



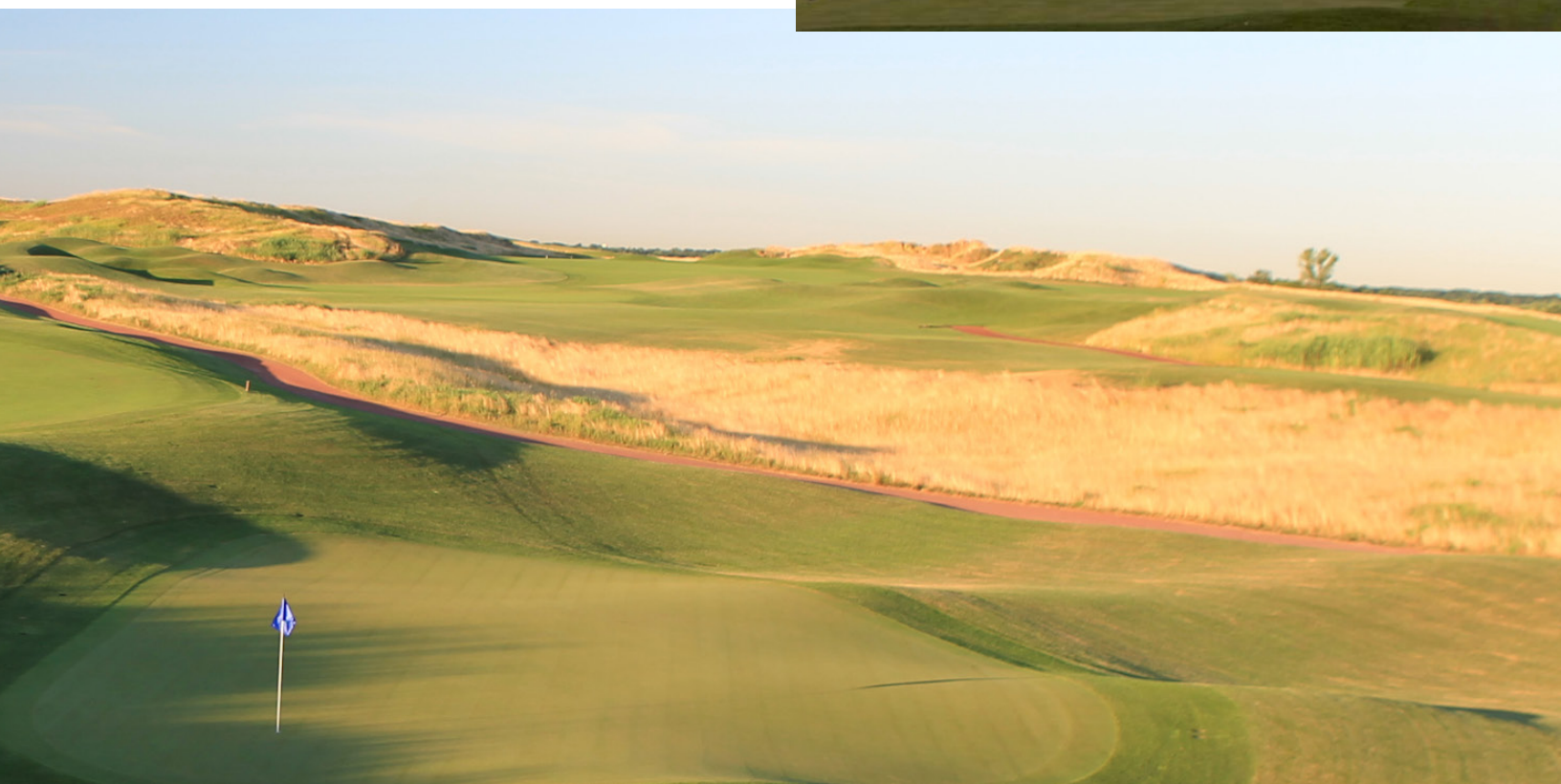
office.

Michael and I both look forward to seeing everyone at this month's meeting and hope you have a great time out on the course. @

Image Above: The first tee that will be seen from the clubhouse once it is built. At present only a pool house exists. As the membership grows, a clubhouse will be constructed on 31st Street.

Image right: One of the most recognizable skylines in the world can be seen from several points on the property.

Image Below: The third hole in the foreground and the 8th in the background uses native plantings to separate playing areas and keep the vistas open and spacious.



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Dates to Remember

September 9-15 – PGA Tour's BMW Championship at Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, IL, Chad Ball, CGCS and Connor Healy hosts.

