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## DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

Luke Cella, *Editor*



# Your Opportunity for 2009

*Happy New Year to each and every member of MAGCS.*

Everyone that I have encountered this past month has shared the similar thought about the economy, golf course management, and the golf industry in whole – and that is we don't know what to expect in 2009. Some thought things would change once the presidential (national, not MAGCS) election was over, some feel things will begin to turn once the new administration is in place, and still others believe that it might take longer given the depth to which all turn downs have been connected. My question to you is when did we ever know what was going to happen?

The problem right now is that the "outlook" doesn't look so great, so our thought about the future turns into worry. We begin to fear what is ahead and this can overshadow our entire thought process. Is it possible to have a positive outlook right now or is the best to prepare a somber future?

How many times do you find yourself thinking about how crappy things could become when you hear about the stock markets, the housing industry, and the "big three"? It gets dire quick. Then you attend a budget meeting and all you hear is cut, save, reduce, layoff, do we really need, etc...

It is difficult to keep yourself motivated and positive in this environment. You might walk away from these news events or meetings realizing there is not much you can do about the economy, and that might be true on a grand scale, but there are things that you can do to stay positive in your life:

- Realize you are not alone, both personally and professionally.
- Utilize your associations. (MAGCS was founded on the principle of sharing information and knowledge for the betterment of our profession. This living core principle separates the super-intendent profession from most industries in our society today.)
- Find out from fellow members what they are doing through association activities and services to cope with the issues they face.
- Use the most important asset MAGCS possess, its members.
- It is easy to get down; however, as a leader at your facility, you must stay positive.

I offer a few ways to stay positive and weather this storm:

- Lead your staff and motivate them to stay positive no matter what happens (layoffs, reduced OT, etc.).

- Make good hires when the season rolls around.
- Treat your staff well. They may be impacted more severely than you.
- Encourage your staff to come up with new and better ways to accomplish their jobs. You might be surprised when you ask for their ideas and input.
- Increase your value to your employer by making yourself indispensable. Be a leader at your facility and come up with ways to save and cut back while staying positive.
- Stay focused on the short-range goals. Plan for the future but don't let it overwhelm you. Take care of the tasks at hand and do them well. Don't give up because you think "it won't make a difference in the future."
- Assess what you really need. Take care of those things and prioritize items and processes that can wait. Plan to accomplish less pertinent tasks in the future.
- Have you been asked to "do more with less?" This can be accomplished but only for the short term. It can quickly lead to "doing more mediocre with less enthusiasm." How about just "do the best you can with what you have." This process lasts much longer and everyone feels much better about their accomplishments.
- Plan to survive and succeed.
- Realize what you have got, be thankful for it, and take care of it.
- Help others. Share your success (and failures) with those around you. (This is where MAGCS comes in – attend a meeting, utilize our online forum, call a fellow member, network, and share.)

Economies have been set back before; even when there seems to be no end in sight, realize that cycles are part of the economy. I encourage each of you to be a fighter. Put things in perspective in your life. Good times come and go, and when they go, bad times can take their place. It is the cycle of life. Tough times provide an opportunity for us to develop courage, fight, and survive. We admire and are attracted to those who are able to shrug off discouragement, stay focused, and enjoy life in good times and in bad. Be one of those people that we all admire. **-OC**

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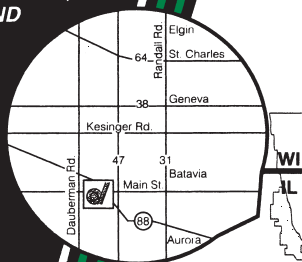
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FEATURE ARTICLE I  
Michael Heustis, *Chicago Highlands*

# An Industry Related “Modern Marvel”



*In today's world of technological advances few things seem unbelievable anymore. The bridge that could not be built, the building that could not be erected, or the disease that could not be cured become possible with today's technology. Who would have imagined that man-made islands could have been created, let alone populated the instant they are finished, as is the case in Dubai. Television shows such as Modern Marvels give us an inside look at these fantastic feats and help us understand the intricacies of the things that exist around us. Just what are the many by-products of corn? How many tons can the World's largest dump truck carry? What makes the largest airports in the world function? These are questions most people don't normally think about, but once someone tells us about it we become fascinated and want to learn more.*

Every time I travel through an airport I am amazed at the logistics necessary to insure that thousands of travelers arrive at their destination each day. To know that you can book a flight months in advance, fly across the world, and arrive on time is simply amazing. I get a similar sense of amazement every time I step into the host convention center at the annual Golf Industry Show. I cannot help but think about the years of planning that have taken place behind the scenes to put on an industry show of this magnitude. I consider it one of our industry's “Modern Marvels.”

