

The 19th Hole with...



Bryan Nuss

SUPERINTENDENT // Jack Frost National Golf Club, Blakeslee, Pa.

Bryan, thanks for taking the time. What can I get you? I'll have a Captain and Coke, thanks.

What's the best thing about your part of Pennsylvania? The views in the fall. The weather's good, the colors, the fall foliage. It's the thing that people know us most for in the Poconos.

So are you married? Do you have kids? Yes, Jaime and I have two boys. Tanner is 9 and Karter is 7. Tanner plays soccer, Karter is playing football for the first time.

Ever had any cool celebrity encounters at the course? We met Tony Hawk the first year we were in construction. We had the Jeep Jamboree here. It was right next to the golf course. He was a really cool guy.

You're a fan of extreme sports, right? Me and my friends used to race motorcross. But once we started having kids that stopped. I still watch the races on the weekends.

Do you still have a motorcycle? I just sold it last year. I had a Honda CR450. Jack Frost has a track right here. We would ride all the time.

Ever have any bad wrecks? I banged my head a couple times, but nothing major. As

you get older, to try and ride like the way you used to ride? You just can't do it anymore. I do miss it, but I don't miss being sore and beat up all the time.

Are you a fan of any other sports? Besides motorcross I watch football. Rutgers football and the Oakland Raiders. I grew up in Philly, and honestly, I like the Raiders because everyone around Philly hates them. I always like to go with the opposite team of what everyone likes.

Have you been trying anything new out on the golf course lately? We've been using Velocity in Weed Wands — it's a stick with a little sponge tip. I picked this up from another superintendent. We're a newer course, so we don't have a lot of *Poa*. We go walk the greens every once in a while and just dab it out. It works great.

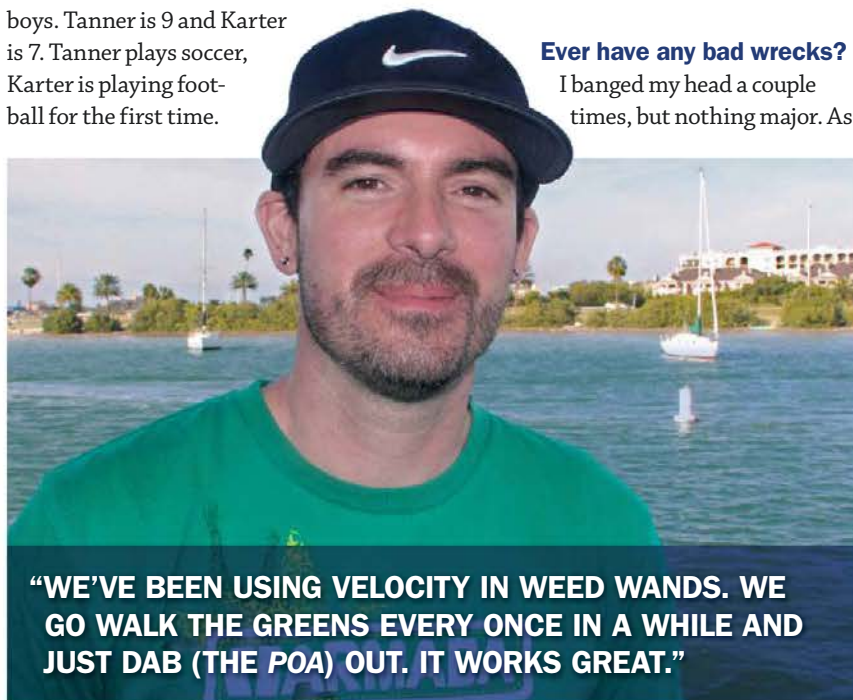
Who has the best nickname on the crew? "The Pocono Prowler." That's our mechanic, Jeff. We bust on him, the girls in the pro shop always say that they think he's looking at them. We always bust on him and he says, "I'm not looking at them, they're all too young for me!"

That's a great nickname. I just hope he doesn't mind seeing it in the magazine.

It's OK, he already knows he's the Pocono Prowler!

As interviewed by Seth Jones, July 31, 2013.

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