



# CHICAGOLAND ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS

## Verdure Newsletter

March 2007

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **Chicagoland Meetings:**

April - Wilmette Golf Course  
May - TBA  
June - TBA

Host – Mike Matchen

## **Chicagoland Association of Golf Course Superintendents Annual Meeting March 15, 2007**

The annual meeting and election for the Chicagoland Association of Golf Course Superintendents was held March 15 at Northmoor Country Club. Tommy Witt, CGCS was our gracious host for the day. The Northmoor staff welcomed us providing great service and a tremendous lunch. Rick Bowden completed his term as President of the Chicagoland Association of Golf Course Superintendents. Dan Dinelli presented Rick with a plaque as a token of the Associations appreciation for a job well done over the last twelve months as president. Chuck Anfield, CGCS, Immediate Past President stepped down from the Board.



2007 CAGCS Annual Meeting attendees from center and going clockwise, Dan Marco, CGCS, Rick Bowden, Dan Dinelli, CGCS, Mike Matchen, Dennis Wilson, Julius Albaugh, CGCS, Brian Bossert, CGCS, Tim Anderson, CGCS, Brian Green, CGCS, Dan Charlton, Sam MacKenzie, CGCS, Josh Langell, Bryan Widmer, Joe Dinelli, Jeff Frenz, CGCS, Don Cross, CGCS, Tommy Witt, CGCS, Steve Cummins, Dave Ward, CGCS, Tom Prichard, Jerry Dinelli



Newly elected president, Dan Dinelli, CGCS presents outgoing President Rick Bowden with a plaque for his service on the CAGCS Board. Mike Matchen far right and Dan Marco, CGCS far left look on. Being keen for detail, Rick did not take the chance that there might be an oversight with the Past President Plaque and had it ordered ahead of time. We will miss Rick on the Board as he was the catalyst behind everyone as well as being a real workhorse.

Following lunch there was discussion by the invited retired CAGCS members of what they were up to these days. Joe Dinelli offered a terrific historical perspective of the creation of the Associations Creed. Dennis Wilson spoke of the trial and tribulations of fishing through the winter given the inconsistent weather. An informal round table discussion consisted of Emerald Ash Bore, winter desiccation of greens where snow had blown away exposing turf to the ravaging cold weather as well as timing for Proxy/Primo applications.

### **2007 Chicagoland Election Results:**

Based upon input from the Nominating Committee of Chuck Anfield, CGCS and Mike Matchen the 2007 CAGCS election results are as follow;

Dan Dinelli, CGCS	President
Dan Charlton	Vice President Forum
Jon Jennings, CGCS	Secretary / Verdure
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Congratulations to Brian. You are a welcome addition to the Board.

**As the weather warms up, so does your swing.** Balls travel significantly farther on hot days. The ball velocity, launch angle and backspin amount will *not* change as the temperature increases or decreases, but a golfer with a 100 m.p.h. swing speed will carry the driver eight yards longer for each increase in air temperature of 25 F. Obviously, given the recent cold snap and accumulating snow, the ball will not be traveling very far at all these days. However, once it warms up...Watch out!!!



**Chicagoland Association of Golf Course Superintendents 2007 Board of Directors**

From left to right, front row, Dan Dinelli, CGCS Dan Charlton, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Row, Tommy Witt, CGCS, Dan Marco, CGCS, Jon Jennings, CGCS, Rick Bowden, Brian Bossert, CGCS

**Chicagoland Association of Golf Course Superintendents April Meeting**

**Date:** April 12, 2007

**Where:** Wilmette Golf Course  
3900 Fairway Drive  
Wilmette, IL 60091

**Host:** Mike Matchen  
RSVP to Mike @ (847)256-9653 by Tuesday April 10

**Time:** 4:00pm reception, 5:00pm Dinner

**Education Topic:** We will meet and welcome Sang-Kook (S.K.) Lee to the area and listen to Dr. Derek Settle and SK's goals and projects for the year. Following will be a round table discussion.

**Directions:** Going west on I-94, (Edens Expressway), take Lake Ave .75 miles. The Club is on the north side of the street. If coming from the north, get off the Edens at Skokie BLVD. and turn right on Lake Ave. There is no exit for Lake Ave when coming from the north.

