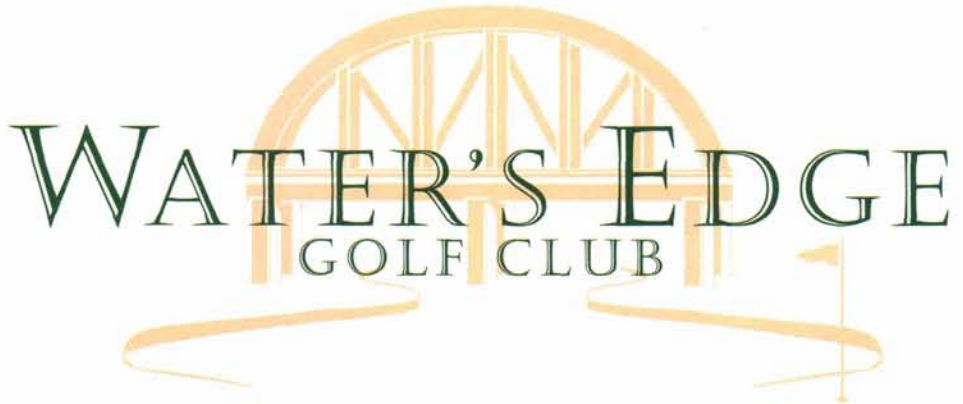


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Wisconsin native Jason Lemanski.



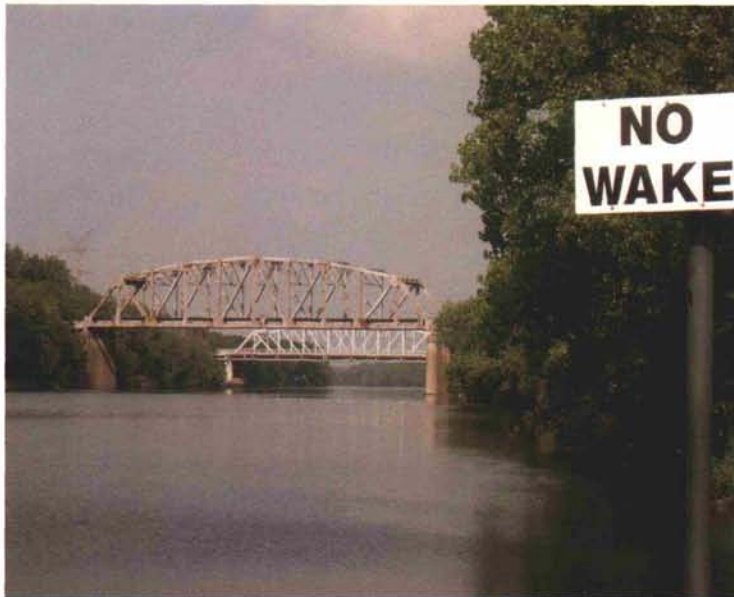
The MAGCS August golf meeting will head south to the Rick Robbins- and Gary Koch-designed Water's Edge Golf Club. Opened to great praise in 1999, Water's Edge, as its name implies, lies right along the Cal-Sag Channel in Worth, Illinois. Jason Lemanski, our host superintendent, describes the facility as a modern woodlands course that features a fun yet challenging layout.

The course, which can stretch to nearly 7,000 yards, plays to a par 72 with a slope of 131 and a course rating of 72.9. At Water's Edge, the golfer can see all the trouble from the tee—and there is a lot of it to see. Water is very much in play on eight holes, combined with out-of-bounds, woods, fairway bunkering and several multitiered greens. A very challenging test, Water's Edge is owned by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, leased by the Village of Worth and managed by Kemper Sports Management. This will be the Midwest Association's inaugural trip to Water's Edge.

Our host superintendent, Jason Lemanski, is in his third season at the club. Jason grew up in central Wisconsin and began his college career in the University of Wisconsin system but received his turf education at UMASS. He launched his career at Greenwood Hills Country Club in Wausau, WI. After a short stint on the grounds crew, Jason soon made an impression on superintendent Scott Sann and was promoted to assistant superintendent. From there, Jason went on to his first position for Kemper, at Pine Hills Golf Course. After just a year, he was moved to Water's Edge.

Jason cites Scott Sann as his professional mentor and has no doubt consulted him in overcoming the challenges found at Water's Edge. According to our host, his biggest challenge is play averaging 30-40,000 rounds a year. Also, he utilizes the Cal-Sag for irrigation water, resulting in effluent water at a pH of 8.2. Another challenge is that the course was built using biosolids. The greens and tees are California 100% sand and the rest of the facility is biosolids; in combination with his effluent water for irrigation, sodium is a constant concern. Jason's daily goal is to provide as pristine of a

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Water's Edge borders the Cal-Sag Channel and is owned by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

playground as possible, a course that he would want to play. When asked why he got into the business, the answer was simple: "I loved and still do love the game of golf."