The very first Golf Course Superintendents Association annual meeting was in 1927 and the first trade show was in 1928. In 1943, 1944, and 1945 the show was suspended due to economic conditions and World War II. The show evolved into the Golf Industry Show in 2004. It now includes the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, the National Golf Course Owners Association, and the Club Managers Association of America as Presenting Partners. Participating Partners include the Golf Course Builders Association of America, the American Society of Golf Course Architects, and the National Golf Foundation.



Planning for the Golf Industry Show never really ends. Of the 105 GCSAA staff members, approximately 90 come together to manage and conduct the show each year. Although man hours would be hard to compute, from a staffing perspective there are about five people who spend 50 percent of their time on the show. Additionally, there is staffing from the National Golf Course Owners Association and the Club Managers Association of America.

The Golf Industry Show is without a doubt the most important event that the industry conducts. It is the Super Bowl, Kentucky Derby, and Final Four combined.

GCSAA used to plan as far as 25 years out. Currently there are amendable contracts that go 15 years out. Contracts for hotels, convention centers, and golf courses are done as much as 10 years in advance. At any given time there are at least three shows being planned.

Immediately after one show ends, surveys are distributed and analyzed. Prospecting for clients for booth sales soon follows. Depending on the location, the number of vendors or exhibitors ranges from 825 to 950. Also dependent on location,

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the net revenue ranges from \$3.6 to \$4.5 million, which is reinvested into membership services.

Education is always being planned. Of the 25,000 who will attend the show, about 8,400 will arrive early the week of the show to take advantage of the numerous educational offerings. Walk the hallways of the convention center and you can't help but notice the class titles displayed outside the conference rooms, just as you see gate signs lining the hallways at the airport. On average there are 115 seminars on topics including agronomics, management, computer skills, and even language classes. If that is not enough, attendees can take advantage of another 50 hours of sessions, forums, and panels. Counting all the educational opportunities, GCSAA alone has approximately 300 people delivering information.

If the educational opportunities aren't enough, there is also the trade show floor. The floor ranges from 275-300,000 square feet. That equates to just shy of seven acres where the 825-950 vendors will set up shop for the week. They will show off their latest and greatest sprinkler heads, mowers, tractors, and other accessories. Generally it takes a window of five days for the vendors to move in and set up.

In total, the show uses 600,000 square feet of exhibition space or approximately 14 acres.

There are about 4,500 trade shows in the United States each year; the Golf Industry Show ranks 75th in size. There are very few cities that can host a convention of this size.

It is rare for a show of this size not to involve a large number of hired support staff. GCSAA and all the shows organizers feel that having staff administer the show adds a personal touch.

Prior to the show itself, the most intense time is from early October until the show ends in February. Through the years of planning, each person involved knows his or her role in making such an event happen with minimal surprises.

So this year, if you haven't done it before, take a moment to realize how the buses pick you up on time each morning, how the conference rooms are filled with classes, how meals are offered by the thousands, and how countless pieces of equipment are on display to meet the needs of any one of the 25,000 people in attendance. It is well done by its organizers. It is amazing. It is a Modern Marvel. **-OC**





## FEATURE II

Charles Hill, *John Deere Golf*

# A Little Cajun Culture



*The GCSAA Education Conference and Golf Industry Show is just around the corner, taking us back to post-Katrina New Orleans, Louisiana. Now, we are all well aware of the Crescent City's reputation for its wild night life on Bourbon Street in the French Quarter (some of us more familiar than others I'm afraid). However, New Orleans is also a city with a rich cultural history and many attractions you can't find anywhere else but in the Bayou. In addition to the famous Cajun cooking and incredible live music, the city has a wonderful array of museums, aquariums, zoos, and art galleries. There are countless tours, steamboat rides, and historic buildings to explore within walking distance of the French Quarter.*

A visit to New Orleans provides a wonderful opportunity to see a great deal of wildlife simply not seen in the Midwest. The Audubon Park and Zoo has a wide variety of exotic animals and boasts a huge re-created Louisiana swamp just a ten minute streetcar ride from the French Quarter.

