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## ABOUT THE COVER

The Christmas season is one especially enjoyed by Wisconsin golf course superintendents. The fact that we work so many other holidays adds to the pleasure of one we do not. Winter weeks are slower than those of spring, summer and fall, allowing us time to soak in both the somber side of Christmas and the fun aspects it offers.

To celebrate the season, artist Jen Samerdyke has created a cover that bridges the Wisconsin golf courses and the new winter season.

*A Christmas Prayer*

*Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song*

*of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men.*

*Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.*

*Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.*

*Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.*

*May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen!*

— Robert Louis Stevenson

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