

News and Notes From WGCSA Members

By Matt Kinnard and the DHD Team

Editors Note: We welcome Matt Kinnard as the new man behind the pen writing the Clippings column. Our thanks go out to John Jensen for his service for over three years.

Thirty-seven years have past since the first issue of The GrassRoots was published in 1975. Why was it published? Wisconsin golf course superintendents needed an effective way to communicate ideas, news and research. Plus, the extra revenue from advertisements wasn't a bad thing either. With that in mind, Danny Quast published the first issue and took on the task of being the magazine's first editor. Magazine, however, might be a generous word. The first issues were simply folded sheets, but still provided useful and informative articles. The April 1975 edition included a bulletin regarding state legislation to ban phenoxy herbicides including 2,4-D (that obviously didn't happen). In June 1975, The GrassRoots warned of the potential for the fungicide thiram to make you sick while you drink beer. Hmmm, who knew!



Don Fort, the Equipment Tech at Abbey Springs, harvested this buck with his bow on the golf course November 16. The 3.5 year old 10-pointer dressed out at 185 lbs. Congratulations Don

With help from Bill Douglas, then superintendent at North Shore Country Club, Wayne Otto and many others, Danny did an excellent job with this publication before handing it over to Monroe Miller for further success. We, at DHD, are excited to be contributing to The GrassRoots on Danny's behalf, even if it has been a few decades.

Big Move

I want to thank John Jensen and the entire Reinders team for their contribution to this article for the last several years. Speaking of Reinders, they have moved from their longtime corporate headquarters in Elm Grove to their new location in Sussex. The Elm Grove location was Reinder's headquarters since 1866. That's impressive!

Career Moves

Brian Holz is the new superintendent at Branch River Golf & Tennis in Cato. Brian graduated from Rutgers University in 2007 and has prior work experience at Thornberry Creek Golf Course and Crystal Springs Golf Course. Before his move to Branch River, Brian held the position of assistant superintendent at Fox

Hills Resort for four years. If accepting a new job wasn't enough, Brian was married to Katye on October 1st. The happy couple took a week off from the cold in January and honeymooned in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. Congratulations!

Heather Henning is the new assistant superintendent at Racine Country Club. Heather earned a BS degree in Geology from UW-Parkside with a concentration in Soil and Water Science. She spent time as the assistant superintendent at both Meadowbrook Country Club in Racine and Stone-

wall Orchard Golf Club in Grayslake, IL. Heather loves managing golf turf, and is an avid hunter and outdoorswoman. Congratulations!

Just Married!

Jacob Schneider said 'I do' to Jessica during a winter ceremony on January 7. Jake is the assistant superintendent at Blackhawk Country Club in Madison. Congratulations to the newlyweds!

Award Season

The Golf Course Owners of Wisconsin hosted their annual awards presentation at The Bull at Pinehurst Farms on November 29, 2011. Winners included MidVallee GC (18 holes or more) and Norsk GC (9 holes) for Best Golf Course Appearance and Maintenance. The Bull (18 holes or more) and Missing Links GC (9 holes) were awarded Course of the Year. Congratulations to all the winners!

Runners!

Lake Breeze Golf Club in Winneconne, was the site of the 2011 NCAA Division III National Cross Country Championship on November 19. Fifth place UW-Oshkosh hosted 277 athletes from around the country and according to Lake Breeze Superintendent Jim Hasz, they did very little damage to the course and he is looking forward to having the event held there again.

Finally, Happy New Year to everyone. My resolution this year was not to shovel or blow any snow in 2012. Well, so far so good, but I have a feeling this resolution isn't going to last very long.

If you're interested in reading about the consequences of mixing beer and thiram or any article from The GrassRoots since 1975, you can. Every issue is available at the WGCSA website via the Michigan State Turf Library.

Please pass along any significant news or happenings around the state to Danny, Mike or me. We want to spread the good news. You can also email me at m.kinnard@sbcglobal.net or call at 920-210-9059.