This is a great way to experience the feel of a real Louisiana swamp, without the fear of being forced to squeal like a pig having encountered Billy Bob or Cletus in a real Louisiana swamp. If you would like to travel at your own pace, paddleboats are available to travel between the French Quarter and the Audubon Park and Zoo. Another great place to view the wide array of aquatic life in Louisiana is at the Aquarium of the Americas. There you can touch a live shark, see a white alligator, and observe a large collection of aquatic animals native to the Mississippi River Delta and the Gulf Region. The neat thing about checking out all those native New Orleans critters during the day is that you can find most all of them on the menu of the many fabulous restaurants at night.

Although the timing of the GIS, for obvious reasons, doesn't coincide with Mardi Gras (French for "Fat Tuesday"), there is still a great opportunity to feel like you've at least

partially experienced a Mardi Gras parade by visiting Mardi Gras World. Free shuttles run from the French Quarter directly across the Mississippi River to Mardi Gras World, which is a full working factory warehouse where artists and float builders work year round to build the many elaborate floats used every spring during the Mardi Gras celebration. The trip includes guided tours, a gift shop, and a museum with floats that have survived previous Mardi Gras celebrations.

New Orleans is also home to many beautiful historical buildings and museums.

The Cabildo is both. This beautiful structure, dating back to the 1790s, was built during Spanish rule and currently houses the Louisiana State Museum.

The Louisiana State Museum features interesting artifacts from over 300 years of Louisiana history. New Orleans is also, surprisingly enough, home to the National D-Day Museum. The National D-Day Museum is broken up into four uniquely different exhibits, each concentrating on a different aspect of the D-Day invasion. On

display are ships, planes, and light artillery used in the Normandy invasion. Both the Cabildo and the D-Day Museum are just a short cab ride away from the French Quarter.

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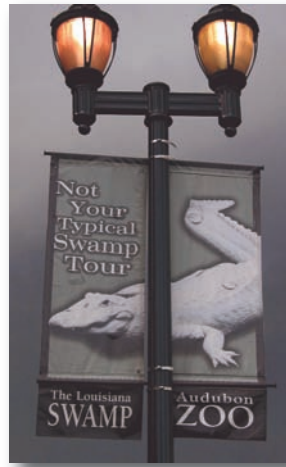
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New Orleans is a beautiful city with so much more to offer than just a good time on Bourbon Street or a night of gambling at Harrah's. There are hundreds of attractions in and around the French Quarter where you can spend a wonderful afternoon. If you find yourself in New Orleans sometime in the coming months, be sure to venture off of Bourbon Street, drop your souvenir Hurricane glass back at the room, and explore a little bit of New Orleans culture. Take in a plantation tour, or maybe catch a live zydeco band, get a little goofy and try a steaming cup of chicory, or suck the heads off some crawdads. So much to do, so little time! -OC



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THE BULL SHEET  
John Gurke, CGCS, Associate Editor

# January 2009

Happy New Year one and all! May 2009 bring all members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents prosperity and most importantly good health.

Congratulations to **Matt Harstad** (Calumet CC), who was married to his sweetheart Lauren on October 18th.



*Matt and Lauren Harstad*

Big news from our friends at Burris Equipment Company—on December 1st Burris acquired Wisconsin Turf of Janesville, WI after its owner decided to retire his territory. This move expands Burris' coverage from Milwaukee and Kenosha

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

January 13 – 4th Annual TETA Vendor Day at High PSI, Ltd. on 75 N. Brandon in Glendale Heights, IL, **Tim Layden** host.

January 14-16 – Mid-Am Trade Show at McCormick Place West in Chicago, Illinois.

January 15 – CAGCS Shop Tour, Beverly Country Club, **Keith Peterson**, Coyote Run GC, **Dave Ward** and Olympia Fields CC, **Sam MacKenzie, CGCS**.

January 15 – Deadline to receive the advanced registration rate for the 2009 Golf Industry Show in New Orleans, Louisiana.

January 22 – MAGCS January Meeting, Arrowhead Golf Club, **Mike Mumper** host.

February 1-3 – GCSAA National Championship and Gold Classic in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

February 2-7 – GCSAA Education Conference and Golf Industry Show in New Orleans, Louisiana.

February 3-4 – GCSAA and Habitat for Humanity Special Work Days in New Orleans, Louisiana.

