



The Inner Cut

By Chad A. Johnson



It's hard to concentrate on the task at hand when the Packers are playing their first game of the preseason! I can't believe that football season is under way, especially as I look at my summer project list and see what hasn't been done yet. I know that I'm ready for Badger and Packer weekends and the euphoria they bring. Many of you will be losing some of your summer staff and will have many fall projects to accomplish. Just remember to save time for football!

Turf Talk

As the heat and humidity relaxed so did the rain. LDS, Black cutworms, Poa decline, fairy ring, and depleted water sources were just a few grumblings heard around the state. Keep in mind you are on the home stretch and pray for a good fall season.

Good News

Monroe S. Miller has been appointed to the University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Board of Visitors. The Board serves as an outside advisory group to the Dean of the College, and an appointment is considered a high honor. Congratulations.

Mr & Mrs. Pete Van De Hay were married in June. Pete and Kathy own and operate Mid-Vallee Golf Course in DePere.

Greg Gage and his wife Kris were blessed with their firstborn, son Hunter Lawson on June 13. Greg is the superintendent at Pine Valley Golf Club in Marathon.

Dan Feick and his wife Karen were joyous with their firstborn, daughter Page Daniel. Dan is a principal partner in Graves Feick Golf, Ltd.

Kendall Marquardt and his wife Daphne welcomed daughter Kira May on July 18. Kendall is the

superintendent at Lake Wisconsin CC. Kira evened the score for the Marquardt family at three boys and three girls — talk about a full house!

Dave and Broni Walter welcomed their first child on July 6. Jacob Wolfgang Walter bears the middle name of his great uncle, an Austrian immigrant to the U.S.

Best wishes and good health to you all.

Course Construction

Construction is under way at the Bridges Golf Course in Madison next to the Dane County Regional Airport. The Bridges will be an 18-hole daily fee course with a practice facility. Graves Feick Golf is overseeing the project and Executive Management Inc. is the operating entity.

Earth moving has also begun at The Broadlands in North Prairie. Rick Jacobsen is the architect and Tom Spaulding, owner of Kettle Moraine Golf Club, will be the managing entity. The Broadlands will be an 18-hole daily fee facility with real estate attached.

On the move

Mike Wirth has taken over as superintendent at Lake Breeze Golf Course in Winnecone. Kemper Sports Management, Inc. has taken over management duties for

the operation.

Jim Hasz, formerly of Lake Breeze has moved to Twin Oaks Golf Club in Denmark and has assumed the superintendent's roll.

David Jahnke, superintendent at the Washington County Golf Course in Hartford has hired Brian Zimmerman as his assistant. Brian is a '94 graduate of the UW-Madison Turfgrass Management Program and was the assistant at Brynwood CC in Milwaukee.

Wayne Otto, superintendent at Ozuakee CC in Mequon, has hired Matthew Davis as second assistant. Matthew is a graduate of the Ohio State two-year turfgrass program and previously worked at Finley CC in Ohio.

Good luck to you all in your new situations.

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.

"We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect."

- Aldo Leopold

See you next issue. ♣



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