

News and Notes From WGCSA Members

By John Jensen and The Reinders Team

Maybe my memory is going, but I just don't remember a spring like this. I feel bad even calling it spring but it surely has been interesting. As I sit down to write this article, we are into mid May and just outside my window and across the road is a farm field that is just now being seeded for the season. It is a task that should have been done weeks ago but with the strange weather patterns, this farmer is not alone.

Some of you have come out of winter looking good and just waiting for the steady temperatures to turn that course to lush green. Others throughout the state have been hit with a bad case of ice damage and winter kill. With the cooler than normal spring repairing this damage is making the task seem like an eternity.

A few years ago, I pulled into a course that had lost at least four greens to a late season ice storm. I jumped on a cart and headed out to see the damage. As we approached the worst of the four greens, I looked over at him and noticed he looked as calm as the stillest day. I was really surprised and said to him, "You are handling this much better than I would." And I will never forget his response, "You know, it's good to have this happen every now and then. Now the members get to see why they hired me to take care of this place." He was right; sometimes people need a good reminder.

Industry News

With the busy season upon all of us, everyone at Reinders has done his best to keep me informed about the newest changes in the market place. Now onto the latest news as I hear it.

After many years as head superintendent at Old Hickory Country Club, Mike Lyons has been hired by the Oliphant Companies to become the superintendent at the Golf Courses of Lawsonia. Both the Links and the Woodlands courses make up the 36 holes of golf located in Green Lake.

Lee Manke has returned to Wisconsin as the new superintendent of Old Hickory Country Club. Lee was the head superintendent a few years ago at Mayville Country Club before taking a job in Minnesota at Greystone Golf Course. Lee is an avid Brewers fan and I bet he is glad to not have to drive so far to catch a game.

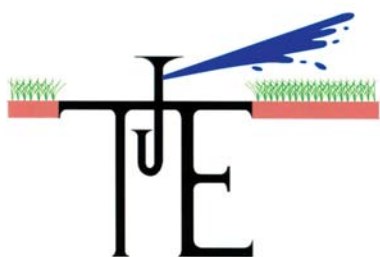
Martin Kennedy is the new golf course superintendent at Door Creek Golf Course in Cottage Grove. Previous to joining Door Creek, he has worked for the past seven years at University Ridge Golf Course.

Grayson Harms is the new superintendent at Bishops Bay in Madison. Prior to joining Bishops Bay, Grayson was the superintendent at Tuscumbia Golf Course.

Jeff Norman is the new superintendent at Meadowbrook Country Club. Jeff came to Racine from Lac Crosse where he owned and operated a course just over the border in Minnesota. He began his career at Meadowbrook as the golf course assistant to Scott Bartosh and was promoted when Scott decided to pursue other ventures.

Scott Bartosh has joined Arthur Cleasons, Inc. as their newest sales representative. Arthur Cleasons is based out of Wheeling and Mokena, Illinois. Scott was a superintendent for many years at Kenosha Country Club and joined Meadowbrook Country Club a few years ago before taking over his new sales territory.

Dave Kloss and Paul Bastron have joined JW Turf as sales representatives for the Wisconsin territory. Dave was formerly a superintendent with Medinah Country Club and Paul was with Glen Flora Country Club which is also located in Illinois. Paul was with Glen Flora since 1987 and held both the general manager and superintendent positions.



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Tony Cerrito who has worked with the grounds department at Muskego Lakes for the past few seasons, has been promoted to superintendent.

Steve Houlihan is the new assistant superintendent at Bluemound Country Club. Steve has worked with Jim Shaw at Chenequa Country Club and with Randy Van Fleet at Merrill Hills Country Club.

Mike Bindel is the new assistant superintendent at Merrill Hills Country Club and prior to that worked with Josh LePine at Bristlecone Pines Golf Course.

Lori Stanek is the new superintendent at Petrifying Springs which is one of the two Kenosha County Golf Courses. Lori has been a long time Kenosha County employee and was formerly at Brightondale Golf Course.

Aaron Goninen has joined Reinders as a Golf Irrigation Sales/Service Representative. Aaron will be managing customer accounts in Wisconsin and the U.P. of Michigan. During his college days he worked at Bishop's Bay as well as

Blackhawk Country Club. After graduation, he became an assistant at Conway Farms in Lake Forest, Illinois and Blue Mound Country Club located in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

Jeffrey Muller has joined Oconomowoc Country Club as Dustin's second assistant superintendent. During the last year he has been a part of the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club's field management crew.

Prior golf course experience included Old Baldy Club in Saratoga, Wyoming and Eagle Ridge Resort and Spa located Galena, Illinois.

The Perfect Game:

Mike Schmieden, superintendent of Evergreen Country Club, bowled his first career 300 game on February 12th during his local couple's league event. Mike has been bowling for 20+ years and even goes to the National tournament on a regular basis. Congratulations, Mike, and hey, I know a guy in Kenosha that could use your help!

Coming Events!

Tuesday June 7th - WGCSA/PGA Super/Pro at North Shore CC in Mequon

Tuesday July 19th - WGCSA Tournament at Brown Deer Park GC, in Milwaukee, WI

Tuesday July 26th - WTA Summer Field Day at OJ Noer Research Facility, Verona

Saturday August 6th - Gene Van Liere / Eagle Creek Golf Club Memorial Scramble

Monday August 15th - WGCSA Golf Meeting at Greenwood Hills GC in Wausau (w/NGLGCSA)

Monday September 19th - Wee One Fundraiser @ Pine Hills C.C. Sheboygan

Fri Oct 7th and Sat Oct 8th - WGCSA Couples Weekend @ Minocqua CC, Minocqua, WI (w/NGLGCSA)

Monday October 3rd - WTA Fundraiser @ Oconomowoc GC, Oconomowoc, WI

Tues Nov 15th & Wed Nov 16th - WGCSA Golf Turf Symposium @ American Club, Kohler