



The Surrounds

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The GCSAA national conference in Orlando took a large number of Wisconsin golf course superintendents and their families south for part of the month of February. The maintenance shops around the state were empty for a good part of the month, as superintendents recharged their batteries and got reacquainted with their families.

Hopefully, most of you who attended the national got out of Wisconsin before the record cold arrived. I don't remember temperatures ever getting that cold for that long of a period of time. The funny thing is that the local news reported on how scientists are concerned about global warming. You have to be kidding me!

Now that the GCSAA conference is a distant warm memory, our focus is now on the upcoming growing season. Will the spring be early or late? With the very cold period we experienced after the January thaw, many wonder if it will have caused turf damage. Is the year for snowmold injury? These are just a few of the questions turfgrass managers will face in the upcoming weeks. The sad fact is that most of these questions can only be answered by the arrival of spring itself.

The golf course superintendent positions that opened late last fall are starting to get filled,

one by one, as the season gets closer to spring. The North Shore Golf Club in Menasha hired Scott Schaller as the golf course superintendent. Schaller spent the last eight years at South Hills Golf Club in Fond du Lac. South Hills hired Jim Vander Wynen to replace the departing Schaller. Jim has been the assistant at Kenosha CC for the past four years. He graduated from Dr. Wayne Kussow's turf management program at the UW-Madison and worked at North Shore GC and Blackhawk CC before moving to Kenosha after graduation.

Dan Mosblack will take over the superintendent position at Janesville CC in early March. He was recently the assistant at Ivanhoe CC, outside of Chicago.

Gerald Panella assumed the golf course superintendent position at Lake Windsor Golf Club in February. He was the assistant at Echo Valley GC in Des Moines. Panella also worked at Firestone CC in Ohio.

Meadow Springs GC in Jefferson hired Tom Kornkven as their superintendent in January. He previously was the golf course superintendent at Prairie Woods GC near Janesville. Meadow Springs will be adding nine holes later this season.

Reinders filled Steve Barrett's sales position in the Madison area. Paul Derezhinski, who was the superintendent at The Springs GC in Spring Green, was hired at the first of the year.

In other news, Steve Archibald, superintendent at Thornberry Creek GC outside of Green Bay, is a proud new father. Archibald's wife Amy gave birth to the couple's first child—Taylor Rae—on December 29th.

Jordan Sensibar, the product manager for Spring Valley Turf Products, got married on November 10th to Patti Donahue.

Brett Grams, the superintendent at Waupaca CC, made Christmas Eve the perfect time to get engaged. Nancy Anderson will be the lucky lady, and they are planning an October wedding.

CC of Wisconsin is the most recent golf course in Wisconsin to be certified by the New York Audubon Society. Gordy Waddington said they received the recognition in late 1995.

Congratulations to Jen Eberhardt. She's recently engaged to Paul Sammerdyke. Paul is a WDNR employee. He's a lucky guy!

Enjoy the remaining few weeks of winter because spring is just around the corner. 