



Farms of Peotone, IL led the day off with a great talk about new flowers and their uses on the golf course. **Luke Cella** videoed it if you missed it—give him a call and he will send you a copy of the talk.

The golf event revealed the newest MAGCS Champions: The Dom Grotti Championship was captured by **Matt Harstad** and **Adam Lencke** of Calumet Country Club. Matt shot his best round ever, 80 beating his single-digit-handicap assistant Adam by one for a net score of 134. They were followed by **Chuck Anfield** and **Dave Roberts** (143), then **Dave Groelle** and **Brian Placzkowski** (144) who edged out **Don Cross** and **Jacob Miskiewicz** (144) in a scorecard playoff for the third spot. 13 teams competed for the Super/Assistant title.

The Class C Champ was also crowned; Jacob Miskiewicz finished first with a 79 beating out Brian Placzkowski by a scorecard playoff. Adam Lencke finished third with an 81. 11 assistants competed for the coveted cup-cutter trophy (yet to be named). Matt Harstad and **Kerry Anderson** captured closest to the flagstick honors. **Lynn Wesson** and **Tom Savage** plugged the longest putts to take home a memento. The winners of the 2-man blind draw were: **Dave Kohley** and **Scott Pavalko**, **Al Pondel** and **Chad Walk**, **Whitey Anderson** and **Rick Wilson**, **Mike Hatton** and **Eric Nadler** (best blind draw partners), **John Anderson** and **Mike Vercautren**, and **Bill Ahlstedt** and **Jerry Cotton**.

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Ken Shepherd shared a few thoughts with the group as the day wound down. He challenged each of us on two fronts. The first was to embrace our younger generation and encourage them to get into the golf business. Looking around the room, Ken made the point that the business is special because of the people in it (most are here because they worked on courses when they were young). Second was to pass our work ethic on to those that we take under our wing. Ken is afraid that the work ethic he learned from his father and from those seated in the room is quickly becoming a thing of the past. He challenged each of us to give opportunities to those that will carry the business into the future and teach them that there is value in a day's work that goes beyond a paycheck. Luke didn't tape this, although he wished he had.

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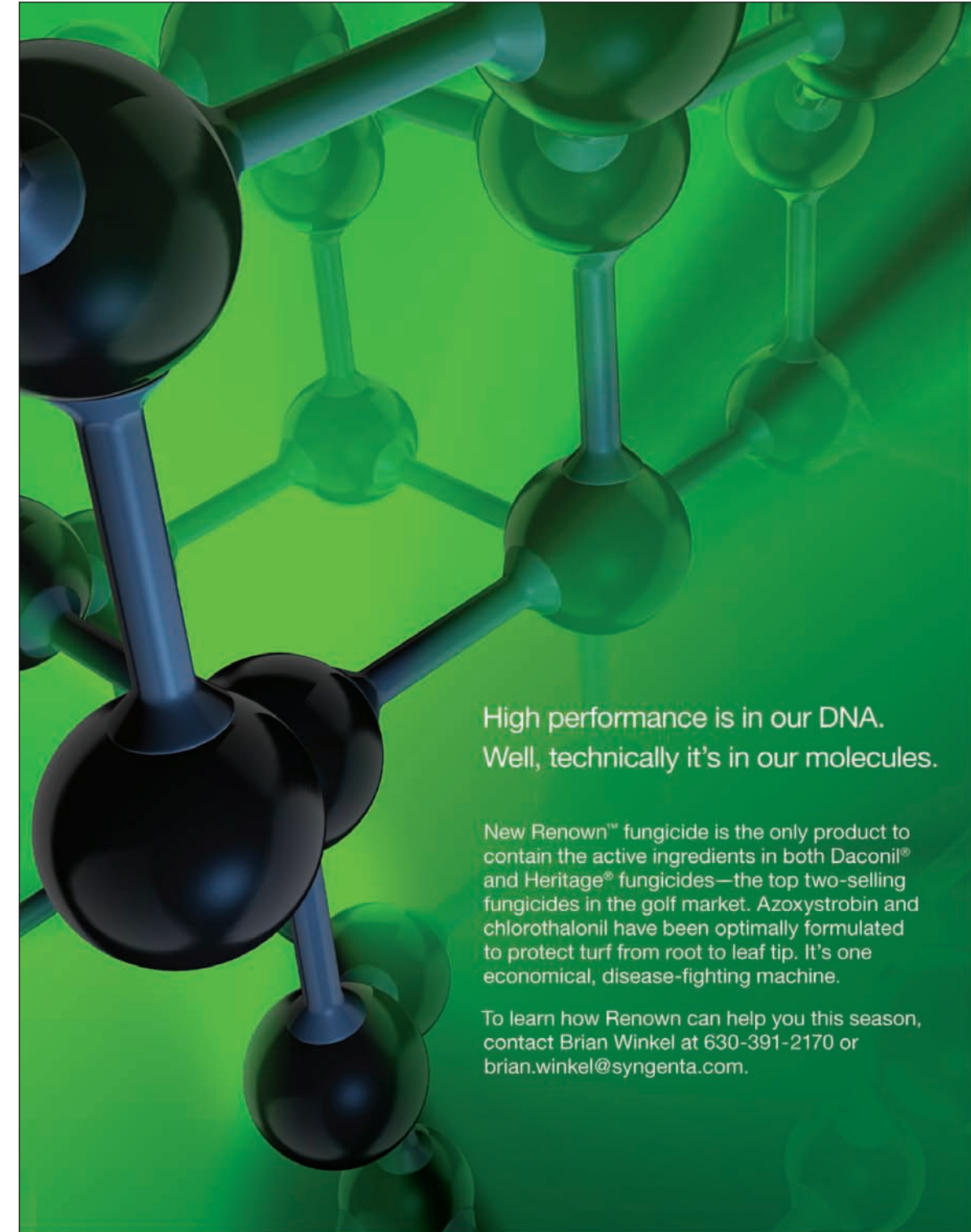
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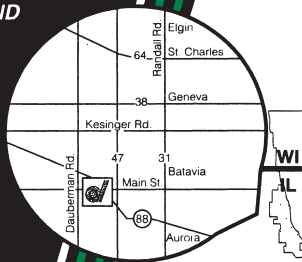
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Charles Anfield, CGCS, *Heritage Bluffs Golf Course*