February 5 – MAGCS Hospitality Reception at the Loews New Orleans Hotel at 300 Poydras Street.

February 5 – University of Illinois Turfgrass Alumni reception at the Loews New Orleans Hotel which is coincidentally located on 300 Poydras Street.

February 5 – Audubon international's Champions in Golf celebration at the Aquarium of the Americas in New Orleans, Louisiana.

March 11 – Annual Chicagoland Forum at Naperville Country Club, **Tim Anderson, CGCS** host.

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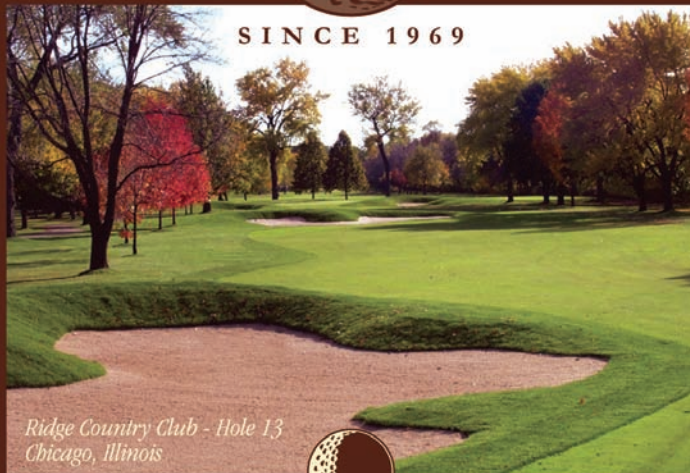
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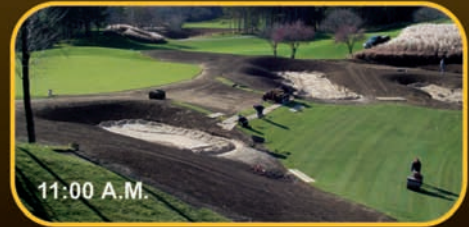


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throughout the southern portion of Wisconsin. The Janesville location is closed, and all operations for the new territory will originate from the Waukegan location. Also, Mike Thornton—longtime Burris demo-equipment-bringer-outer-guy—has joined the sales staff and will cover the McHenry, Boone, and Rockford area as well as two counties in Wisconsin. Congratulations to Mike, and to everyone at Burris on the exciting news.

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 This month marks the return of the Mid-America Horticulture Trade Show (Mid-Am) to the McCormick Place West in Chicago on the 14th through the 16th. This is the Midwest's premiere Green Industry event combining hundreds of exhibits from leading suppliers, plus education and networking opportunities. Owned and sponsored by the Illinois Green Industry Association (IGIA), the Illinois Landscape Contractors Association (ILCA), and the Wisconsin Green Industry Federation (WGIF), it is a not-for-profit event whose proceeds go directly back to the industry to support the work and programs of these organizations. And hey, if you are a University of Illinois alum or a friend of one, stop on by the Illinois Reception in room 20AB of the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place Conference Center on the 14th between 5 and 7pm for cocktails and munchies. Visit [www.midam.org](http://www.midam.org) for information and details.

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 One of Mid-Am's participating organizations—the Irrigation Association—recently unveiled a new logo and tagline, both of which are part of IA's strategic plan to become the recognized authority on irrigation. The new logo, whose predecessor served the association for more than 30 years, communicates a critical link between irrigation and making things grow; while the tagline, "Smart practices. Sustainable solutions" is a powerful message of IA's mission and its members' commitment to better water management. So there.



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 Whole lotta stuff going on next month at the GCSAA Education Conference and Golf Industry Show—especially on the 5th, which seems to be the chosen date for all the big-time happenings in New Orleans. Among the can't-miss sessions, receptions, cocktail parties, and hospitality rooms are, of course, the MAGCS Hospitality Reception at the Loews New Orleans Hotel which takes place from 7 to 11pm, and promises to impress with its usual fabulous venue, food, drink, and friendship all thanks to our wonderfully generous sponsors. Also on the 5th and in the same hotel is the University of Illinois Turfgrass Alumni gathering from 5 to 7pm. And if you are involved with the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for golf courses, you may want to stop by the Aquarium of the Americas from 7 to 9pm for

