



Poa trivia



By Cubby O'Brien

Turf Talk

Turf talk has been postponed due to rain. Since this issue comes out a month or so after this is written, it's tough to tell what the weather has been like lately. If I believe the forecasters, we are in the early stages of what would be a nasty season long drought. I can tell you it feels a bit silly talking of dry conditions at this point. It is raining now and has been for most of the week and the week before. The ground is at or near field capacity over a good portion of southern Wisconsin. Lots of revenue was lost over Memorial Day weekend and crews are working overtime repairing washed-out bunkers and chasing grass that's too wet to mow but not too wet to grow. I've talked to more than one superintendent lately who was glad they got their Primo or Proxy out when they did.

At any rate, the wet weather along with the pink snowmold and cool-season brown patch that was peppering greens this spring is all a memory now (I hope). You're probably fighting the same things now that you do each summer - dollar spot, basal-rot, dry spots, grubs, brown patch, moose droppings (they have specially trained dogs for that now I hear).

Career Moves

Some of these are not as old as they are noteworthy (sorry for the delay). Mike Werth, formerly superintendent at Lake Breeze, is one of two new assistants hired by Scott Conley at the new Hidden Glenn Country Club near Grafton. Scott Fregien is the other as mentioned last issue. Sorry for the slip, Mike.

Scott Schaller, superintendent at North Shore GC in Menasha announced two recently filled positions. Joseph Sabel is Scott's new 1st assistant along with full-time employee Jon Berge. Both are recent UW-Madison grads.

Jim Hasz from Mid Vallee Golf Course is the new super at Winnegamme GC which is Wisconsin's first-1st Tee program golf course. Seth Brogren from Wisconsin River CC in Stevens Point is now the superintendent at Irish Waters GC. Chris Roth was hired at Twin Creeks GC in Greenville as their new super. Chris was Rod Johnson's assistant at Pine Hills.

Josh Zimmer, who was the assistant at Deer Valley for the past four years, has taken a sales position with National Seed in Madison (and he and his wife are celebrating the birth of their new baby girl Olivia). Congratulations and good luck to all.

New arrivals

Jim Van Herwynen and his wife Kimm had a baby girl February 25th. Madelyn Anne weighed in at 8lbs 10oz. Yours truly and my wife Peggy have another son. Jack Andrew was born on May 8 and weighed 8.5lbs. I can now use the phrase "the boys" as in "honey, I've got to go get the boys out of jail." Dr. Chris Williamson and his wife Amy welcomed Brooke Nicole into their family on Saturday, May 6th (Kentucky Derby Day!) at 8:07 p.m. Nicole was 8 lbs 14 oz in weight and 21" long at birth. Congratulations to these families in the WGCSA family.

Poa trivia

I must confess that my source for trivia has dried up. If anyone wants to donate some good trivia (which would be a refreshing addition to this part of the article) I'll give full credit. Just call at 888-815-2437 or e-mail at cubobrien@aol.com. 🌱



"THIS YEAR **THIS** IS MY BROADLEAF CONTROL."