



Poa trivia



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Turf talk

Well, the Masters is over and Vijay won a green jacket. If my article had been on time, I wouldn't know that...sorry, Monroe. Once again it is time for some of you lucky supers to answer that annoying question asked by your favorite members of the green committee each year: "How come our course doesn't look like Augusta?" Maybe you should tell him, "it might if you wouldn't play it!" That, or tell him to go scratch. I have never been lucky enough to see Augusta National, but I hear from those who have that it truly is heaven on earth. I do love that tournament.

The end of the Masters also signals the opening bell for the golf season to begin. Most courses are all set to open if they haven't already. Snow mold seems non-existent for the most part. No snow, I guess, except for the storm we had on April 7th. Remember my article of a year ago (I'm sure you do!) when I talked about typically atypical springs in Wisconsin? Here we go again, with 70-plus degrees F. in March and snow storms in an otherwise dry April. The dry fall of '99 coupled with no snowmelt to speak of, along with little if any rain in April have a lot of folks firing up irrigation systems weeks ahead of schedule. Some were charged with water in March! Makes you wonder what the year will be like, doesn't it? My guess is hot and dry and long.

Career moves

Quite a few jobs were filled for so late in the season. Jim Moore, formerly the golf course superintendent of Lake Lawn, will join his old boss Dave Hills at the new Hawks View in Lake Geneva as

superintendent. Dave will be assuming a general manager role there. Jim's assistant "Sparky" will take over as superintendent at Lake Lawn.

Drugans Castle Mounds has hired Scott Gilbertson to be the new superintendent. Scott sold for Terra in the area for the last three years (guess there's hope for me yet) and was Mike's assistant for five years before that.

Brent Amann has moved from Lakewood in Lake Geneva to be superintendent of Morningstar Golf Course near Mukwonago.

Brent Peterson from Geneva National is now the golf course superintendent at Cedar Creek in LaCrosse.

Bruce Livingston has taken the superintendent position at Coldwater Canyon in the Dells.

Todd Fregein is one of Scott Conley's new assistants at Hidden Glenn in Cedarburg.

Welcome to the world

Taking care of the course has got

to be the east part! Kendall and Daphne Marquardt are proud parents of a baby boy. Zachariah Augustus weighed in at 8 lbs. 10 oz. and was born on Tuesday, March 7th at 1:59 a.m. This is their seventh child. The score is boys - 4 and girls - 3! Zach's siblings are 14, 11, 9, 5, 3, and 20 months. Care to even the score, Kenny? My wife Peggy and I are expecting our second child on May 12th and I get tired just thinking about it. God only knows how you do it.

Trivia

I lost the book when we moved recently, but I remember the answer to last issue's question because I got such a kick out of it and I think you will too. Which group was banned from clubhouses in the early years of golf? Golf pros! They were viewed by the memberships to be of laborer class and as such weren't allowed access to clubhouse facilities. Oh, the good old days! 🌿



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