their Champions in Golf Celebration sponsored by Agrium Advanced Technologies and Audubon international. Earlier in the day, from 9 to 11am, the Opening Session kicks off the Education Conference and will feature keynote speaker Paul Azinger, the captain of the victorious U.S. Ryder Cup team. Also on tap will be the presentation of GCSAA's highest honor—the Old Tom Morris Award. This year's recipient is Colonel John Morley, the founder and first president of our association, and it will be posthumously accepted by attending past presidents on his behalf. The next day has a few items of note as well, including Hall of Fame baseball player Mike Schmidt delivering the keynote address at the certification luncheon and business meeting from 12:30 to 2:00pm; and the 2009 Annual Meeting at 2:30pm in room 243-245 of the New Orleans Morial Convention Center. Sounds like a busy couple of days in the Big Easy!

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 Also from GCSAA: Effective 2010, the Conference and Show schedule will change based on member feedback from attendees and exhibitors. The 2010 Show in San Diego, CA will be modified so that all events are held on weekdays, freeing up the weekends for family and personal time. The trade show will be open on Wednesday and Thursday, while education will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday.

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 Your 2009 MAGCS Board of Directors is already hard at work planning for the coming year. All committee chairs are in place, and they are seeking volunteers to help keep our association moving forward in 2009. If you would like to join one or several committees, please contact these chairpersons (most of whom appear on the cover of this very issue):

- Arrangements: Bob Kohlstedt
- Benevolence: Dan Sterr (let's hope he doesn't need much help on this committee)
- By-Laws and Nominating: Dave Braasch
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- Media & Public Relations: All MAGCS officers
- Past President's Council: Ed Braunsky (Must be a past president AND be able to tolerate Braunsky)
- Partnership Task Force: Scott Witte
- Scholarship: Tim White

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 Although the holidays are over, the gift of giving is never out of season. As part of the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) "Revive a Rainforest" campaign, you can have a rainforest tree sapling planted in honor of a friend or family member for \$10. The program targets Costa Rica, where rampant deforestation has led to the near extinction of many of the country's exotic rainforest species. If you are interested in giving "the greenest of gifts," go to [www.nrdc.org](http://www.nrdc.org) and click over to the "Revive a Rainforest" icon.

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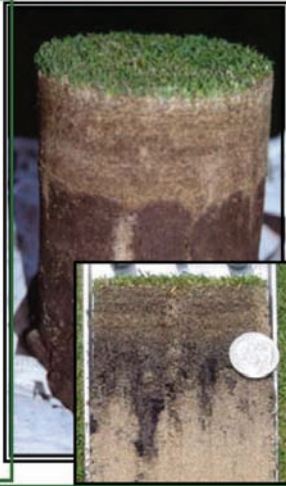


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Whilst on the subject of "green," Audubon International has announced that Crane's Landing Golf Club in Lincolnshire, IL, and Willowcrest Golf Club in Oak Brook, IL have achieved certification through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses. Congratulations to Marriott Golf's **Tom Hildreth** at Crane's Landing and **Dave Behm** at Willowcrest on achieving this distinction.

Bayer Environmental Science held its "Stomp Out Stress" seminar at Ruth Lake Country Club recently, with **Dan Marco, CGCS** hosting. The half-day session featured 3 interesting presentations which all dealt with stress, but of different sorts. Dr. Joe Vargas of Michigan State University led off with a lively discussion on management of biotic and abiotic stresses on golf turf, followed by Bayer's Product Development Manager Dr. Richard Rees who spoke on new fungicide technology and Bayer's *StressGard*. Finishing off the day was Dr. Wes Sime, Health and Sports Psychologist of the First Step Wellness Center, whose topic dealt with coping with pressure both in one's professional life and personal life. Among the more humorous observations were Dr. Joe's "Trees are just weeds that got hard," and Bob Maibusch's inquiry "Why 3 to 5 days old? Is it never ONE day old?" That one actually caught the good doctor off guard after relating to the crowd that the youngest turfgrass leaves are typically 3 to 5 days old. Finally, Dr. Sime offered some good advice for all of us: "My grandma told me never to walk around with my mouth open—something will either fly in there, or people will question my intelligence." Nice warm thoughts on a cold day. Thanks to **John Turner** and Bayer, and to Meredith Setzman of the Tierney Agency for her fine photography, and finally to Dan Marco and the staff at Ruth Lake Country Club for a fantastic day.



