



Playin' By The Rules

I have always been a huge Doobie Brothers fan and look back fondly on all their concerts I attended years ago. From Alpine Valley to the old Chicago Amphitheater, that chest pounding music will never be forgotten. The other memory included that smell in the air. Talk about that "fresh smell of grass," you only needed to sit back and hold on tight!

My favorite "Doobie" has always been Michael McDonald. The "Silver Fox" (as he has been called) had a great run with the band and also a great solo career. One of his solo efforts was titled "Playin' by the Rules." One of the lines from the title track is "every fool's got to learn he's got nothing to lose playin' by the rules."

We all try to go through each day following a given set of rules that have been laid out for us. My wife Sue calls me "speed limit" due to the fact that I always seem to be following that "rule of the road" that you should not speed. On occasion though, I am like Sammy Hagar "I can't drive 55" (don't tell me wife).

The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents follows a "set of rules" that have been established by the GCSAA. As in year's past, the GCSAA'S code of ethics will be published in our Midwest directory. As part of the chapter agreement with the GCSAA, the MAGCS is asked to abide by the code of ethics set forth by our national association. Please take a moment to read them when you receive your 2010 directory. I also feel it is important to follow a few "rules of being a superintendent" on your own.

If you are going to be at a given golf facility, either to play golf or to look at a project, give the superintendent onsite a call ahead of time to let him or her know you are going to be there on a given day. That's not only a rule but also common courtesy!

If you have a member or golfer at a course who contacts you about a project they may want to do, let the golf course superintendent at his or her club know that you had been contacted by this person.

I heard a story years ago from my "second Dad" Albie Staudt. He told me that a member at his club contacted another local superintendent. The member asked that he stop by and look things over when Albie wasn't around. Albie explained to me, this occurred during a time when the club was not giving Albie much of a budget to get the job done. This information was never relayed to the visiting superintendent and nearly broke Albie's heart.

We should all realize that any given code of ethics is not a legal document but a moral document (thanks to one of the Past Presidents for that statement). Our association has been around for a long time and continues to be one of the best in the nation. Let's all try to "play by the rules" and keep the MAGCS as a model association for other groups to follow.

As Past Presidents Council Chairman I would like to thank all those that attended our annual meeting on March 2, 2010: Myself, Scott Witte CGCS, Dan Sterr, Bob Kohlstedt, Dave Braasch, Luke Strojny CGCS, Bob Maibusch CGCS MG, Al Fierst, Don Ferreri, Tim Kelly, Kevin DeRoo, Joel Purpur CGCS, Tim Anderson CGCS, MG, Tony Kalina and Luke Cella.

This meeting occurs every year to review our Association's current and planned activities, and to offer insight, hindsight, and foresight, to the current leadership. I am privileged to sit among those men. -OC

Randy H. Lusher

Sr. Sales Specialist II
BASF Turf & Ornamental

5430 Washington Street
Downers Grove, IL 60515

Telephone (630) 810-1832
Voice Mail (800) 843-1611 Box # 6649
Cell (630) 235-0104
Fax (630) 810-9579
E-Mail: randy.lusher@basf.com



The Chemical Company



Tim Kelly
Sales
630.853.5582

Tree Pruning
Tree Removal
Land Clearing
Stump Removal
Plant Health Care
Lawn Maintenance

P.O. Box 249
Wayne, IL 60184
630.681.8733
www.abbotttreecare.com



Bayer Environmental Science

John Turner
Sr. Sales Specialist - Golf

Tel: 630-443-7807
Fax: 630-443-7839
Mobile: 630-215-6110
john.turner@bayercropscience.com

Specializing in Bedding Plants
Large Variety Fall Mums

ANTON'S
Greenhouses & Garden Centers

Rick & Bob Anton
ANTON'S OF KENOSHA
9140 Cooper Rd. (51st Ave.)
Kenosha, WI 53142
414/694-2666

Gary Anton
ANTON'S OF EVANSTON
1126 Pither Avenue
Evanston, IL 60202
847/864-1134