*Guests welcome, jacket and tie required*

Bruce Williams, CGCS at Los Angeles Country Club sent me a link to an article pertaining to the endowment created to enhance the profession of turf management. The Williams Leadership Endowment recognizes Bob and Bruce R. Williams, CGCS, for their contributions and ongoing commitment to mentoring golf course superintendents to become leaders in the golf course management profession. Bob and Bruce have dedicated their careers to strengthening the profession and instilling leadership qualities in superintendents.

## **Williams Leadership Endowment target realized**

*Environmental Institute for Golf to fund Chapter Leaders/Executive Symposium*

The Environmental Institute for Golf, the philanthropic organization of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA), announced today that the Williams Leadership Endowment target has been reached and that funding has begun for the GCSAA Chapter Leaders/Executive Symposium.

More than \$50,000 has been raised through contributions by GCSAA chapters, organizations and individuals and by GCSAA Past President, Bruce R. Williams, certified golf course superintendent (CGCS) at The Los Angeles Country Club, who established the Williams Leadership Endowment in 2002. The endowment recognizes GCSAA Past President Robert M. Williams and his son, Bruce, for their contributions and ongoing commitment to mentoring golf course superintendents to become leaders in the golf course management profession. Both have dedicated their careers to strengthening the profession and instilling leadership qualities in superintendents.

"We have been involved with GCSAA in many ways for more than 85 years collectively," said Bruce Williams. "We are especially proud to be involved in an exciting program to help enhance leadership training, development and support to chapter leaders."

Now fully funded, the Williams Leadership Endowment will help support the GCSAA Chapter Leaders/Executive Symposium, which focuses on interpersonal and organizational leadership. The symposium brings together chapter leaders and executives for leadership training, networking and opportunities to more effectively serve members. Attendees in the program learn about leadership, communication styles, providing a more meaningful chapter experience through the engagement of members and volunteer involvement, developing goals and a plan for their chapter, and sharing best practices and innovative ideas.

Congratulations Bruce for reaching the target. This is a fabulous way of giving something back to assure the positive growth within our association for generations to come.

### **Host a CAGCS Meeting**

Planning for the 2007 season is well under way and we are looking for venues to host monthly meetings. We have been fortunate to be provided with some fantastic venues to hold our meetings the last couple of years. It does not take a lot of effort to host a meeting and is very rewarding. Please consider hosting a monthly meeting at your facility. The meetings consist of cocktails, dinner and valuable roundtable discussions. If you are interested in hosting a meeting or would like to obtain further information, please contact Tommy Witt, CGCS either by telephone, (847) 926-5540 or via email [tommywitt@hotmail.com](mailto:tommywitt@hotmail.com) .

## **Web Site**

The Chicagoland Association of Golf Course Superintendents has a new web site. Launched March 14, 2006, the web site is in its preliminary stage of introduction and growth. You will be able to check upcoming monthly meeting venues and see all the new information for the Association. Please visit [www.cagcs.org](http://www.cagcs.org). If you would like to add something to the web site or have a suggestion, please email Jon Jennings [chicagogolfclub@aol.com](mailto:chicagogolfclub@aol.com) The web site was created to assist members obtain useful information.

## **e-Verdure**

If you would like to contribute to the Verdure or have some information you feel others would gain benefit, please contact Jon Jennings, [chicagogolfclub@aol.com](mailto:chicagogolfclub@aol.com) .The Verdure is another great way to disseminate information to our membership. By sending it electronically, the information is very current. The deadline for submitting information for the upcoming issue is the second Monday of each month.

## **Chicagoland Association of Golf Course Superintendents Shirts**

The new edition CAGCS golf shirts are in and available now. Be sure to pick up at least one of these handsome short-sleeved shirts pictured below. The CAGCS logo is embroidered on the left chest. The price of these good-looking shirts is \$45.00. You have the option of being billed for the shirt(s) or paying upon receipt. They are available in red, black, blue, yellow and white. You may obtain one at a monthly meeting or contact Dan Charlton. These high quality shirts by Peter Miller as pictured below are available in all sizes and an array of colors. Stock up for your spring golf trip!!