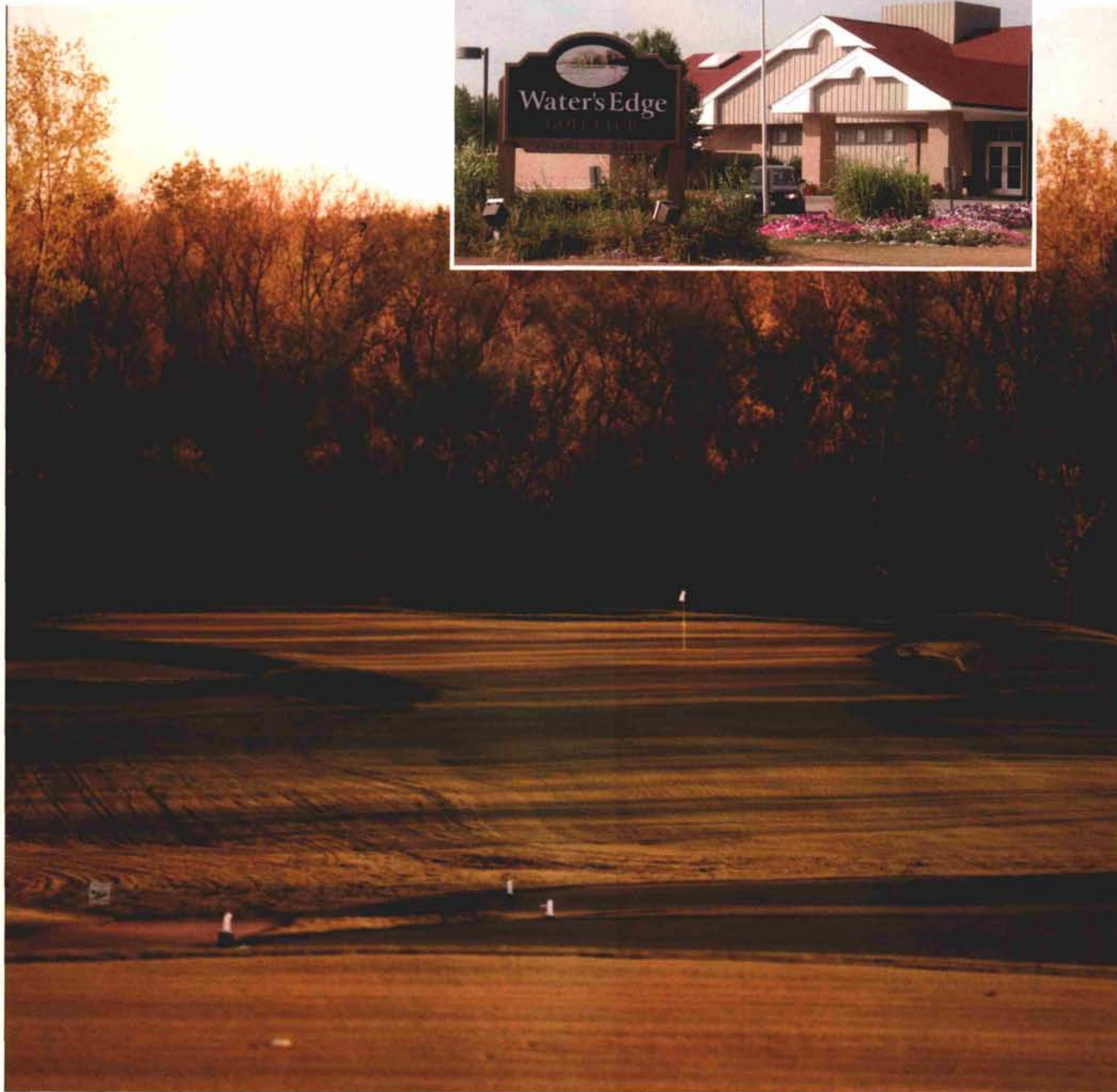
Jason is a fine golfer and at press time carries an index of 6.4. Among his favorite holes at Water's Edge is the 418-yard 13th; he particularly likes the three-tiered green complex and the ability for some great pin locations. Our host's best round at Water's Edge is 75 from the tips, which is a mere five shots worse than

his career low of 2-under 70 at Greenwood Hills Country Club. Away from golf, Jason enjoys racquet sports, softball, fishing, hunting and especially traveling. Last winter, Jason made a solo cross-country road trip through the Colorado Rockies down to Las Vegas and back through the southern states.

Jason would like to give special thanks to his crew, especially his assistant/brother Jeff Lemanski, his mechanic Jason Baumgartner, Scott Sann, Steve Dell and Bruce Schweiger. Don't miss the August meeting at one of Chicagoland's finest public facilities.



Inset: Photo by Brian Baker



Hole no. 12 at Water's Edge. Inset: The very welcoming clubhouse.

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No. 5 at Water's Edge is one of eight holes where water comes into play.

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Hole no. 2 green at Water's Edge.