



# Poa trivia



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## Turf Talk

With snow on the ground and the GCSAA national convention just ahead, it seems a bit silly to have a sub-title called "Turf Talk" but I don't know what else to call it. Instead let's call it "Turf Hodge Podge" for \$500, Alex.

But seriously, this is the early spring edition of *The Grass Roots* and you've all been to the show and hopefully learned what to expect from the industry in the coming year. From the newest equipment and chemicals to the latest ways to best use them on your course. It must leave you with a sense that the best in the business converge to share knowledge, hone skills and celebrate your trade. Sounds corny but it's true, don't you think?

## And the Winner is...

Once again *The Grass Roots* for best chapter publication by a volunteer superintendent editor. Congratulations again Monroe! How many does that make besides A LOT?

Also worth mentioning is that the GCSAA Environmental Stewardship Merit Award in the public category went to James Krutilla for the second year in a row.

James is superintendent of Towne Country Club in Edgerton. The ESA recognizes golf course superintendents for overall excellence in course management in the areas of technology use, resource conservation, water quality management, IPM, wildlife habitat management and education outreach. Geez, any time left for growing grass? Just joking, congratulations!

## More Deer Tails

Here is the hunting report

from the Milwaukee area. Carl Grassl (Bluemound CC) and John Jensen (Wisconsin Turf) each bagged an antelope while in Montana. Added to their totals for this year are five deer for Carl and a six pointer for John. Dan Shaw (Olde Highlander) got a big nine point buck during gun season. Brother Pat (The Bog) got a nice eight pointer.

## On a Sad Note

Scott Schultz, aka "Scooter", was killed in a mid-December snowmobile accident. Our deepest condolences to his family and friends at Tripoli CC.

They've not had a good year at all.

## Career Moves

Scot Spier, former superintendent at Cedar Creek CC in Onalaska, is the new superintendent at Trappers Turn. Mark Robel is Jim Shaw's new assistant at Chenequa CC. Mark was superintendent at Squires CC. Trygve Ekern is the new assis-

tant at Bristlecone Pines under Josh Lepine. He was assistant to Jack Tripp at LaCrosse CC and a '98 UW - Madison grad. Mike Bogrof is the new second assistant superintendent at Blackhawk CC in Madison.

Dave Brandenburg at Rolling Meadows has hired two new assistants. James Juoni, former superintendent at Camalot CC and a UW - River Falls grad is his first assistant. Scott Wendels, a UW - Madison grad was hired as Dave's second assistant. Congratulations to all!

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Last issue's trivia answer is: In 1979 Taylor Made introduced the first metal wood.

This month's question: In the early years of golf, what group was barred from entering the clubhouse?

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