John Turner and host Dan Marco



R to L: Speakers Dr. Wes Sime, Dr. Richard Rees, Dr. Joe Vargas, and Ed Vandenberg, Bayer Field R&D specialist in Canada.

Some news from the industry: Syngenta Professional Products announced both distributor and agency agreements with John Deere Golf, allowing its products to be available to golf and lawn care markets through the more than 630 branches in the United States.

Also in the news, BASF Turf & Ornamentals has named Randy Lusher its sales specialist for the Illinois and Wisconsin territory. Previously, Lusher was a sales specialist with BASF Vegetation Management for 24 years.

On November 15, Steve Partyka and his wife Dawn hosted the Annual MAGCS Fall Dinner Dance at White Pines Golf Course. All the attendees were treated to a wonderful evening of fine food, beverages and a little dancing.

Thank you to our sponsors for the evening: **Chicagoland Turf, BASF, Syngenta, Rienders, BTSI, JW Turf and Burris Equipment Company.**



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We wish **Ed Esgar** all the best in his new position as golf course superintendent of Woodbine Golf Course in Homer Glen, IL. Eddie takes the reins from retiring **Ted Mochel** (who has been there since before electricity). Congratulations to both of these gentlemen.



*Ed Esgar*

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 Last month, on a snowy December 1st, the Annual South Side Superintendents Holiday Party took place at Chef Klaus' Bier Stube in Frankfort. Hosts **Keith Peterson** (Beverly CC) and Ed Esgar put together another great afternoon of fine German food enjoyed in a warm and relaxed atmosphere with a great group of folks. By the way, just because you're not from the South side doesn't mean you can't go—just don't wear a Cubs hat. Another reason to attend (aside from the assorted schnitzels, thuringers, and wursts) is that all proceeds remaining after paying the tab go to the Salvation Army. Thank to everyone for another great South Side party.



*Hosts Eddie Esgar and Keith Peterson gladly take people's money.*



*A horny Dave Louttit sports his new hat.*

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*The south siders with der Bier frau.*



*Our wunderbar haus fraus.*

Also last month, another big event took place when the Illinois Professional Turfgrass Conference (IPTC) convened at its new location at the Schaumburg Convention Center and Renaissance Hotel (though I'm told Eddie Braunsky showed up at Pheasant Run both days). The 3-day extravaganza featured over 50 excellent education sessions, a trade show with over 90 exhibitors, and ample networking opportunities for the attendees from all areas of the Illinois green industry to avail themselves of. In addition, there were some added bonuses this year, including complimentary lunch on the trade show floor on Thursday, the IPTC Reception on Thursday evening (and the subsequent Bears-Saints game viewed in various locations throughout the hotel), and the Turf Cup Championships that included competitions for great prizes like Nintendo Wiis, Flat screen TV's, and a ton of other raffle prizes and giveaways. The consensus was that the new venue was a big hit, not only from an accessibility standpoint, but from the cool names they had for the meeting rooms. A walk down the hallway revealed rooms with monikers like Nirvana, Utopia, Epiphany, Serenity, Men, and Women—all of which conjure up comforting and relaxing thoughts, huh? This event helped raise funds for research at the University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University, and the Chicago District Golf Association. Thanks to Luke Cella,

Erwin McKone, Kevin DeRoo, and everyone with the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation who helped put the event together and man the registration tables, as well as to all speakers, vendors and attendees who together made it such a smashing success.



*Paul Yerkes with grand poobah Erwin McKone*



*Luke Cella with former ITF president and man with the coolest glasses ever, Don Altman.*



*Andy Weadge tries out the Drop Zone, much to the dismay of its owner.*





*Howie Shuck, Pete Kiraly, Melissa-the-Rabine-Chick, and Gary Hearn.*

**West Side Party**



*The Frozen Tundra*

November's GCM magazine had a nice feature on MAGCS member **Kerry Satterwhite, CGCS** titled "The Sky is the Limit" about his leap to a new career. Kerry had been superintendent in charge of the City of Bloomington, Illinois' 3 golf courses for the last 10 years before deciding recently to leave the golf industry altogether and take a position with a company called Sky is the Limit as its executive director of the business and technology division. Among the reasons he cited for making such a drastic move were the economic outlook for the City of Bloomington and its financial problems, the stress related to his job of overseeing 3 golf courses, and the lack of time he was able to dedicate to his family. We wish Kerry the very best in his new endeavor.



