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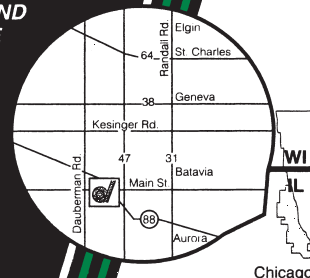
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 Congratulations to **Mike Mumper** on his new position as Golf Sales Rep for Arthur Clesen, Inc. Best of luck to you, Mump!

We finally figured out why the weather gods decided to rain on the Annual College Championship parade that was to be held at Calumet Country Club on October 22nd: It's because **Chuck Barber** was going to wear this get-up.



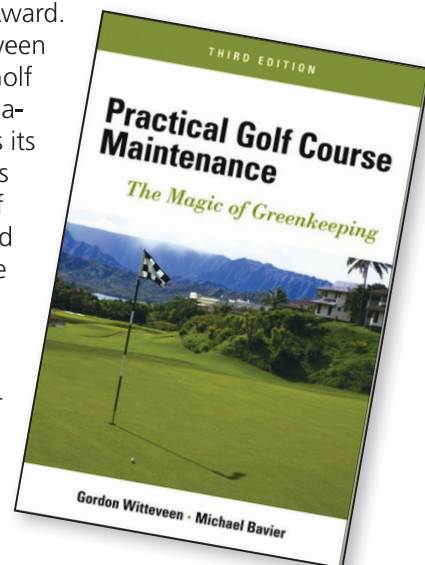
Come to think of it, maybe it was the fashion gods that put the kibosh on the day...

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 Q: Which member of **Brian Bossert's** club hosts a sleazy daytime talk show?

A: Bryn Mawry Povich.

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 Each year the Sunshine Through Golf Foundation's programs help bring joy to people with special needs through golf. To continue to provide these programs and to expand on them, donations are greatly needed. You can donate to this great cause that grows the game which we dedicate our lives to by visiting the website—www.sunshinethroughgolf.org—and clicking on the "Donate Now" button, or by participating in the Commemorative Brick Program. This is a wonderful way to make a permanent memorial of your support, as the brick you purchase will be forever set in an area surrounding the front entrance to Midwest Golf House. There are two sizes, and you can choose to customize your brick with any message you desire. To participate, go to the website and order online.

It's back, and it's better than ever! The highly-acclaimed book from the pens of Gordon Witteveen and **Michael Bavier**, *Practical Golf Course Maintenance*, is hitting the bookstands with its Third Edition. The updated new version offers guidance and tips on the art of maintaining golf courses, and includes the latest information on the tools we use every day in our profession. Mike is the retired longtime superintendent of Inverness Golf Club, and has served as president of both MAGCS and GCSAA, and is a recipient of GCSAA's Distinguished Service Award. The late Gordon Witteveen started the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association in 1965, serving as its first secretary, as well as serving on the Board of Directors of GCSAA and also is a recipient of the DSA. You can pick up a copy at the GCSAA Bookstore on the trade show floor in February—and you might even talk Mike into auto-graphing it for you if you're lucky!



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 Did you know that in this magazine, 60 years ago this very month, the development of the 'Crimson King' Norway Maple in Western Europe was announced? It's true. Beautiful trees, but not so hot on a golf course if healthy turf is your thing. In that same issue of *The Bull Sheet*, this advertisement was causing quite the stir...



Kinda racy for 1952, huh? Then-editor Hugh Hefner moved on to bigger and better things I'm told.

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The Fall 2012 edition of *Golf Inc.* magazine ran its “The Most Powerful People in Golf” list, with 23 of the 35 people named being from the United States. Steve Mona, past CEO of GCSAA and current CEO of the World Golf Foundation was 19th on the list, up from 28th in 2011. **Luke Cella**, Executive Director of MAGCS, CAGCS, ITF, Wee One Foundation, and several other organizations I’ve probably omitted, was not mentioned in the list.

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This just in from the Organic Arsenical Products Task Force (OAPTF, and yes, there really is such a thing): MSMA applications labeled for use on golf courses (except Florida) for the control of various grassy weeds will be extended for at least 3-4 years until a new National Academy of Sciences review on inorganic arsenic is completed. Therefore, the sale of MSMA for golf course use will not be terminated on December 31st as originally called for in a 2009 agreement between OAPTF and EPA.

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Here are some little known facts that make one feel better about the game of golf—the 2012 John Deere Classic, which is held annually at TPC Deere Run in Sylvan, IL raised a record \$6.79 million for 493 local and regional charities in the Quad Cities area. That’s \$1.5 million more than last year! On the national scope, the total charitable impact that golf had in the United States in 2011 was \$3.9 billion (roughly the cost of an Obama family trip to Europe).

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Did anyone notice the conspicuous absence of **Nick Baker** throughout the entire presidential election? And did you

further notice his miraculous reappearance on the scene immediately after the whole dog and pony show was over? Could it be that maybe, just MAYBE he was unsuccessfully campaigning for vice president?