Adding Color to Your Course



The MAGCS Members gathered in Lockport, at Prairie Bluff Golf Club for the June Meeting. Hosting for the day was past MAGCS President Luke Strojny. He had the golf course (and flowers) in fabulous condition to honor Ken Shepard's retirement.

Jim Kerwin of Terrona Farms made an "animated" power point presentation of the benefits and beauty of ornamental annual plantings for golf courses to the Members attending.

Jim started off with the fact most golf courses have an abundance of the color green (we hope). Annual flower plantings can be used to attract new members and players to the course. He stated that women spend over 80% of the family income and bright, attractive annual plantings of color are a great way to get their attention. People love flowers. They make comments about them and remember the places with plantings that they liked.

Jim showed some exciting ways to combine colors and textures of flowers for enhanced plantings. For those who are Members of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program, flowers can help attract additional species of birds, insects and butterflies. Match complimentary colors for an improved look. A color wheel can be referenced for proper color coordination.


There were some great slides of various container plantings. He recommends container plantings as the easiest and cheapest way to display annuals. Jim really likes the versatility of being able to move containers around and the creative opportunities that containers can provide. You can put unusual plant materials and

combine different colors, heights and textures. Jim likes containers that are deep. They hold more soil and provide more opportunity for deeper rooting. "People want the perennial look with color. Annuals are great because they flower all summer long." Be sure to use specific sun or shade flower species for specific sites.

Hanging baskets are another great way to display annuals in a small area. Trellises are fun and European "hay racks" are another opportunity to cover up bridges and plant annuals in small spaces.

Jim says, "people are tired of the same old thing, try some new combinations, there are so many new hybrid varieties out there. You can create some dramatic effects with small plantings and they are so easy to care for." The annuals do need regular applications of fertilizer to keep the plants flowering. And good soil is essential for proper drainage.

The grass growers were a "tough crowd", especially with a non-turf topic. Jim did a great job to bring some excitement to planting flowers. Some other benefits to flower plantings are that they have a welcoming and overall calming effect. During the typical summer stress months, who doesn't need that? Want to see the presentation? Call Luke and he will send you one. **-OC**




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