

Congratulations to Aaron Reinhart, the new assistant superintendent for **Dave Behm** at Willowcrest Golf Club.

Friday the 13th of March may have been an unlucky day for the diaper services of Morris, Illinois, but it certainly was a lucky-charmed day for Wendy and **Andy Weadge** (Morris Country Club), who welcomed their 7-pound bouncing baby boy Parker into the world. Word has it that the Morris High School football and basketball coaches have already visited Parker with letters of intent in hand. Congratulations to the Weadges!



*Wendy and Parker (or is it Packer?) with Moe Weadge, Larry Riesenbeck, and Curly Blomquist looking on.*

Now that we've seen the last of winter with its prolonged ice cover, frigid temperatures, and wild mood swings with thaws and heavy rains causing flooding on many of our properties, we can look back and be thankful that we got through it with minimal damage (hopefully). Widespread reports of severe flooding, fish kills, erosion, and the usual famines and pestilence were popping up everywhere, and I thank the superintendents who shared their photos and stories of the havoc wreaked by Mother Nature on their courses.



*A submerged bridge on a local golf course in March.*



*Lack of oxygen under the winter's thick and prolonged ice led to fish kills in many golf course ponds.*

And now that the floodwaters have receded, it's a great time to inspect all those drain lines and catch basins and give 'em a good spring cleaning. Who says we don't have any fun working on a golf course?



*Another glamorous job for the guy who showed up late.*

Look for the 2010 Golf Industry Show in San Diego to have a stronger USGA presence than ever before—it was announced in February that the USGA has formalized its long-term involvement in the Golf Industry Show with an increased presence including additional programming, promotion, and sponsorship activities.

Also from the USGA, a reminder that the Green Section has regular Regional Updates on its website. These updates are designed to keep you abreast of the latest turfgrass and maintenance developments, or unusual happenings throughout the region. Go to [usga.org/turf/regional\\_updates](http://usga.org/turf/regional_updates) to see what's going on.

Congratulations to **Todd Schmitz** and the City of Aurora on the recent certification of Phillips Park Golf Course through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses. The March 18th issue of the Aurora Beacon News had a very nice (and BIG) column on the certification process, including Todd's efforts to promote environmental awareness at Phillips Park, the 48th course in Illinois and the 681st in the world to achieve ASCP certification.



*Todd Schmitz*

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