*Kerry Satterwhite*



*Mike Bavier and Wally Fuchs get festive*



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Mickey (Jon Anderson) with best pal Goofy (Brian Winkel of course)



Gary Hearn and Don Ferreri—the day's set-up men

**Mulligan** from December's Bull Sheet: If you are planning to help out with the GCSAA/Habitat for Humanity project in New Orleans next month, please pack a pair of hard-soled shoes (not tennies), as these construction sites typically have nails and other sharp objects lying about that can puncture a softer shoe. And call John Ekstrom if you are planning to participate! Thank you.

-OC

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*Pictured below: Cantigny's celebration of Veteran's day. They lit 2100 luminaries to honor our soldiers.*





## EDUCATION RECAP

Charles Anfield, CGCS, *Heritage Bluffs Public Golf Club*



# "The ITF and You"

*The Illinois Turfgrass Foundation (ITF) was established in 1959. It was set up as a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting turfgrass research and education in Illinois. The ITF sponsors the IPTC, golf outings, field day and other fund raising activities. Funds derived support outreach and education, and research – both applied and basic.*

This year's IPTC (Illinois Professional Turfgrass Conference) was held in a new location at the Renaissance Schaumburg Conference Center. This brand new, modern facility was built in 2006. The location is accessed off of route 53 which makes it easier to get to, for a lot of people. The ITF responded to its members "needs" from surveys and feedback that a new facility and location were necessary. It was a nice change. There was plenty of room for parking, the amenities were comfortable, roomy and swank. Luke Cella was there at the check in area to meet and greet the attendees and presenters. It was a great setting to network, check out some new products and maybe learn a little bit about turf care. It felt relaxing and soothing to attend the education sessions in the meeting rooms titled; Nirvana A, B and C, Euphoria and Utopia.

This show is always one of my favorites. The timing is good as the growing season is over and I have a little more time to be away from my operation. If I have to choose to go to ONE of the many Turfgrass Conferences out there, THIS IS IT. I know for some, due to budget constraints this was their "national show". The IPTC education is always strong, catering to; Golf, Lawn Care, Sports Turf and Equipment Technicians. There is something there for just about anyone in the Turf Care Professions. This is the show where I meet all of the people who sell the products I purchase. It's where I get to ask questions on any of the products I might be purchasing in the coming year and maybe find out information about new products or unfamiliar suppliers I was not aware of. I get to kick the tires and equipment I've looked at in the catalogs or viewed on line. I get to meet all of the educators, ask questions in person



*Jerry Dinelli (I) visits the trade show floor at the 2008 IPTC.*

about specific turf related questions. I get to expand and tighten my network, meeting with other Golf Course Superintendents, Distributors, Academics, and meet some future Superintendents.

There was so much to see and do but I'll offer a few highlights on some of the education.

Terry Buchen, CGCS, MG was in person to present his "Travels with Terry" slide show on equipment modification ideas. He is a contributing writer for Golf Course Industry magazine. He has scanned the globe, toured shops and taken photographs. He presented some creative ideas from Equipment Technicians

who have modified and improved existing turf equipment or fabricated stuff to improve equipment functions. This was one of those shows, "you had to be there" to see in person. For more information, go to [golfcourseindustry.com](http://golfcourseindustry.com) and click archives, Travels with Terry.

Dr. Tom Voigt from the U of I made a presentation on Playable Rough Research Results. He made a comment that stuck in my mind. He said after surveying many undisturbed naturalized sites like graveyards and railroad right of ways, the ever durable and highly functional Kentucky bluegrass was a major component along with some of the natives. Hmmm, good old KBG.

Dr. Trey Rogers from Michigan State University made a presentation on research he conducted on 18 different ball repair tools. His research revealed that if ball marks are repaired correctly, the tool doesn't matter. That being said, some tools are better than others. The restricted entry tools did the least damage in untrained hands. Restrict the entry=restrict the damage.

Jean Payne from the Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association made a presentation on the future of fertilizers.

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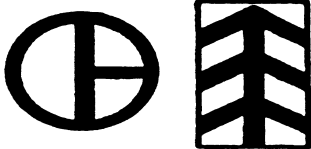
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Some of her key points:

- Water quality will become a larger issue.
- Public perception is positive with horticulture, not so good with agriculture.
- There are few stories about the benefits of fertilizer and chemicals, mostly negative.
- Politicians are not informed. We need to educate them to deal with negative perceptions.
- Agriculture is the largest industry in Illinois.
- Water quality drives legislation, municipalities are under pressure to reduce run off pollution.

