

It's in the Hole!

Hydrologic Wins Award As Top Flight Distributor

Rain Bird named Hydrologic Water Management Systems Inc. to its list of Top Flight Distributors for 2003. Hydrologic was one of a select few distributors in the United States to earn this distinctive honor. Hydrologic Distributes Rain Bird Golf Irrigation products in eight states in the Upper Midwest with 15 warehouse locations.

Brian Freeman Named National Salesman of the Year

Rain Bird also recently named Brian Freeman of Hydrologic Water Management Systems Inc. National Salesman of the Year at its annual distributor awards dinner. Brian works out of Hydrologic's Olathe, Kansas facility. Brian's hard work and dedication paid off in ways beyond words. We are very proud to have one of our own recognized nationally for his efforts.

New Arrivals

Pat and Trista Morstad announced the birth of their new daughter, **Marea Rose Morstad**. She was born on February 7th at 7 lbs., 13 ozs. Both Trista and Marea are very healthy. Patrick, Marea's 19-month old brother, is doing well, too. "I am very proud of my wife, son and daughter," says Pat, who is Superintendent at Stocker Lake Golf Course in Dalton, Minn. Pictured below is Patrick and his new sister.



Marea Rose Morstad and her brother Patrick

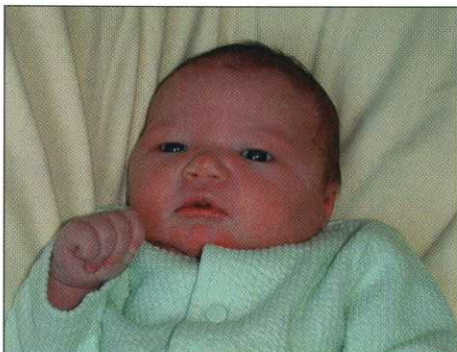
Owen Jeffrey Johnson was born on Saturday, January 17th at 5 pounds, 3 ozs. and 19 1/2" long. Owen is the son of Minikahda Superintendent Jeff Johnson

and his wife "baby and mother are doing great" says Jeff.



Owen Jeffrey Johnson

Mike & Laura Knodel are the proud parents for a second time with the birth of **Kylie Elizabeth Knodel** on February 3rd. She weighed 9 lbs. 7 oz. and measured 20-1/4" long. She is also welcomed home by her 5 year old sister, Alyssa. Mike is the Superintendent / General Manager at Oakdale Golf Club near Hutchinson.



Kylie Elizabeth Knodel

Kendra Kristine Provo was born on January 14th at 5 lbs., 12 ozs. and was 19 inches long. Kendra is the daughter of Barry and Kary Provo. Barry is the Superintendent at Deer Run Golf Club in Victoria.



Kendra Kristine Provo

Turf Supply and Milorganite Donate over \$11,000 To Turfgrass Research

Over the past six years Turf Supply Company, Milorganite and local superintendents have donated \$11,600 to the O.J. Noer Foundation, Wisconsin Turfgrass Association and The Troe Center at the University of Minnesota. These funds were raised by superintendents that purchased Milorganite through Turf Supply Company during the fall. Donations totaling \$1,530 were donated to the above organizations in 2003.

Crane Company Introduces Winter Protection System

Crane Creek introduces the only Green and Tee Box Winter Protection "System."

One of the largest investments and maintenance costs a golf course has is its greens and tee boxes. Crane Creek has designed a patent pending solution that will provide a versatile means of protecting this investment during the dormancy period. The Crane Creek system is a multi-layer system that will protect the green from the most damaging winter problems: ice build up; premature rehydration; wind desiccation, and crown stress.

The three layers consist of a bottom layer; polyester mesh which is staked to the ground; a middle layer of straw and a top non-permeable polyethylene layer.

This three-layer system prevents moisture from building up on the greens and tee boxes, which will freeze and severely damage the turf. It also promotes air movement across the green and tee boxes, keeping the straw dry and wicking properties active, which prevents the possibility of damaging mold build up.

The top layer can also be used alone for greens that need protection from wind and ice build up, similar to other single layer systems.

Benefits listed are a result of tests on selected golf courses and meetings from superintendents in northern states: Increased golfer satisfaction; increased golfer loyalty; avoid green and tee box repair from ice damage and wind desiccation.; early opening; less spring preparation and maintenance; no temporary green construction, and eliminates waste via custom fitted covers.