

# On Board

## Q&A with Members of the Board of Directors

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**Bill Gullicks, Superintendent at Bellwood Oaks Golf Course**  
**Better Environmental Awareness**



There are so many different things going on in our industry with environmental awareness, I thought I should take an in depth look at what I'm already doing. We are all stewards of the environment, but am I really doing everything to lessen my footprint in "Mother Nature"? During the next year I plan to play my own devils advocate when it comes to my turf management practices. Do I really need to water everything tonight or could I get by with selected areas? Am I spraying a fungicide to feel secure or could another cultural practice give me the same result? Is there anything not currently being done to make the natural areas more nature friendly? Do I really need to be doing something or am I doing it because I always have? Why? Really? Because? These are a few of the words I'm going to be asking myself this year. By questioning my practices I hope to learn more about my golf course and more about myself as a superintendent.



**Roger Stewart CGCS, Superintendent at TPC Twin Cities**

One of the goals I have for 2013 is to keep the momentum going on the MGCSA Research Committee. Now that we have identified the member driven research projects for 2013 we need to develop topics for 2014 and beyond. We have an energetic and engaged committee and my goal is to make sure we remain focused and on track as well as engaged in exploring new projects and fund raising ideas.

*The Scramble , June 3rd 2013...Medina Golf and Country Club...you, your club pro, your GM and club president? Or will it be a team of your staff? Your Dad, Brother and 'special in-law? Regardless...it won't be the same without you!*



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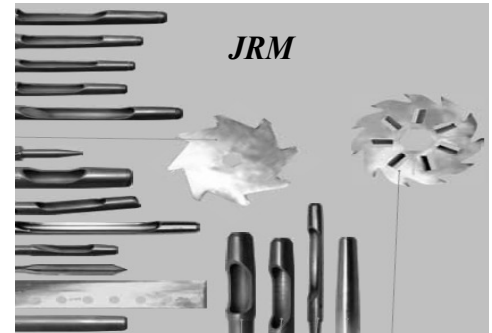


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## Kerry Glader, Sales Manager Plaisted Companies

As I ponder on this question, I can't help but think about the profession that has gotten me to where I am today. The year 2012 was my 18th year in sales following 18 years as a golf course superintendent. As the current sales manager for Plaisted Companies, I have been extremely lucky to meet and come to know so many great people. They include golf course superintendents, assistants, equipment managers, mechanics, crew members, architects and the list goes on.

After starting in the business in 1970 pushing a Jacobsen rotary mower at the Cloquet Country Club, I have always had the drive to be better and improve myself and others by example. From the smell of freshly cut grass in the morning to checking the sprinklers running at night, the goal was always to keep and grow healthy turf. After a personal epiphany taught to me by my growing young sons, I moved into the sales side of the Turf Industry. My original goal became #2

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replaced by my new #1 most important goal “Don’t forget your family”! It is the easiest to overlook and be forgotten because we are so dedicated to our profession that our families suffer. I missed so many activities when my children were growing up and I urge you to take the time to enjoy them when they are young because they grow up too fast! It is possible to be successful with both!

My goal for 2013 is to continue to serve this great profession and lead by example. Family first and enlightenment of the “newbies” and “seasoned veterans” to not forget the basics of turf grass management. You have so many advanced tools in your tool boxes that I think the basics get overlooked. Back in the dark ages we spiked to allow better water movement, verti-cut to reduce thatch build-up, aerated twice a year for improved air movement, used soluble fertilizers from May to September to control feeding, applied root growth enhancers and wetting agents to help the root systems thrive and of course last but not least, we top-dressed on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. Don’t forget that you are growing next year’s grass today! Everything you do today is to help your turf survive into next year.

So my professional goal is what it always has been. Be helpful, be thoughtful, be a friend first, oh and then remember to sell, but also always give free advice! Is it age that makes us wiser or the experiences in both family and work that define who we are? I am defined by family, faith, friends, and of course my better half and wife of 37 years, Barb! I would imagine it is your better half too, that helps to guide, support and lift you up to reach your goals.

Barb now says, “Kerry is maturing rather well and now plays in the sand box at work”! So now I get to play with my two new Grandsons in the sand box and watch them grow up! Life is good!! Don’t miss out on it!

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