She made a humorous comment about organic fertilizers and food that got the crowd roaring. Rusty Stachlewitz of the Illinois Lawn Institute then had the "pleasure" of following Jean and making his presentation on Organic Fertilizers. He made a good case for the benefits of organic sources of fertilizer for turfgrass. Some of those are:

- Organic fertilizers feed the soil and build up healthy microorganism populations.
- Organic fertilizers are made from renewable sources of animal or vegetable matter.
- Because of the slow release characteristics there is less chance of burning, leaching or run off.
- Studies have shown disease suppression.
- The public is more comfortable with organic fertilizers.

Ty McClellan, USGA Agronomist gave us an update on some USGA activities. Some of his key points included:

- This year's weather was much below normal. It was the 27th coldest out of 113 years.
- We never reached temperatures that create summer bent grass decline=healthy bent.
- It was also the 112th wettest out of 113 on record. Perfect for cool season turf.
- Methyl Bromide is being re-labeled in 2010. Turf may not be on label in 2011. If you're planning on gassing and regrassing, do it now, or soon.
- Golf Digest has changed their wording on conditioning for their Panelists in the rating system. They are promoting firm, fast rolling conditions. This is a change in being green is better philosophy.
- Green covers do not protect turf from crown hydration in low lying areas. Drainage needs to be improved.
- Cost saving measures for 2009: include
- With loss of sponsorships, there will be a decrease in money available for turfgrass research.
- Reduce flower beds and ornamentals on course.
- Reduce bunker maintenance, reduce rough maintenance.
- Decrease clipping removal from fairways. 1/3 lb. N is lost each year.
- Promote more use of PGR's. Benefits include: better turf, deeper roots, and decreased irrigation requirements.

- To reduce overtime expenses, promote a 7 hour work day.
- Be a skeptic on sugars or "snake oils". Do the homework on research.

Derek Settle took the stage and he reiterated the "easy" summer. There were a few challenges along the way.

- The slow green up in the spring did not promote winter injury recovery.
- He only had 9 days above 90 degrees in Lemont. There normally are at least 20.
- The warm (not hot) humid nights promoted more dollar spot during the summer.



*The folks from Illinois Dept. of Agriculture discuss Emerald Ash Borer at the IPTC.*



*A few of MAGCS members (l to r) Al Fierst, Dave Ward, Dan Marco, Tim Anderson, CGCS and Dan Charlton, make up a great roundtable discussion.*

- We had the very unusual heavy rain effect caused by several hurricanes named Gustov and Ike.
- Anthracnose in fairways is a good method to get rid of poa annua.

The ITF borrowed a successful formula from the CAGCS, the ever popular Round Table. It was interesting to note of the five guys in discussion, 3 were past CAGCS Presidents, one current CAGCS Board member, and one Past MAGCS President current CAGCS Member. The "Big Hitters" were: Al Fierst of Oak Park CC, Dave Ward of Coyote Run GC, Dan Marco, CGCS of Ruth Lake CC, Tim Anderson, CGCS of Naperville CC and Dan Charlton of Evanston GC. All had been through renovations or major construction recently. The topics for Q and A related to everything from establishment, tree removal, green expansion, irrigation installation, construction techniques, Member PR and education, seed blankets, poa annua control and the weather

effect. The overall cumulative experience of those guys is probably a hundred years or more. That's the strength of the round table. Anyone doing any renovations in the future should dial one of these guys up. Erwin McKone, the 2008 IPTC Program and Planning Committee Chair, attempted to present slides of the different course construction projects during the session. He said he was out of sorts due to something about being "DeRooed" the previous night. The comment drew laughter but we were unsure what that meant. He did a nice job of moderating the round table.

The action down in Exploration Hall was highlighted by a nice, well lit, roomy show floor with many returning vendors and some new ones. Without these people the show does not happen. The concessions and facilities were top notch. Another idea that worked well on the trade show floor was the Solution Center. This was an area in which presentations were made. These included: Bunker face irrigation, Ash tree replacement and Options for choosing the correct seed. These seemed to be very popular with the attendees.

The IPTC put together another successful show, great job to all those involved. It was fun, educational, and informative. See you next year. **-OC**

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