



# Poa trivia

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## Turf Talk

Any snow mold? Wow! I haven't seen this much damage in a long time.

Couple the early snowfall on unfrozen ground with the fact that the "January thaw" only reduced the snow cover to a mere foot or two, and it made for quite a clinic across the state. Mostly, damage was confined to untreated roughs and surrounds, but boy did the bluegrass take a beating. I know that PCNB has been criticized by some researchers for stunting growth and compromising root development in spring but it did a pretty darned good job under some mighty heavy pressure. I saw a fair amount of gray in the field along with the usual pink which isn't so common in the southern half. We still haven't been "blessed" with "Ishy" to my knowledge in the south but if we have more winters like the last one who knows?

There was a considerable amount of damage caused by field mice or voles this year too. They appear to chew the turf at the crown and make the areas in which they feed look as though someone went nuts with a weedeater. I don't know how you could control them or minimize the damage they do either.

One hears all kinds of goofy things during calls made in golf course shops. One particular super, who shall remain nameless, was shaking

his head over a comment made by his G.M. When told by the superintendent that the ground was frozen too hard to cut cups early this spring, the G.M. replied, "Well, can't you buy a heated cup cutter?" I'll check with Standard and Par Aide.

It was a long winter, wasn't it?

## New Hires

Mike Wirth is the new superintendent at the Monroe Country Club in, guess where, Monroe. Mike was an assistant to Scott Conely at the soon to open Hidden Glenn. John Gallus is the new super at Devils Head Resort in Merrimac. John's first job on a golf course was at Devils Head back in the eighties. Eric Jasin has filled the superintendent opening at Lake Arrowhead golf course in Nekoosa. Eric was Randy DuPont's assistant at North Hills. Dan Shaw landed the job at Lac La Belle Country Club in Oconomowoc. Dan was previously the superintendent at Olde Highlander. How is it that the Shaw bros., with the exception of Pat (The Bog), all ended

up within spitting distance of each other? They must get good references from neighboring superintendents!

Two superintendents in the south have added General Manager to their resumes. Mike Yontz is the new GM/Super at Decatur Lake CC in Brodhead. James Krutilla is the same for Towne CC in Edgerton.

Two turf specialists have joined Reinders. Fred Anderson is serving the Northwest Wisconsin market and Scott Adams is in the Northern Illinois market.

## New Courses

Some of the new courses scheduled to open (at least in part) in 2001 are: Hawks View in Lake Geneva, Morningstar in Brookfield, as mentioned earlier Hidden Glenn, and Hawks Landing on Madison's southwest side. My apologies to anyone I may have missed.

## New Kids

Scott Sann, superintendent at Greenwood Hills, and his wife Melissa, welcomed a new son into the world - Jackson Williams.

Bruce Livingston of Cold Water Canyon and his wife LuAnn have a new baby girl - Brooke Elizabeth. Congratulations!

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Have a great spring; it's been a long time comin'!



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