



The Inner Cut

By Chad A. Johnson



"Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May."

— William Shakespeare

Once again another golf season is upon us and those long days of summer just ahead. Sometimes I wonder why many of us put ourselves through this physically and mentally challenging profession. I know from talking with many of you it's the self satisfaction from presenting a quality playing field for those always complaining golfers.

Most courses came through the late winter/early spring with insignificant amounts of snow mold and winterkill. However, many of us were caught by surprise with golfing weather in late February! Good old El Nino has a few surprises for us this year. You'll be better off flipping a coin then listening to the weather forecast.

Congratulations goes out to Jim Hasz, superintendent of Lake Breeze Golf Club in Winneconne for earning his GCSAA certification in March. Brian Ferrie and his wife Kris were blessed with the birth of their second child, Logan John, on March 14. Brian is the Assistant at Green Bay Country Club.

Amy Jo Sausen, Turfgrass Research Specialist at the UW-Madison, was married to Kurt Nelson on February 14. They reside in McFarland. Best wishes.

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

Steve Dobish has become the superintendent at Lakeshore Golf Course in Oshkosh.

Brent Aman, former superintendent at Koshkonong Mounds in Fort Atkinson has become superintendent for a privately owned golf course in the Lake Geneva area.

Scott Schaller, the superintendent of North Shore Country Club in Menasha has hired Brian Hickey as the second assistant.

Mike Jentsh, superintendent of Silver Springs CC in Menomonee Falls, has hired Jason Gonzales and Mike Schink as his second assistants. Gonzales came from CCW in Grafton and Schink came from Prairie Woods in Avalon.

Dan Quast, head superintendent of Medinah Country Club has promoted Jon D. Thronson from Assistant of Course #1 to Superintendent.

Derek Kastenschmidt, formerly a sales representative for Wisconsin Turf, has taken a new sales position with Reinders. Derek will cover Paul Feltag's former territory. Paul has taken a

new sales position with Barritt and Associates selling a variety of sports and playground equipment.


Good luck to all of you in your new adventures.

On a personal note, I was diagnosed in March with having Diabetes Mellitus — Type II. For those of you that have this disease or know someone who does you understand what I'm talking about. I have a new appreciation for what goes in my body and how I treat it. This came as a shock to myself and my family but I intend to attack it head on and become a true health nut.

Again, please feel free to share any information with me at 414-861-0067 or e-mail me at cjohnson@ticon.net. Cheers to a good season and stay well.

"The weather is like the government, always in the wrong."

— Jerome K. Jerome

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