

By Tom Wentz and the Reinders Team

I am both humbled and honored to contribute to The Grass Roots chapter newsletter, the #1 GCSAA chapter newsletter for 20 plus years. Monroe stated that this section is the first one turned to by the readership in order to catch up on the latest happenings from around our great state. As such, I want to make sure we don't overlook any significant news both professional and personal among superintendents and vendors. While I will lean on the Reinders sales team for news, please feel free to email me at twentz@reinders.com with any news you would like to share. Thanks!

As you can see, the heading has changed from "Poa trivia" to "Badger State Turf Clippings". The name change keeps in line with the "Grass Roots" name, and represents small tidbits of news, i.e. turf clippings. While change sometimes is hard to adjust to, I hope you can deal with this slight change!!

Special Honor

Congratulations to **Monroe Miller** for his induction into the Wisconsin Golf Hall of Fame. This is the first time a superintendent has been inducted in Wisconsin. I would venture that this has not happened in many other states. Blackhawk CC has to be thrilled with Monroe's recognition. I spoke with a Blackhawk member a few months ago, and he stated that they certainly were. You talk about status at a club ... and now Wisconsin recognizes Monroe's dedication and contribution to the golf industry in the state. Again, congratulations!!

Superintendent Changes

Jason Bell has become the new superintendent at Fox Lake CC in Fox Lake, WI. Jason started in mid-March. Jason previously had worked as an assistant for his dad, Roger Bell, at Peninsula State Park.

Chad Johnson is the new superintendent/general manager at Lake Mills GC (formerly Tyranena GC) in Lake Mills. Chad has been in the turf business for many years and is spearheading many new improvements at this new facility.

Jon Canavan is the new superintendent at Brynwood CC in Milwaukee. Jon has not only worked at Brynwood CC as an assistant but was also assistant at Oakland Hills CC in Michigan.

Kris Woppert has become the new superintendent at Country Club Estates in Fontana. Prior to this move, Kris was assistant superintendent at Nippersink CC.

I'm sure we have missed other significant moves/promotions around the state. Please pass along to my email address any news and it will be included in the next issue.

Wisconsin Vendor Updates

George Magnin has joined LESCO as sales representative for Southwestern/South Central Wisconsin. George previously was superintendent at Cherokee CC in Madison for 10-plus years. Congratulations George on your new position!!

Birth Announcements

Congratulations to **Dave** and **Jamie Braasch** on the birth of a new baby boy, Logan David. Dave is superintendent at Glen Erin GC in Janesville.

David Marach, assistant superintendent at Oshkosh CC and his wife Wendy welcomed into the world their first child, Ethan Edward. Congratulations are in order for both David and Wendy, and the first time grandparents, Dale and Linda Marach who are beaming with joy!!

That is all the news that is news, and I'm sure we missed other significant happenings around the state. If so, please email me at twentz@reinders.com or call me at 608-220-6592. ♥

