

Co., has donated \$1 million to GCSAA's philanthropic organization on behalf of his family's foundation due to his profound respect for golf course superintendents and their role in the game of golf. Which is nice.

Remember, the 19th is the day the 100-Hole Golf Marathon takes place at Zigfield Troy Golf Course in Woodridge, IL. The event is hosted by the Sunshine Through Golf Foundation—the charitable arm of the CDGA—and is played to raise funds to help people with special needs. Over the last three years the event has raised over \$250,000! To participate or sponsor a player, contact Alex Nolly at anolly@cdga.org or call (630) 685-2351.

Thank you to **Mike Mumper** and the people at Arrowhead Golf Club for hosting the MAGCS March meeting on the 21st. It was a day that should have seen the attendees out on the course, thanks to some outstanding early spring weather, but instead found us indoors getting smarter listening to Dr. Lee Miller and Bob Vavrek. Also many thanks to the day's generous sponsors, who were: **Arthur Clesen, Inc., Burris Equipment Company, Nels J Johnson Tree Experts, Reinders Inc., and Syngenta Professional Products**



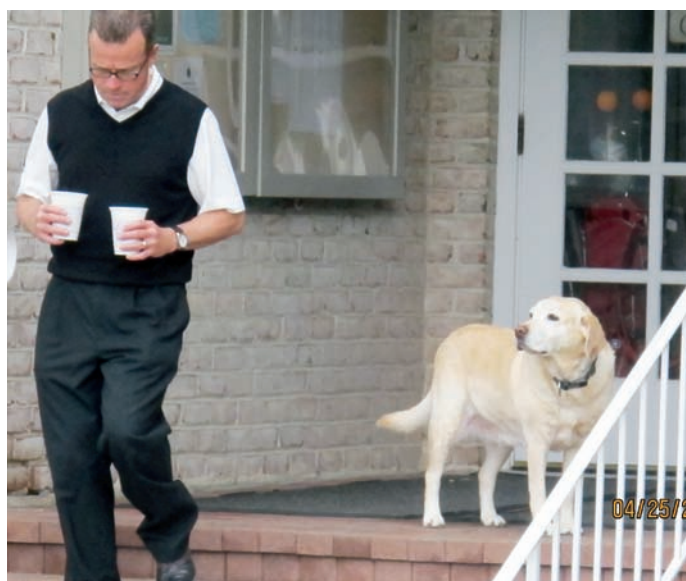
Mike Mumper and Tim Anderson our March and April meeting hosts.

Next on the MAGCS agenda was the April meeting, held on the 25th at Naperville Country Club. Hosts **Tim Anderson, CGCS, MG** and **Steven Biehl** were FINALLY able to prove that yes, there actually IS a golf course out there behind the clubhouse, thanks to the rare cooperation from Mother Nature. The day began with a solid education presentation from **Brad Marks** of SePRO on strategies for using growth regulators.



Steve Van Acker (r) will have to explain the Van Acker rules of winning raffle prizes to Harrell's new sales representative, Kevin Montgomery.

From there it was time to mount up and hit the course. And WHAT A COURSE! Conditions were outstanding, with fast and firm being the theme of the day. I think I spotted Steven Biehl stimping a tee! The traditional April scramble format was a great way to ring in the golf season without worrying about an occasional snap hook, flub, two-jack, or wicked slice. When the dust had settled, it was the team of **Don Altman, Dave Groelle, Bruce Schweiger, and Scott White** who took top honors with a net 51.1, just squeaking past Tim Anderson, **Dave Blomquist, Jim Canning, and Keith Krause** and their 51.4. The post-golf reception featured some great eats and quite a few laughs as participants recalled their heroics on the course. Thanks to Tim and Steven and everyone at Naperville Country Club for hosting us, and to our sponsors without whom the day would not have been possible: **Arthur Clesen, Inc., Aquatrols, Aerial Images Photography, Burris Equipment Company, Great Lakes Turf, Nels J. Johnson Tree Experts, ProGro Solutions, Reinders, Inc., and Syngenta Professional Products.**



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Congratulations and the best of luck to Mike Mumper in his new position as golf course superintendent of Riverside Golf Club in North Riverside, IL.



And the reason Riverside Golf Club needed a new superintendent? Because its former superintendent **Josh Langell** has accepted the same position at Ridgemoor Country Club, taking the reins from longtime supe **Peter Hahn**, who is retiring.

Q: What happens to **Greg Thalmann** after he judges his course's chili cookoff?

A: He gets the Fox Runs.

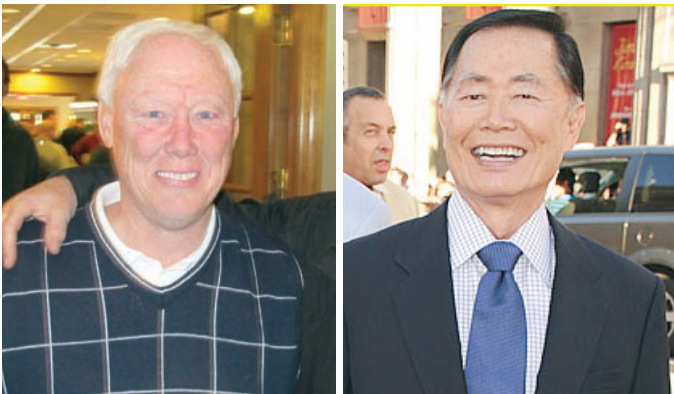
I've heard of a duck blind before, but how about a blind duck?



