



The Inner Cut

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By the time you read this all the leaves will have turned and most of them fallen. We will have had some hard frosts and the last bit of 'putting the course to bed' will remain to be completed before the first snowfall!

Turf Talk

As the grass slows down and golfers become fewer, many of us breathe a sigh of relief. However, with smaller crews and less daylight each day, everyone was pressed to finish those fall projects. Aerating, overseeding, spraying, topdressing, course construction are just a few of the things that make fall a busy yet enjoyable time of year. As you prepare your course for winter, take a look back at all of your accomplishments this season and give yourself and your crew a pat on the back.

Good News

Scott Sann and his wife were blessed with their firstborn, daughter Abigail in September. Scott is the Superintendent at Greenwood Hills Country Club in Wausau.

Scott and Tammy Allsup and their son Ian welcomed daughter Mackenzie Nicole on September 5. Scott is the JW Turf sales representative for Central Wisconsin.

Grant Mortimer, of Horst Distributing Inc., and his wife Bonnie, welcomed their third child, Lauren Rose, on September 13.

Paul and Suzanne Derezinski had a son on September 9th. Benjamin Laird carries a family name; Laird is Scottish for 'Lord'. Paul is a sales rep for Reinders.

Here's to a speedy recovery for David Smith, who had quadruple bypass heart surgery. David is the superintendent at Abbey Springs in Fontana.

Steve Stricker and his wife Niki welcomed their firstborn, daughter Bobby Jean in September. Steve is a player on the PGA Tour and a native of my hometown Edgerton.

Roger Bell experienced some heart problems in late September, but is mending well. Roger is a WGCSA past president and superintendent at the Peninsula State Park golf course.

The September 1998 issue of LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT listed the top green industry leaders in the country. Included with LM100 was Monroe S. Miller of Blackhawk C.C.

Best wishes and good health to you all.

Course Construction

Construction is under way at Paquette Pines Golf Course in Portage. Paquette Pines will be an 18-hole daily fee course with a practice facility.

Early stages of construction are also under way at Kestrel Ridge in Columbus. Chad Eberhardt will be the General Manager. Kestrel Ridge will be an 18-hole daily fee facility with a large real estate development attached.

On The Move

Mark Schwarting has been hired as superintendent at The Bridges in Madison. Mark was previously the assistant superintendent at The Springs in Spring Green.

Randy Van Fleet, superintendent at Merrill Hills Country Club in Waukesha has hired Jim Krone and Tim Wagner as his assistants. Jim comes to Wisconsin via Myrtle Beach, SC and Tim is a graduate of the UW Turf Program.

Dan Devault has taken a new sales position with Sauk County Equipment, a John Deere Dealership, in Sauk City. Dan was formerly a sales representative for

Hanley Implement in Sun Prairie.

I have taken a new position as General Manager of CPT @ Albion. Creekview is a new par three 9-hole course with a sports bar and banquet facility located just outside of Edgerton.

Congratulations and good luck to you all.

Any information you would like to share would be greatly appreciated. I can be reached at 608.884.2250 or e-mail me at cjohnson@ticon.net.

"Man is the only creature that strives to surpass himself, and yearns for the impossible."

Eric Hoffer (1902-83), U.S. philosopher.

Go Badgers! 