September 16 – 10th Annual Wee One Foundation Outing at Pine Hills Country Club in Sheboygan, WI, Rod Johnson host.

September 18 – Chicagoland Association of Golf Course Superintendents (CAGCS) Annual Founders Cup event at Coyote Run Golf Course in Flossmoor, IL, Dave Ward host.

September 30 – The 2nd Annual CDGA Par 3 Championship benefitting the Sunshine Through Golf Foundation at Lost Dunes Golf Club in Bridgman, MI.

October 4 – Deadline for applications for the "Healthy Turf, Healthy Tomorrow" Plant Health Scholarship sponsored by Bayer. More to follow.

October 7 – MAGCS monthly meeting at Chicago Highlands Club in Westchester, IL, Michael Heustis and William Sharp hosts.

October 7-9 – Chicago Open at Cantigny Golf Club in Wheaton, IL, Scott Witte, CGCS, Jeremy Duncan, Steve Kuretsky, John Maksymiu, and Phillip Reed hosts. (are these guys all still there?)

October 9 – 2013 University of Illinois Turf Alumni Golf Outing at Sunset Ridge Country Club, Greg Rounds and Ben Larsen hosts.

October 18 – Deadline for applications for the GCSAA/Golf Digest Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards.

November 14 – 61st Annual Midwest Turf Clinic at Medinah Country Club in Medinah, IL, Curtis Tyrrell, CGCS, MG, Ryan Cummins, Jacob Mendoza, Jim Wallace, and Dane Wilson hosts.

Welcome to the following new MAGCS members, and the best of luck to them!

Mr. David Rutz, Class E, ezLocator

Mr. Paul Burger, Class E, Green Source Inc.

Mr Ron Freund, Class E, Wadsworth Golf Construction

Congratulations to **Mike Murphy** on his new position with Blu Petroleum—best wishes Mike!

A slightly belated Happy Birthday to Orchard Valley Golf Course, which turned The Big 2 – 0 last month. One more year and it can legally drink. While on the subject, Orchard Valley will host a unique event this month on the 28th—the second round of the BIG Tournament, the world's biggest invitational amateur charity golf tournament. Here's how it works: Winning 2-person teams from round 1 advance to various regional venues like Orchard Valley for round 2. It's a scramble format, and the winning team wins \$1,000 for its charity of choice as well as free entry and hotel stay in Las Vegas for the National Championship in November. The grand prize is \$10,000, while second and third place finishers will win \$5,000 and \$2,500 respectively for their charities. Nice event and a nice cause.

Condolences to **Dave Radaj II**, CGCS and his family on the passing of his father David John Radaj, Sr. on August 17th at the age of 81.

Welcome to Doug Veine, who is Bernhard's new Territory Manager for the Midwest and Northeastern USA regions, supporting Bernhard products through its local distributor J.W. Turf.

Congrats to **Thom Irvin**, former assistant superintendent at Indian Hill Club on his move out to San Francisco, CA where he joins GCSAA President Pat Finlen, CGCS at the Olympic Club.

Also on the move is **Arthur Clesen, Inc.**, whose headquarters are moving 3 miles down the road to 635 Margate Drive in Lincolnshire, IL.

BIG congrats to **Craig Shepherd** on his recent milestone performance at the Chicago Triathlon. After five years of trying, Sheppy finally medaled in the event, taking 11th place overall and 2nd in his age division (the



Doug Veine, Bernhard's new territory manager

depressingly young and in absurdly terrific shape division I believe it's called). Nice job Craig!

As July heated up (at least for one week anyhow), so did the golf game of **Jan "The Wizard" Jarvis**. Jan aced the 12th hole at Blackberry Oaks Golf Course during Fox Valley Golf League play. Details as to which wand he used were not made public, but Jan assures me that no sorcery that is disallowed in the Rules of Golf was used. Congratulations, Jan!



Craig Shepherd finished the 2013 Chicago Triathlon Sprint Race in 1:11:45. Maybe next year MAGCS will sponsor you.

a \$2,500 scholarship to advance their education in plant health. Winners may use the award to attend local, regional, or national education conferences, or to enroll in a continuing education program at an institution of higher learning. The requirements are that you must be employed as a golf course superintendent in the U.S., and you must be a Class A or superintendent member of GCSAA and the Bayer Accolades customer loyalty program. For an application form, go to www.backedbybayer.com. Deadline is October 4th. Who couldn't use \$2,500? By the way, did you know you can donate some of your Bayer Accolade points to the Wee One Foundation this year? Do it.