Paul Ryan



Nick Baker

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It looks like it’s official—the USGA and the R & A have agreed on a “proposed rules change” banning the anchoring of any golf club against the body. Per the ruling, the following cannot be done anymore: anchoring the end of the grip against the body; securing the club by making a fist and anchoring that fist against the body; and creating a fulcrum or anchor point with the forearm against the body. The rule is set to go into effect on January 1, 2016. That’s three whole years to change a crappy putting stroke back to a different crappy putting stroke. I think we’ll be okay.

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Last month it was announced that Jemsek Golf has received an extension on its lease for Pine Meadow Golf Course in Mundelein, which they have operated since the course's opening in 1985. **Frank Jemsek** is a member of the Illinois Golf Hall of Fame, and Jemsek Golf owns and operates St. Andrews Golf and Country Club in West Chicago (**Brian York** and **John Lapp**) and Cog Hill Golf and Country Club in Lemont (**Scott Pavalko**, **Ken Lapp**, **Nick Marfise**, **Frank Latzko**).

Also announced last month was that Rich Harvest Farms in Sugar Grove (**Jeff Vercautren** superintendent) will be the site of the NCAA Division I Men's Golf Regional hosted by Northern Illinois University from May 15-17, 2014. The site of the 2009 Solheim Cup also hosted the NCAA Regional in 2007.

Q: What does **Jim Knulty** get when he has a few cocktails and rambles on too much?

A: Big Foot in mouth disease.

MAGCS members in the news: **Tim Christians** of Makray Memorial Golf Club was spotted in TurfNet's Blog Aggregator letting his blog readers know that all pesticide labels and MSDS's are available for their information on his blog. Also, in the October GCM, **Chase Bonnell** of Rich Harvest Farms penned a great article titled "Knowing how to ask," which details methods for assistants to ask for more responsibilities from their superintendents in order to become more well-rounded superintendent-candidates. Good stuff.



Calling it "an important development for the game of golf," GCSAA president Sandy Queen, CGCS praised the International Golf Federation's recent statement on its commitment to sustainability. The statement, signed by 153 golf organizations (who knew there were that many?) placed sustainability as a core priority with focus on the management of golf facilities, administration of golf events, and the influence of golfers as consumers. You can read the statement in its entirety at www.wearegolf.org/news.

GCSAA announced that eight of its affiliated chapters have made donations recently to the Environmental Institute for Golf (EIFG), and one of those eight was MAGCS. With our contribution of \$1,000, we are proud members of the Golden Tee Club for annual giving, and the Governor's Club for cumulative giving. We rock!

If you are hoping to attend the GCSAA Education Conference in San Diego, but aren't sure if your employer will foot the bill, you can download the 2013 Attendee Justification Kit at www.gcsaa.org. It contains tools to help you demonstrate the value of attendance to your higher-ups. Didn't work for me, but I'm positive it will for you...

A friendly reminder from GCSAA that you are provided with free life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment coverage as part of your membership. To review your coverage, or to check on your beneficiary information (don't want some pesky ex-wife cashing in on your demise do you?), call GCSAA headquarters at 800-472-7878.

The 60th Midwest Turf Clinic was held on November 14th at Medinah Country Club, thanks to host superintendent **Curtis Tyrrell, CGCS, MG**. The theme of the day was "2012—The Year That Was", and a really excellent program was presented for the many in attendance. After **David Marquardt** gave the invocation, **Jimmy Frels** did a stirring rendition of the National Anthem, setting the mood for the day. President **Bob Kohlstedt** conducted the Annual Meeting, which was suspended at 9:00 for the morning's education. **Shane Conroy** moderated the morning session, which began with a panel discussion on the year that was led by **Dr. Derek Settle** and manned by **Brad Chamra** of Hinsdale Golf Club, **Tim Christians** of Makray Memorial, **Scott Pavalko** of Cog Hill, and **Bob Vavrek** of the USGA. Kudos to Doc D and the panel on a tight, well-done presentation. Dr. Rick Latin followed with his insights on bacterial wilt, sharing that he "is not a big fan of anecdotal information unless it's my anecdote." The election of officers came next, and the 2013 MAGCS Board of Directors consists of President **Dave Groelle, CGCS**, Vice President **Dave Kohley**, Secretary-Treasurer **Chuck Barber**, and returning Directors **Matt Harstad** and **Matt Kregel** (each with one remaining year), and new Directors **Kris Kvelland** (Ridge Country Club), **Jim Pedersen** (Hughes Creek Golf Club), and **Justin VanLanduit** (Briarwood Country Club). After a Mexican feast for lunch, Chuck Barber presented the Ray Gerber and Fred Opperman Editorial Awards to **Ken Shepherd** and David Marquardt respectively for the articles they wrote for On Course magazine. Following a brief update from chapter delegate **Don Ferreri**, afternoon moderator **Nick Marfise** called **Steve Cook, CGCS, MG** to the podium to deliver his often humorous talk on "When Weeds Become Hard," referring to the tree removal program at Oakland Hills Country Club. Dr. Nick Christians spoke on the effects of the drought of 2012 next, and then keynote speaker Tom Thayer, former Chicago Bears lineman and current radio play-by-play analyst entertained the audience with his stories from the past and his thoughts on the current team (and if he had a southern accent you'd SWEAR he was James Carville). The day came to an end with the ceremonial passing of the gavel from Bob Kohlstedt to Dave Groelle, and the attending members headed home smarter than when they arrived. Many thanks go out to Curtis and the people at Medinah, which is such a fine facility for the clinic, to the presenters and moderators for their contributions, and to our invaluable sponsors, who were **Arthur Clesen, Inc., Aerial Images Photography, BASF, Burris Equipment Company, Great Lakes Turf, LLC, Nels J. Johnson Tree Experts, Reinders, Inc.,** and **Syngenta**.

