

Fox Run; as well as a big thanks to the generous sponsors for the day, who were: **BASF, Bayer Environmental Science, Burris Equipment Company, Chicagoland Turf, E-Z-GO, Great Lakes Turf, J.W. Turf, Inc./John Deere Golf, Nadler Golf Car Sales, Nels J. Johnson Tree Experts, Palatine Oil Co., Inc., Quali-Pro, Reinders, Inc., Syngenta, and XGD Systems.**



*Greg Thalmann and MAGCS golf committee chair, Jim Keith.*



*Some very cool fungi...*



*...and a very cool fun guy with the cool fungi.*



*A beautiful day for golf (if you're dressed properly)*



*Jeff Smith practicing his matador moves.*



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*Greg Mark and Jay Druhan dried out and shared a few laughs throughout the day.*



*The course took the early rain and fun was had by all who didn't take the golf too seriously.*



*And to the victors go, the Dudley Smith Trophy - Congratulations Team Penn State, Joel Purpur, Ed Fischer, Mike Bavier, (not pictured, Dave Blomquist).*



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*The College Championship trophy is carried off by winning Penn State grad Joel Purpur and probable state pen alum Colin White.*



*Team Michigan State was represented well in the chow line.*

Just a few days later the 7th Annual Wee One Foundation Golf Outing and Fundraiser took place at the typically-perfect Pine Hills Country Club in Sheboygan, WI with Rod Johnson hosting. This is always a great event that involves two-person teams playing a selective drive and alternate shot format while enjoying one of the most beautiful and well-conditioned courses one can possibly find, while periodically stuffing one's face with tacos from the now-famous taco bar and brats from the already-was-famous brat bar. A great day for a great cause—honoring the late Wayne Otto by raising funds to give to families of golf industry professionals who have suffered financial hardships through an accident or illness. Thus far over \$300,000 has been dispersed to families across the country, and on this day another \$40 to \$50,000 was raised for the cause. Thanks to Rod Johnson, Pine Hills, the folks who arranged and ran the event, and the participants who showed up to contribute to this great cause. Oh, and congrats to the day's winning team of **Brian Baker** and **Mark Petitgoue** who wrapped up things at the registration table and proceeded to shoot a cool 75 to take the top prize.



*Slight taco bar mishap.*

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*This tells the story of Pine Hills—many pines and even more hills.*

Please say a prayer for the **Huber** family, including Jim, John, and Ann Miller for the loss of their father Bill Huber on August 31st.

Another MAGCS member, **Paul Burger** lost a loved one just a few days later on September 3rd when his father William Burger passed away. Please keep these folks in your thoughts.

On the 10th of this month, Glenn Galecki, the brother of recently-departed **Gary Galecki** of Ridge CC will run in the Chicago Marathon as part of Team LUNgevity, raising money for cancer research. The LUNgevity Foundation matches all money raised by Team Gary Galecki, and this money goes to research for early detection of lung cancer so that treatment options may be provided before it is too late. Glenn will be running with Gary's son Josh and Josh's girlfriend Kate. You can contribute by going to [www.lungevity.org](http://www.lungevity.org).

Congratulations to **Rick Jacobson** and Jacobson Golf Course Design, Inc. on having his Moon Lake Course at Lion Lake Country Club in China named the country's "Best Golf Course Design" for 2009 by China Golf magazine.

Is everyone ready for winter without PCNB?

RISE (Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment), the Washington, D.C.-based national trade association representing manufacturers, formulators, distributors, and others in the specialty pesticide and fertilizer industry, has named its successor to 20-year president Allen James who retired in August. Taking the wheel is Aaron Hobbs, who has been serving as president-elect from June 1 to August 31, and has been the RISE director of legislative affairs and grassroots outreach since March, 2009. Go get our PCNB back, Aaron!

As promised, some info on GCSAA's TURF WARS VIDEO CONTEST. If you fancy yourself another Roman Polanski (bad example) or Steven Spielberg, grab your video camera and capture the strategies and tactics you used to fight back against the extreme weather and economic challenges. Turf paint comes to mind. Anyhoodles, submit your video to GCSAA TV by November 30th for a chance to win a free trip to the 2011 GCSAA Education Conference and Golf Industry Show in Orlando. And...ACTION!

MAGCS and GCSAA both lost a past president last month when **Ted Woehrle** passed away on the 8th. Ted had

served as our MAGCS president in 1961 while serving as superintendent of Beverly Country Club (where he hosted 2 Western opens), as the president of the Michigan and Border Cities GCSA in 1972, as president of the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation—an organization he helped form—in 1964 and 1965, and as GCSAA's president in 1977. Our condolences to the family and many friends of Ted Woehrle, and our thanks for his grand contributions to our industry.

### What's new at GCSAA:

The next step has been taken in the quest for GCSAA's next chief executive officer with the selection of professional executive search firm Tryon and Heideman, LLC of Kansas City, MO. The search for Mark Woodward's replacement will be a process that, as yet, has no timeline, and is more concerned with finding the right candidate than filling the position that was so suddenly vacated by Mr. Woodward in June.

