

## News and Notes From WGCSA Members

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I belong to a very small family (not that we are all short), I meant that both my parents were “only” children. Many of my relatives resided in Des Moines, Iowa where some were members of Des Moines Country Club.

They loved golf, not only playing the game, but watching tournament matches on TV. A good portion of our visits to Iowa inevitably ended with the men sitting in living room watching Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Lee Trevino or Greg Norman play in one tournament or another. I must admit, I was bored out of my mind but looking back those are fond memories of being with family.

This years U.S. Open rekindled some of those childhood memories, as I was joined by my kids huddled around the television. Each of us was on the edge of our seats as history unfolded. We found ourselves cheering for a young Rory McIlroy. He tore through Congressional Country Club, while putting on a coaching school for the best PGA players in the world.

This kid is something special and the future of golf is his to conquer. Many are already talking about the potential for Rory to break many of the records that are held today by other great golfers of the past. Even if he doesn't break some of those records, Rory McIlroy is still good for the game and his timing couldn't have been better.

The golf boom spiked years back when Tiger entered the scene. Many were convinced that we couldn't build courses fast enough to support the players that Tiger was going to introduce to the game. Fast forward to the present, and the story of the golf boom almost follows the fall from grace that we have seen from Woods.

McIlroy is a breath of fresh air to a sport that was only viewed by the demographic of mid-thirty aged players and up. Could he add a boost to a sport that needs new young players introduced, so we all have jobs well into our retirement age? Only time will tell, but who would have predicted such a strong recovery from Rory after we watched his lead at the Masters slip away? His manners, disposition and next door neighbor image will take him far in this sport. It is just fantastic to see.

### Industry News

Bob White has accepted the head Superintendent position at Quail Valley Country Club. Bob was previously an assistant at Hawks Nest Golf Course and started his career

at Pheasant Valley Ridge in Falcon, Montana. In Bob's spare time he enjoys flying and bird watching.

Rocky Hill has been named the new Superintendent at Rolling Meadows Ridge Peek Golf Club. Before moving to Wisconsin, Rocky spent some time in Philadelphia where he met his wife Adrian. They have one son named Robert “Rocky” Jr. Rocky enjoys running, boxing and traveling to Russia.

### Marathon Completed

David Marach Superintendent of Northbrook Country Club located in Luxemburg, WI and his wife Wendy set out to accomplish one of the items on their bucket list. Running and completing the Bellin 10K run. The Bellin Run is held annually in Green Bay, on the second Saturday in June. This event has been held for over 35 years and had well over 18,000 participants this past June. Wendy's time was 55:24 and her overall Place was 3,628. Her division Place was 197 out of 867. Women's Place 1,129 out of 9081

Dave's time was 52:16 and overall place of 2,465. His division place was 218 out of 551 and men's place 1846 out of 6382.

Rumor has it they were chasing the runner who had a cold beer dangling in front of him.

Their son Ethan ran the children's race on Friday night and was seen being interviewed by ESPN.

### Summer

As I write this, it is the 4th of July weekend and summer has finally shown up. Strange to be able to count the number of good weather days we have seen leading up to this holiday weekend.

I will spend the remainder of this weekend sitting on a boat or sitting by a campfire drinking my favorite beer and praying for all of us that summer has a stronger finish than it began. I hope the beer is colder than the one I was running with in the 10K in Green Bay.

I have a few more articles to write before the torch is passed on to the next victim, I mean writer. So please be sure to keep me informed as to any new news that you would like included in the next issues