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Eric Mundt, Kris Kvelland, and George O'Hara



Dave Kohley, Dave Groelle, Matt Kregel



Mike Mumper and Movember Mustache winner Andy Weadge



PM Moderator Nick Marfise, Panel Discussion Moderator Derek Settle, and AM Moderator Shane Conroy



Dare I say two old timers, Dave Ward and Carl Hopphan

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EDUCATION REVIEW

Charles Anfield, CGCS, *Heritage Bluffs Golf Course*

60th Turf Clinic

The MAGCS Members met at Medinah Country Club for the 60th Turf Clinic and Annual Meeting. Curtis Tyrrell, CGCS MG was the host for the day. The education theme for the day was "2012, The Year that Was".



Curtis Tyrrell

Shane Conroy, Assistant Superintendent from Park Ridge Country Club was the morning moderator. He introduced a panel discussion led by Dr. Derek Settle, Director of Turfgrass Programs with the CDGA, discussing the **2012 Golf Season**. The panel consisted of Robert C. Vavrek Jr., USGA Senior Agronomist of the North Central Region, Brad Chamra, Superintendent of Hinsdale Golf Club, Scott Pavalko, Superintendent of Cog Hill Golf and Country Club and Tim Christians, Superintendent of Makray Memorial Golf Club.

Act I. Early Spring Warm Up

Dr. Settle led off with some graphs and statistics showing the 2012 annual temperatures. Data indicated that it was one of the warmest on record. The year started out with a warmer than normal winter with very little snow cover. Many courses stayed open for play. The trend continued with an unusual March, featuring nine consecutive days with temperatures in the 80's. Spring also brought unusual disease and pest outbreaks with dollar spot, patch diseases, broadleaf weeds and fairy ring. Dr. Settle estimated our spring season was a month ahead of "normal."

Scott: "It was an early start for everything. We aerified greens earlier than normal; consequently they healed in faster than normal."

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Tim Christians, Brad Chamra, Bob Vavrek and Scott Pavalko



Bob: "There seemed to be no winter kill throughout the Midwest. Golfers were happy to be out playing. The warmer temperatures created an environment for *Poa annua* to thrive and expand growth. The early season demand for playing conditions and subsequently increased labor and mowing inputs became a "budget buster" for some clubs. Weed and insect survival became problems later on requiring extra applications."

Brad: "It was my first year at Hinsdale CC and I hustled to try to keep up with the early start. We had to charge the irrigation system three weeks earlier than normal."

Tim: "We had a short staff to get the course ready for the early start. It was a lot of work and we had a lot of players out on the course. We were able to get good germination on some of our newly seeded tees."

Act II.

"Booger Bear" Summer

This was Dr. Settle's label for the 2012 summer. He showed more graphs and charts depicting unusual temperatures and exceptional droughty conditions. By the end of August, we had 47 days with temperatures above 90 degrees. Fairy ring and anthracnose became chronic problems. Late June started to reveal bentgrass decline on greens. Etiolation (longer leaves) on turf plants became prevalent. Fans were very popular for helping to cool turf.


Tim: "It was tough on our new tees that had undeveloped root structures. We had 2 acres of new tee area and it was difficult to keep up."

Brad: "The collars we re-sodded became an issue. We implemented strategies to help the turf like venting, light fertilizing, fungicides and moisture meters to measure for dry spots."

Bob: "This summer was all about the hose. Many guys switched to ¾" hoses from 1" because they are just easier and lighter to move around. A lot of grass was lost in the later afternoons/early evening between 6-7 pm. Losing turf to wilt was determined in a matter of hours. We saw heat stress on turf that emulated warm season conditions on cool season turf. Due to higher than normal irrigation use, salt meters were measuring sodium and bicarbonates at unbelievable levels. Problem issues became magnified with irrigation systems running at higher frequencies. Fans and tree removal helped with poor air circulation. Shade issues during morning photosynthesis time became problematic. We are starting to see southern turf related issues creeping north. An example would be goose grass in Minnesota. If this trend continues we will see normal transition zone issues moving north in the coming years."

Scott: "I was amazed at how much golf traffic can kill turf in one day when its 100 degrees. We increased the height of cut, started syringing greens and substituted rolling for mowing to help alleviate turf stress."

Derek: "We were fortunate we got a cool weather break in mid-August. If we didn't get that drop in temperature there would have been a lot more turf loss. Water management was crucial for keeping *Poa annua* alive. Most poa plants had no roots by the middle of August. We saw some death by ammonia with type I fairy ring causing sterile soil environments."




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