

Badger State Turf Clippings

By Tom Wentz and the Reinders Team

Happy New Year 2007!!

What will this New Year bring? That's always the question that will get answered as the year goes by. It really is true that the older you get the faster time flies!! Have you made any new resolutions for 2007? Or are you repeating the same ones that you do at the beginning of every year and you end up giving up on, or forgetting about! On a return trip over the Christmas holidays, my wife and I were listening to a local talk show that was discussing New Year's resolutions and how to stick to them. One piece of advice was to "visualize" your resolution and see yourself following through toward the end result you would like to see. Ummm!! I know you hear this advice about visualizing when you're standing over the golf ball and deciding what club to use and where you want to hit it. While it seems good, how many actually follow it? I haven't, but again this is a New Year and the time to change and try it. So you know one of my New Year's resolutions.

I hope all of you are planning on a successful year at your golf course or place of business. I know we will have new challenges we didn't plan for, but if we maintain our focus and keep visualizing the end result... 2007 could be the best year ever. I wish you all a successful New Year!!

In Memoriam

Paul Anhalt, a long-time employee of Horst Distributing Inc., in Chilton, passed away on November 8th, 2006. Paul was the Service Manager at Horst and was employed there for 41 years.

Paul was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer shortly after Labor Day and lost his battle surrounded by his family. Paul will be

missed by all of his acquaintances in the Wisconsin Turf industry.

Congratulations

Jerry Kienast, Equipment Service Manager at Reinders Inc., received the Service Achievement Award by The Toro Company at their annual banquet in Orlando, Florida. This award is given to the service manager who has exhibited exemplary progress in completion of the 2006 Distributor Partners In Excellence program. Jerry took the initiative to implement and utilize best business practices with positive results relating to customer satisfaction.



L-R, Santosh Patel of Toro, Jerry Kienast of Reinders and Jack Hensley of Toro.

Superintendent Moves

Eric Leonard was promoted to superintendent at Cherokee CC in Madison this fall. Eric received his horticulture/turf associate degree from Kishwaukee College in DeKalb, IL. He started his turf experience on the grounds crew at age 12 at Edgerton Town and CC and worked there through high school. He served as assistant superintendent at Hawks Landing GC in Madison in 2004 and 2005, before moving over to Cherokee CC to serve as assistant in 2006.

Colin Seaberg is the new superintendent at Ozaukee Country Club in Mequon. Colin

started his new role in early January 2007. Colin is a graduate of Michigan State University holding a Bachelor's degree in Turf Management. Colin's turf experience was serving as an assistant at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City, MI. He worked there for three summers on the Jack Nickalaus designed Bear golf course. He has spent the past four years as superintendent at Congressional Country Club in Maryland in charge of the Blue golf course... site of the US Open. He is married and has two kids. Welcome to Wisconsin!!

Joe Schmid is the new Superintendent at Blackstone Creek GC in Germantown. Joe came over after serving as an assistant at Fire Ridge GC in Grafton for the past few years. Joe received his Bachelor's degree in Turf and Landscape Management from the University of Minnesota. He will be getting married in March 2007.

Mike Galyardt is the new superintendent at Irish Waters GC in Freedom. Mike moved over from Winagamie GC where he worked for the past three to four years.

New Parents

Congratulations to **Aaron and Kari Goninen** who became the proud parents of a new son. Camden Jay was born on Nov. 19, 2006. Camden weighed in at 7 lb 5 oz. Aaron is the assistant superintendent at Bluemound Golf and Country Club in Wauwatosa.

Please pass along any news in the turf business around the state to any of your Reinders reps. We don't want to leave anyone out. You can email me at twentz@reinders.com or call me at 608-220-6592. 🌿