove, IL is the new assistant superintendent at Highland Woods Golf Course in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Kyle Cherry, formerly at Fountain Hills Golf Club is the new assistant superintendent at Columbus Park and Marquette Park Golf Courses.

Brian Smith, formerly at Whisper Creek Golf Club in Huntley, IL has been promoted to superintendent at Meadowlark Golf Course in Hinsdale, IL.

Fernando Jaimes joins Billy Casper Golf as assistant superintendent of Jackson Park Golf Course in Chicago.

And last but certainly not least, **Joe Davis**, formerly at Flossmoor Country Club, is the new assistant superintendent at Jackson Park and South Shore Golf Courses in Chicago. Congratulations to all of these MAGCS members on their exciting new gigs.

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The 2010 GCSAA National Championship and Golf Classic—the 60th rendition—is set to take place in Palm Springs, CA from February 5th through the 7th. The tournament will be held in conjunction with the GCSAA Education Conference on Feb. 8-12 and the Golf Industry Show on Feb. 10-11 at the San Diego Convention Center. The GCSAA Education Conference web site is now open with all the info you need to plan your trip to San Diego—check it out.

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Congratulations to Kristen and **Aaron Hearn** (Stonebridge Country Club) on the birth of their daughter Cora Ruby on July 13th. Cora was 7 pounds, 4 ounces, and 19 inches long when she arrived at 3:46 PM at Rush Copley Hospital. Skoal!



*Kristen and Aaron Hearn with newborn Cora Ruby.
Congratulations Aaron and Kristen.*

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Remember all those nasty contentious emails you used to get about the battle between the Toro Company and Advanced Sensor Technology, Inc. over their wireless temperature, salinity, and moisture-sensing devices? You won't be getting any more. An accord has been reached whereby both companies agree to settle all outstanding litigation without admission of wrongdoing by either party. So that settles that.

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Tim Anderson, CGCS of Naperville Country Club is now BIGGA than ever. The British and International Greenkeepers Association (BIGGA) has bestowed upon Tim the title of Master Greenkeeper, making him one of only 49 in the world to have earned this distinction. To be considered, greenkeepers must be a Class A superintendent and undergo an assessment evaluating golf course maintenance, maintenance shop conditions, operations and record keeping, as well as demonstrating continuing education and experience. Congratulations Tim!



*Tim Anderson mowing during the Solheim Cup
at Rich Harvest Farms*

Get your team together now for the Annual College Championship to be held at Arrowhead Golf Club in Wheaton (Mike Mumper) on the 5th of October. This is the one where you wear your school's colors, wave your school's flag, and if history is any gauge, you get cold and wet. May the best mudders win.

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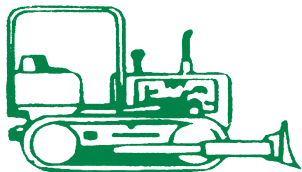
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