In Conference and Show news, the official GCSAA web site is open for business. You can check out everything you ever wanted to know but forgot to ask about the Show by going to [www.gcsaa.org/conference](http://www.gcsaa.org/conference). In related news, GCSAA has partnered with Travel Planners Inc. and MacNair Travel Management/American Express to provide services through Golf Industry Travel. And keep in mind that this service is available year-round to help with all your travel needs. Visit [gcsaa.org](http://gcsaa.org) and use the link.

September 22nd found MAGCS and ITF members on the grounds of the Midwest Golf House and on Sunshine Course for the 2nd Annual iTurfExpo. Presented by ITF in partnership with the CDGA, University of Illinois, and Southern Illinois University, the Expo combined the best features of a trade show with hands-on education in an outdoor venue that provided an excellent opportunity for commercial members and customers to share face time with one another. It also allowed for attendees to see the results of the many research programs that are currently being conducted on Sunshine Course. Bonuses abounded, including a great complimentary lunch of pulled pork sammiches and a Golf Skills Challenge complete with professional caddies and a real big scoreboard. It was a great one-day event packed with energy and opportunity. Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of the event.







*So this fish was like THIS big I tell ya*



*Team BTSI models the black and blue over khaki ensemble—very subtle yet tasteful.*



*And the winner of the crow's feet contest is...*



*Scot Spier, winner of the Golf Skills Challenge, holding the only trophy available—the Cheryl.*

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## MAGCS IN MOTION

Charles Anfield, CGCS, Heritage Bluffs Golf Course



# iTurfExpo: Version 20.10

*The Illinois Turfgrass Foundation (no different than any other golf operation) continues to evolve and change with the new global economy. The ITF's existence is based on funding turf research and education. The ITF's purpose maintains the importance of keeping turf a science and provides direction for the future of turf in Illinois. This year's iTurfExpo featured a one day field event loaded with lots of new "technical stuff". If you haven't been there to see the set up, it is quite unique. There are not many other facilities in the world like we have at the C.D.G.A. Golf House and Sunshine Course in Lemont.*

The day started early at 8:00 am with registration and coffee. Attendees were welcomed and then listened to a short presentation of the daily schedule of events. The research plot tours began promptly at 8:30. The attendees were divided into groups and moved from research plot to plot at the sound of a horn. At each stop there was a featured speaker to make a short presentation.

### Research Stops

- Turf- type Tall Fescue Variety Performance for Lawns or Roughs
- Newer Creeping Bentgrass Variety Trial, established 2002
- Creeping Bentgrass Performance with Reduced Fungicide Inputs on Greens
- Fungicides for Dollar Spot and Brown Patch on a Chicago Bentgrass Fairway
- Low- Mow Kentucky Bluegrass Variety Performance in a Fairway
- Tenacity a Selective Herbicide To Take Annual Bluegrass Out of Kentucky Bluegrass Rough
- Can Zoysia and Bermudagrass Establish Within Cool-Season Turf Environment – Chicago
- Fungicides with Ulterior Motives to Promote Golf Green Health
- After a Long Hard Summer How to Renovate With Seed/Sod – A Teebox Needs Help
- Fairway Creeping Bentgrass Variety Performance With Reduced Fungicide Inputs
- Disease Control Using Newer Fungicide Products on a Chicago Golf Green



- Amicarbazone a Newer Herbicide for Annual Bluegrass Control in Bentgrass
- Imprellis a New Granular Combo Fertilizer-Herbicide To Control Broadleaf Weeds In Lawns or Roughs

The Attendees were treated to a delicious BBQ pulled pork lunch sponsored by Syngenta, served in the Open Air Turf Patio. Ice cream sandwiches were served for desert.

After Lunch the Attendees were invited to walk around the Trade Show and view the various exhibits inside the tented areas. Some of the latest in turf products, services and equipment were displayed. It was a great place to mingle with people and create new business

relationships. Attendees could play the Turf ID Cup where plant materials were spread around the trade show tent area and Attendees had to identify each species. The winner would receive an apple I-Pad.

The Open Air Turf Patio sponsored by Bayer Environmental Science, Burris Equipment Company, BASF, Dow Agrosiences, Dupont Professional Products, DHD Turf and Tree Products, Arthur Clesen Inc. and Qualipro was a great place to take a break, hang out and rehash the season with friends.

Burris Equipment Company, J.W. Turf and Reinders had equipment demonstrations on some of the Sunshine Course turf. Once again the iTurfExpo provided a unique opportunity not seen at many other trade shows. Not only could the Attendees kick the tires of equipment but also got to see it perform in action.



Chicagoland Turf captured most people's attention with their afternoon event, The iTurf Golf Classic. The event was played on the Sunshine Course Hole #2. It was an elimination event with the lowest score on the hole "moving on" to the next round. There was plenty of banter, heckling and cheering by the patrons in the gallery. A bleacher was set up for viewing and caddies were provided to assist the players.

It was a fun and educational day. It was a slightly overcast day, really a good day to get away. But like all businesses in the new millennium the ITF will learn, grow and move forward. Of all the years when people who own and manage golf courses and athletic turf are looking for answers to turf related problems the good people at the ITF are still doing the research. Now more than ever, they need your support. **-OC**





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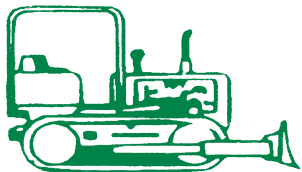
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