



The Inner Cut



By Chad A. Johnson

New Year

"Then sing, young hearts that are full of cheer,

With never a thought of sorrow;
The old goes out, but the glad young year

Comes merrily in tomorrow."

Emily Miller (1833-1913), U.S. journalist, .

Once again we welcome a New Year and new beginnings. I'm sure everyone has made New Year resolutions for 1999 and is looking forward to another golf season. Cheers to good health and good times.

Turf Talk

1998 will go down as a season that never ended. Many of us were golfing into December! The nice weather did provide for extra work and projects to be finished. But who ever heard of green fairways in December in Wisconsin? Next spring should be interesting depending on what Mother Nature has in store for us yet this winter. Let's pray for a short one.

Good News

Congratulations to Timothy Honeyager, Superintendent at Moor Downs Golf Course in Waukesha for earning a specialization in Golf Course Development through the GCSAA.

Course Construction

Construction is under way at Horseshoe Bay Golf Course in Door County, where Brian Frerrie has been hired as Superintendent. Horseshoe Bay

will be an 18-hole semi-private facility with a practice range.

Major earth moving is also under way at Sky Golf Course at Whitecap Mountain in Montreal. Sky will be an 18-hole daily fee facility overlooking Lake Superior. The golf course will make Whitecap a year round resort destination.

On the Move

Mike Semler is back with the Bruce Co. in Middleton. The Bruce Co. oversees three courses - Bishop's Bay, The Meadows of Six Mile Creek and Meadow Springs. Mike was previously the Southern Wisconsin sales representative for Scotts. Given recent decisions by that company, Mike has made a good move.

Doug Laak has taken a new position as Construction superintendent at West Bend Lakes Golf and Recreation, where they will be constructing a new 9 holes. Doug was the superintendent at Chippewa Valley in Menomonie.

Gary Huenerberg has accepted the southwest sales representative position with Wisconsin Turf, the Jacobsen Distributor for southern Wisconsin. Gary comes from Deer Run GC in Brillion where he was superintendent for the past 20 years.


Oscar Peterson has accepted the golf course superintendent position at Freeport Country Club in Illinois. Oscar was the assistant at Blackhawk CC in Madison. Monroe Miller has promoted Chad Grimm as his assistant at Blackhawk.

Marc Davison, superintendent at Green Bay Country Club, has promoted Paul Schlag as his assistant.

Congratulations and best of luck to you all.

Mark your calendars for January 12 and 13 for the annual Wisconsin Turfgrass Association's Winter Turf EXPO and Conference to be held at the Marriott Hotel in Middleton. For more information contact Audra at (608) 845 - 6536.

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.

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