

Poa trivia



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The crews are hired, the grinding is done, the plans have been finalized; I hope everybody is ready for spring because it is definitely here! Monroe I have to apologize for getting this article to you so late but the last 20 days are a blur. Usually we ease ourselves into the daily grind, but this year we had to jump in with both feet. Help us all if this is a sign for things to come.

The winter seems to have been pretty good to us this past year-barring a few ice spots in certain areas, everyone appears to have come through very well. Being on a lot of courses the last few weeks, it seems that this is the earliest I have seen them green up in recent years. Hopefully this will be a beginning of a great golf year where the weather will be such that golfers can play record rounds while not hurting any turf. Time will tell though; in the mean time...

Career Moves

There have been a few job changes in the last few months. Congratulations go out to Steve Bailey who is the new superintendent at The Preserve at Deer Creek. Steve retired a few years back from Brown Deer Golf Course but decided retirement wasn't for him. There is another superintendent back from retirement and that is Carl Grasl. Carl is the new consulting superintendent at Whispering Springs Golf Course in Fond du Lac. Welcome back Steve and Carl!

Jack Knulty is the new superintendent at Delbrook Golf Course in Delevan. Prior to coming to Delbrook, Jack was the superintendent at Coutry Club Estates in Fontana. Congratulations Jack!

Ed Hoover is the new superintendent at The Woods Golf Course in Green Bay. Ed took a few years off from the turf industry but decided that being a superintendent is what he wanted to do. Welcome back to the industry, Ed.

Tom Bottensek has taken the superintendent job at Westridge Golf Course in Neenah. Tom previously was the superintendent at Hunters Glenn Golf Course in Crivits. While at Hunters Glenn, Tom grew in the course and groomed it into a championship golf course. Congratulations on your new job, Tom!

David Herr decided to jump the fence and try his skills at selling. David is the new Service Center Manager for LESCO Inc at their Kaukauna Store. David comes to LESCO from Deer Run Golf Course in Brillion where he was the superintendent. Good Luck in your new position, Dave!

Another person who decided to jump the fence is Scott Wendels. Scott is the new truck salesman for LESCO Inc in southern Wisconsin. Scott was formerly the superintendent at The Woods Golf Course in Green Bay. Scott is taking over for Jeff Kingsly who is still working for LESCO, but in western Michigan. Congratulations Scott on your new position!

Doug Laak is now working for J.W. Turf. John Deere moved the irrigation sales division to their local distributors as a part of their new "Golf & Turf One Source Plan." Congratulations, Doug, on your new position.

Last but not least congratulations go out to Wayne Otto who is now working for Milorganite. Wayne was formerly the superintendent at Ozaukee Country Club. Congratulations Wayne!

If you any information, career moves, babies, funny stories, whatever you may want to share with your cohorts, please contact Rob Wasser at sls156@lesco.com or Steve Wasser at sls224@lesco.com or you can call us at 262-206-0775 or 920-362-1809.



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