



The Inner Cut

By Chad A. Johnson



"Ah, summer, what power you have to make us suffer and like it."

— Russell Baker

As I sit and pen this article the golf season is full blown and summer about to embark its lethal and beautiful elements upon us. Nothing beats the view of a beautiful sunset on a crisp quiet evening at the golf course. Many of you have your full crew now and the time for tournaments, outings and other golf events has begun.

There were reports of Fusarium and cool season brown patch around the state but nothing serious. However, early seed head production from *Poa* definitely drew attention of many supers and golfers.

Jim 'Ironwood' Ceman and his wife Jayne were blessed with the birth of their second child, Callee Jay on April 27. Jim is the Superintendent at Ironwood Golf Club in Sussex.

Cubby O'Brien and his wife Peggy were blessed with the birth of their first child, Riley Edward O'Brien, on April 9. Cubby is a sales representative for Cannon Turf Supply. Congrats to you both.

On the job front a few changes have taken place in the last couple of months.

Joe Barr has taken over as superintendent at Forest Hills, formally known as The Bluffs in LaCrosse. His son John will be his assistant.

Dave Hills, formerly of Lake Lawn Resort in Delavan has moved to develop a 36-hole facility in the Lake Geneva area. His assistant, Jim Moore has been promoted to superintendent at Lake Lawn.

Mark Lockhart, formerly superintendent at Whitewater Country

Club has been appointed as the assistant superintendent at Lake Lawn. Tracy Scaggs has taken over for Mark at WCC.

Bruce Livingston, superintendent of Trappers Turn GC in Wisconsin Dells, has hired Jamie Johnson as his assistant. Jamie is a graduate of the UW-Madison turfgrass program and previously worked at Maple Bluff CC in Madison.

Steven Schmidt, superintendent of Butte Des Morts CC in Appleton, has hired Guy Clark as his assistant. Clark worked for a construction firm in Minoqua and is relatively new to the turf industry.

John Ganske, superintendent of Spooner Golf Club in Spooner has hired Travis Nordstrom as his assistant. Travis is from the Appleton area.

Best of wishes to all of you in your new adventures.

Mark Kienert at Bull's Eye Country Club in Wisconsin Rapids and his green chairman Bill Had-dow have been selected to partic-

ipate in the pro-am event at the Quad City Classic in Moline, Illinois as part of the John Deere Superintendent Recognition Program.

ATTENTION! Please mark your calendars for the WTA summer field day on August 12 at the OJ Noer Turfgrass Research Facility in Verona. A lot of effort has been put into this year's schedule of events and I truly believe everyone stands to benefit from this event.

Our sympathy to Vince Johnson and his family. Vince's wife Alice passed away in early June. They had been married 16 years. Each had been widowed and had four children each. Vince and their eight children will dearly miss Alice.

I apologize for anyone or thing I missed and again, please feel free to share any information with me at 414.861.0067 or e-mail me at cjohnson@ticon.net.

Carpe diem! 🌱