Kerry G. Anderson
Territory Manager

Valent U.S.A. Corporation
4819 Strong Road
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Office: (847) 910-3130
Fax: (925) 817-5153
Cell: (847) 946-9138
E-Mail: kerry.anderson@valent.com

PROFESSIONAL TURF & ORNAMENTAL PRODUCTS

Douglas Suttor
Midwest Area Manager
Doug@squali-pro.com



616.748.1977 Direct Line
616.403.3983 Cell
616.748.1988 Fax
800.979.8994 Corporate

2740 Sandpiper Lane, Holland, MI 49424

Makhteshim Agan
of North America, Inc.



360 Schaumburg Rd.
Streamwood, IL 60107

(630) 830-7405
FAX (630) 830-9652

**CLAUSS
BROTHERS, Inc.**
GOLF COURSE
CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION
LARGE TREE MOVING

RIVERWALLS LTD.

P.O. Box 562, Barrington, Illinois 60011

GOLF COURSE ENHANCEMENT

Shoreline Stabilization, Creek Crossings
Stream and Spillway Re-Construction

DARRYL SCOTT BURKETT
C.E.O.

1-888-254-4155
OFFICE: 847-382-9696
FAX: 847-516-0116
MOBILE: 847-366-5400
E-mail: riverwalls@hotmail.com

Since 1968 Division of STL Corp. BUY EXPERIENCE



**KOELPER
GOLF COURSE
CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY**

DARRELL KOELPER
PRESIDENT

**GOLF COURSE
CONSTRUCTION & REMODELING**

MARENGO, IL

OFFICE: 815-568-8382
FAX: 815-568-1048
HOME: 815-568-6603



**HALLORAN &
YAUCH, INC.**
IRRIGATION
SYSTEMS

28322 Ballard Road
Lake Forest, IL 60045

Telephone: 847-281-9400
Fax: 847-281-9780



Brian S. Winkel
Territory Manager
Professional Products

Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc.
835 Myers Road
Sugar Grove, IL 60554
Mobile 630-391-2170
Fax 630-466-3784
Toll Free 800-334-9481
www.syngentaprofessionalproducts.com
brian.winkel@syngenta.com



*"Golf Course Work
a Specialty"*

LEMONT PAVING CO.

EST. 1957

MURPHY'S

Tracy Murphy

11550 Archer Ave., Lemont, IL 60439
(630) 257-6701 • FAX 630-257-5194



COMMERCIAL TURF & TRACTOR
CONTRACTING, SALES, SERVICE, PARTS

Trust Your Turf to Us!

- Terra Spike® Deep-tine Aeration • Overseeding & Slit Seeding • Core Collecting •
- Greens, Tees, Fairways, Sports Fields • Complete Turf Renovation •



1-800-748-7497 • Bryan Wood, owner
Serving the Industry for over 25 years
Check out our demo and trade-in equipment for sale
www.commercialturfandtractor.com



Master of the Links®

Course Accessories and A Lot More

www.masterofthelinks.com

Toll Free (888) TURF-888
Dan Howard (847) 420-5092
Jan Jarvis (312) 315-4123

On Course and the MAGCS thank our April advertisers.

Abbott Tree Care	John Deere Golf
Antons Greenhouses	Knox Fertilizer
Arthur Clesen, Inc.	Koepler Golf Course Construction
BASF	Layne Western
Bayer Environmental Science	Lemont Paving
BTSI	Lohmann Group
Burris Equipment Company	Martin Implement Sales
Central Sod Farms	Midwest Well Services
Chicagoland Turf	Nels J Johnson Tree Experts
Clauss Brothers, Inc.	Palatine Oil Company
Commercial Turf & Tractor	Phoenix Environmental Care
Dirt-n-Turf	ProGro Solutions
Dunteman Turf Farms	Quali Pro
Great Lakes Turf	Redexim North America
Growing Solutions	Reinders Inc
Gruenmann	Syngenta
Halloran and Yauch	Valent USA
Hollembek Construction	Waupaca Sand & Solutions
J.W. Turf, Inc.	