Congrats to **Greg Martin**, whose Martin Design Partnership has been selected by the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County to prepare a master plan for and then renovate the Oak Meadows Golf Course in Addison, IL.

More photos on pages 29 and 31.

I can't figure out why every time I cross paths with **Brad Johnsen**, I get the uncontrollable urge to raise the shields on the Enterprise and say "Aye Captain." What could be causing that?



Greg Martin

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Condolences to the family of **Todd Zimmerman**, golf course superintendent at Aspen Ridge Golf Course in Bourbonnais on the passing of Todd's mother Barbara Zimmerman last month.

If you fancy yourself a budding filmmaker, Syngenta has something you might be interested in—the Daconil Action TOUGH TURF Video Contest. The grand prize is a trip for two to San Francisco, CA, including airfare, three nights' stay at a four-star hotel and spending money AND an automatic seat at the 2012 Syngenta Business Institute. Honorable Mentions will receive \$300 Visa gift cards. Get busy—deadline for entries is August 1. To learn all about it, email Contest@ToughTurfVideoContest.com.

If you don't win the automatic seat at the Syngenta Business Institute, you can still go. For the fourth consecutive year they are inviting golf course superintendents from across the country to apply to attend the event on December 3rd through the 6th in North Carolina. Syngenta teamed with the Wake Forest University School of Business to provide this unique four-day experience focusing on financial and human resource management, delegation skills, effective communications and negotiating skills and more. To be considered, you must fill out a 250-word essay on why you believe you should be selected, along with filling out the application found at greencastonline.com. Deadline for is August 21.

One of our members was recently featured in TurfNet's Turf Blog Aggregator, a periodic collection of different superintendents' blogs from their own courses. **Joel Purpur, CGCS** at Park Ridge Country Club got famous by showing his membership the benefits of their purchase of a Hydro-Jet drain jetter after a tile collapse under a path near the 7th tee. I want to borrow it, Joel—call me?

I found this news kinda funny—Metedeconk National Golf Club in Jackson, NJ is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. OK, that's not really too funny, but the press release, stating "...is gearing up for its 25th anniversary this year by publishing a book detailing the club's rich history, ..." definitely is. Can anything have a rich history in 25 years? Heck, **Kevin DeRoo** has socks older than that. Just sayin'

The world of golf lost a great man recently. George (Tony) Poillo, one of the original founders of the Central Illinois Golf Course Superintendents Association and the longtime superintendent at Decatur Country Club passed away in March at the age of 97. Condolences to the family and many friends of Tony.

Q: What is it called if you play **Brad Anderson's** course and really hit it off with the bar cart girl?

A: A Bittersweet romance.

The ITF/MAGCS Spring Golf day is just around the corner, and this year's venue will not disappoint. **Kyle Jacobsen** and Twin Orchard Country Club are our gracious hosts, and the format will be a 2-Man Best Ball with Match Play scoring based on 75% of each competitors established handicap index. Each winning team will be awarded one point for a victory and ½ point to each team in the event of a tie. Teams will be chosen by the two captains the ITF president and the MAGCS president. Sounds fun hope to see you there.

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The MAGCS Charles Bartlett Award

by Dan Dinelli, CGCS

Throughout his career Charles Bartlett served as an ambassador for the game of golf. He spent 36 years chronicling the major golf events of his time. He was a confidant to the great players of his era, and earned a wide spread reputation for his devotion to the game. Upon his death, then MAGCS president, Dudley Smith, established the MAGCS Charles Bartlett Award. This award is completely separate from the Bartlett Award given out by the Golf Writers Association of America. The GWAA Bartlett Award did not come into existence until 1970. The MAGCS Charles Bartlett Award was first presented in 1967 (the year of Bartlett's death). The award is presented to an individual who, through his or her devotion to the game of golf, exemplifies the spirit of Charles Bartlett – a true ambassador of the game. The Charles Bartlett Award is unique in that it is not given out annually, and the recipient is not selected by the MAGCS Board of Directors. Instead, past award recipients decide when a deserving candidate is to be acknowledged. During its 45 year history the award has only been presented 16 times. The past recipients are:

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It is our pleasure to recognize John Gurke, CGCS with the Charles Bartlett Award in his efforts and support for our industry in golf. To name a few... John serves on the Illinois Turfgrass Foundations Board; has worked with researchers as a cooperator for on-site research; is a member of the Advocates' Circle for his support in the Environmental Institute for Golf; and is the Editor of the Bull Sheet in On Course. As editor, John keeps his readers up to date monthly with past, current and future events, any MAGCS Member life changes and fun facts he creatively squeezes in. John has a special talent for writing that keeps us informed while being entertained. As a hobby John is a meteorite hunter, leaving no stone un-turned. Congratulations John! **-OC**

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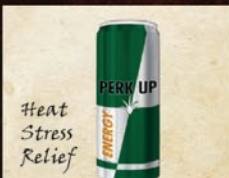
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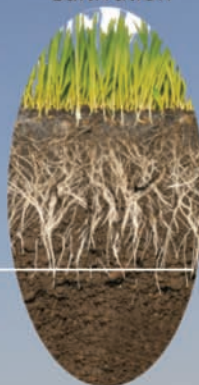
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