On the 30th of this month the second annual CDGA Par 3 Championship benefitting the Sunshine Through Golf Foundation will take place at the Lost Dunes Club in Bridgman, MI. The 18-hole team championship will be contested in the morning, with each hole set up as a par 3. After lunch, contestants will be able to play a full regulation round, followed by dinner and an awards ceremony. If you're interested in playing, you need to get your two-person team together quickly and raise \$2,500 to bring with you to the event (maybe you could use the \$2,500 you won from Bayer?). For info, contact Alex Nolly at anolly@cdga.org.

Q: What's it called if **Mike Vercautren** builds a baseball field on his golf course?
A: A Butterfield of Dreams.

Congratulations to Kate and **Aaron Reinhart** on the birth of their first child Olivia on August 12th. Little Olivia showed her impatience by arriving a month early at 6 pounds, 3 ounces, and 19 inches long (or is it tall?).



The TurfNet Superintendent of the Year award presented by Syngenta has honored dozens of nominees annually since 2000 for their work in producing outstanding playing conditions often during times of great adversity. The nominees are judged on their ability to excel in one or more of the following criteria: labor management, maximizing budget limitations, educating and advancing the careers of colleagues and assistants, negotiating with government agencies, preparing



Jan may have used the missing Stone of Zanzabar from prior to making his ace.

You don't see this every day. The eighth green at the Matterhorn Golf Club in Taesch, Switzerland recently had a new feature added. A six-foot tall rock dislodged from a mountain about 1,000 feet above during a thunderstorm and tumbled down, landing on the green. And yes, it left a mark. The plan for its removal involved

dynamite, a crew of inmates with sledge hammers, and duct tape.

Bayer is happy to announce its inaugural "Healthy Turf, Healthy Tomorrow" Plant Health Scholarship, which will be awarded to two outstanding golf course superintendents. Those selected will each receive



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for tournaments under unusual circumstances, service to golf clientele, upgrading or renovating the course and dealing with extreme or emergency conditions. If you know someone who fits these requirements, it's time to nominate them for the 2013 award, to be presented at the GCSAA Education Conference in Orlando, FL. Two MAGCS members have won this prestigious award: **Paul Voykin** (Briarwood CC) in 2003 and **Sam MacKenzie** (Olympia Fields CC) in 2008. Nomination forms can be found at www.turfnet.com. Deadline is November 30th.

Conventional thinking has it that **Dave "Junior" Braasch** packed up the truck back in the day and headed up to Wisconsin to ply his trade at Glen Erin Golf Club. But sometimes conventional thinking is far from that. UNconventional thinkers have pointed out after seeing "Hurt Locker" and the more recent "Bourne Legacy" that maybe Junior took a left along the way and headed Hollywood way. Hmmm...

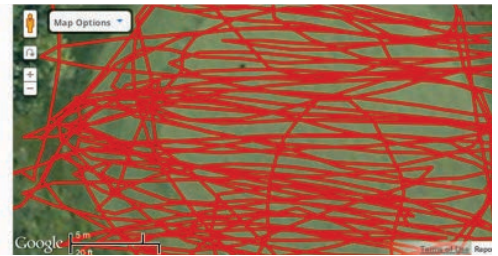
MIDWEST Doppelgänger



What do you do when you've accomplished just about everything you can in the golf business, including hosting a U.S. Open Championship? If you're **Dave Ward** at Coyote Run Golf Course, you grab a greens mower and a GPS tracking device and set out to cut a set of greens just for giggles. Dave selected the longest route—the one I would have avoided like the plague—which looked like this.



It must not have been a very dewy morning—note all the skips



Looks like he mowed a couple bunkers while he was at it

Afterward, Dave promptly turned off the tracking device and did what

any of us would—went to his favorite local watering hole to rehydrate. And if I know Dave, it was one that served some kind of fancy local kraft beer.

On July 22nd, MAGCS members descended upon Edgewood Valley Country Club in LaGrange, IL for a day of education, golf, and most-importantly, fun.

Ron McCarthy was our gracious host, and he and his staff provided a wonderful venue for our day. Before hitting the course, **Dr. Bruce Branham** gave an informative presentation on Poa Cure, along with some other turf updates. It looks like we have a winner in our battle with Poa annua, according to Bruce. The golf course was in excellent condition, and proved a difficult test for all (except perhaps **Keith Copersmet**, who potted an ace during his round. Congrats, Keith!



Keith was starting to get mad when he couldn't find his tee shot. He forgot to look in the hole as he walked past.

