

had blown out of the office, apparently saved by hiding under a table that shielded him from the falling, smoldering debris. He even got to ride on the 1927 fire truck in the town's 4th of July parade. That's what I call a feel-good story.

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Infamous Chicago mobster Al Capone purportedly had a hideout somewhere outside of the city to the south. Old Oak Country Club is somewhere outside of the city to the south. Chad Walk is the superintendent of Old Oak. Could there be a connection? You decide...

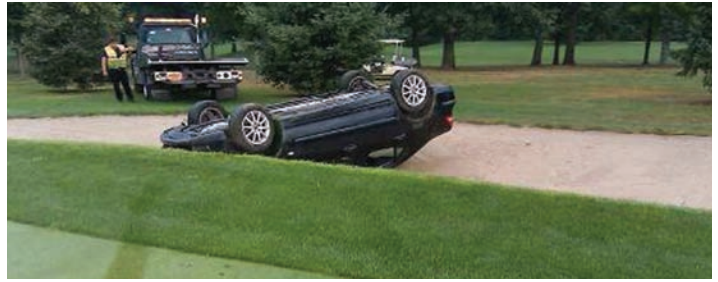


Q: What does Phil Zeinert, CGCS refresh himself with after a long, hot summer day on his course?

A: An ElGin and Tonic.

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When hazards go too far...



Oops!



Double oops!



Picture of the month swiped from Facebook. Jeff VerCautren caught a rainbow at the end of his driving range after one of the passing showers this summer.

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If you feel you or someone you know are excellent in government relations, maybe you should nominate yourself or them for the GCSAA Excellence in Government Relations Award. Go to www.gcsaa.org and find the nomination form, and do it by October 15! It's an excellent opportunity to demonstrate your excellentness.

Also open for nominations are the 2012 GCSAA/Golf Digest Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards (ELGAs), which are presented in partnership with Syngenta and Rain Bird, and recognize golf course superintendents for their commitment to environmental stewardship. Same deal as above—go to www.gcsaa.org for the form. Deadline is October 19th.

It was another month that found several MAGCS members' work featured in industry publications. Among them were **Bob Lohmann's** feature in Golf Course Industry magazine on two programs that are growing the game of golf—First Links and Links Across America. The same magazine ran an article titled "High and Dry" that highlighted **Brad Anderson's** efforts at Bittersweet GC at reducing water usage through changing out full circle sprinkler drives to part circles on the outer edges of fairways in order to stop irrigating the rough. And *TurfNet's* Turf Blog Aggregate featured **Tim Christians** (Makray Memorial GC) and the rebuilding of the club's unique water features. Good stuff guys.

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Luke Cella, *Publisher*

MAGCS to Participate in Rounds 4 Research

After surveying the membership, the Midwest is going to participate in the Environmental Institute for Golf's Rounds 4 Research program. Enough Midwest members responded positively to the request for round donation in a quick online survey. It is a very simple program to be a part of and through the generosity of our area courses and clubs, the turf industry benefits.

How does it work?

- Rounds of golf are donated to the Environmental Institute for Golf (EIFG), specifying the Midwest as the affiliated GCSAA chapter.
- They are auctioned off online through – Bidding for Good (biddingforgood.com) an online auction company that specializes in the non-profit sector.
- A minimum of 80% of the funds generated from your donation is sent to the Midwest to fund local Illinois specific turf research, education, scholarships and advocacy. The EIFG will keep a portion of the money raised, less than 20%, to cover costs associated with administering the program.
- The Bidding for Good website has over 650,000 registered bidders and their most sought after items are, what else, golf rounds.

The EIFG has set up an online donation form for participating clubs to use. It can be found at www.rounds4research.com or by calling 800-472-7878. There is a ton of information on the program online including letters to request rounds from you employer, FAQs and a current donor list. Donations are flexible and up to you and your club – restrictions are ok, as long as they are clearly stated.

This program has been very successful in the Carolina's. Over the past three years, they have raised close to \$350,000 for turf research.



The Midwest is happy to support this program and is excited about raising money for local good. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Luke Cella, 630-243-7900 or luke@magcs.org anytime. **-OC**

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