More MAGCS members have been spotted in the pages of other golf industry pubs recently. In July's Golf Chicago, **Greg Martin** had a neat feature called "Golf With a Smaller Footprint," describing the market correction the industry is making through the development of various new and different concepts such as short courses including par three courses and executive nines. Golf Course Industry featured **Bruce Williams, CGCS** warning of "The Worst-Case Scenario," an article about the strange and unexpected things that can happen on a golf course, and how superintendents can prepare

MAGCS July Meeting Edgewood Valley Country Club

Several special events were contested on the course that day, including the Class C Championship and the Dom Grotti Superintendent/Assistant Championship. Taking home the hardware in the Class C event was Jeff Sievert of Ruth Lake Country Club with a 79. Jeff Plasschert of Bryn Mawr Country Club took second with an 81, and Brian Kalal used his home course knowledge to take third place with an 88. In the Grotti, it was the team from Ruth Lake who drank from the cup, as Dan Marco and Jeff Sievert netted a 148 to beat team Bryn Mawr's Brian Bossert and Jeff Plasschert who shot a 157 and third place finishers Jason Lemanski and Greg Van Weelde from Waters Edge Golf Course. Congratulations to all winners! Thanks to Ron and everyone at Edgewood Valley for a great day, and to the day's sponsors who made it all possible: [Arthur Clesen, Inc.](#), [BASF](#), [Burris Equipment Company](#), [Layne-Christensen](#), [Nels J. Johnson Tree Experts](#), [Reinders, Inc.](#), [Syngenta Professional Products](#), and [UMAXX](#).



Marco and Sievert set a new standard: All future Grotti teams must wear matching outfits on the day of competition.

for them. Such scenarios mentioned in Bruce's article were a maintenance building fire, a 100-year storm, and yes, even the old overturned-circus-transport-releasing-wild-animals-on-the-course scenario (Sooo predictable!) July's Golfdom had **Dr. Bruce Branham's** Poa talk in ink and paper format, and **Shane Conroy** of Park Ridge Country Club lit up the TurfNet Blog Aggregator with several posts, including one on spiking and topdressing greens, and one about a pond bank facelift, where an eroding bluegrass bank was restored to 'Black Beauty' turf-type tall fescue. Nice work everyone!



The deadline for the GCSAA/Golf Digest Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards is fast approaching—October 18th is the day applications are due. In partnership with Syngenta and Rain Bird, the Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards recognize golf course superintendents and golf courses around the world for their commitment to environmental stewardship. You can either apply for yourself, or nominate someone you feel is deserving of the honor by going to gcsaa.org and clicking on the ELGA tab.

Annika Sorenstam, a member of the World Golf Hall of Fame and one of the most decorated glfers of all time has been selected to receive the 2014 Old Tom Morris Award from GCSAA. The presentation will take place on Feb. 5, 2014 at the Opening Session of the Education Conference in Orlando, FL.

GCSAA has joined the USGA Pace of Play Initiative that was launched during the U.S. Open held in June at Merion Golf Club. Also on board for this important initiative are the PGA of America, the R & A, Club Managers Association of America, National Golf Course Owners Association, and the American Society of Golf Course Architects. 

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Golfer's Vasculitis

R. Brian Green, CGCS, Sunset Valley Golf Course

Naming a rash after golf isn't going to do much to grow the game, but the purpose is to get the rash recognized, not golf.

"It's awful, look what it is doing to my legs!" says a veteran golfer. "It must be something you're spraying out here," she adds. I have heard that statement or a similar one many times over the years.

I would then suggest seeing a dermatologist and taking all of our Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) along to the doctor to find out which chemical we are spraying is causing the rash on our clientele's legs. The strangest part of these encounters is that I never learned what was actually causing the rash.

Confronted by this situation again this season, I came across a study out of Australia that has connected the issue to being mostly heat related. The report took a look at many different patients in Australia, all suffering from similar symptoms and most attributing the issues to severe allergic reactions after golfing, hiking, or walking outside for extended periods. Those in the study believed the allergen to be grass or pesticide related but with none confirmed through sometimes extensive allergy testing. Furthermore, those afflicted could never pinpoint anything new they had used that would have caused the reaction like lotion, fabric softener, or soap.

The study found there were two common denominators among all those inflicted; it occurred during the summer months under hot conditions and most patients were over 50 years old. The summary of the study states: "The findings would suggest that it occurs in healthy people and extensive investigation with



Golfer's Vasculitis starts above the sock line and appears on the lower leg when the afflicted walk a lot in hot temperatures.

"Golfer's Vasculitis as named by the Australian Journal of Dermatology is caused by prolonged exercise under hot conditions."
