

News and Notes From WGCSA Members By Matt Kinnard and the DHD Team

From everyone at DHD I'd like to say Happy New Year! We also hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and Holiday Season. And, hey, as a bonus the Mayan Apocalypse was a bust. With a new lease on life after December 21, I was thinking of all the things I could be thankful for now and look forward to in the coming years. So here are just a few...

- 1) I will be able to continue to watch the Bears suck for many more years to come.
- 2) Dedicating 7 days of my life to Discovery Channels Shark Week.
- 3) Paying \$1 per oz of beer at Summerfest. (This is sarcasm)
- 4) Having the privilege of sharing all of your good news, such as the following.

Career Moves

Dustin Peterson is the new superintendent at Rolling Greens Golf Course in Durand, WI. Dustin recently graduated from Chippewa Valley Technical College in 2012. He has previous golf course experience at Eau Claire Country Club. Congratulations Dustin on your first Superintendents position!

Steve Blake at Ridgeway Country Club in Neenah promoted his second assistant Chris Goeben to the position of Assistant Superintendent. Chris graduated from the Rutgers Turf Program in 2010. Chris started working in golf as a seasonal at Crystal Springs in Seymour. During college he had the opportunity to intern in Kohler at Whistling Straits on the Irish Course in 2009 and then in 2010, the year of the PGA Championship, on the Straits Course. Congratulations Chris!

Harrison Beal has returned to the golf course where he had his first summer job, Kenosha Country

Club. Harrison has accepted the position of Assistant Superintendent under Scott Verdun. He graduated from the Rutgers Turf Program in 2010 after interning at Glen Arbor Golf Club in Bedford Hills, NY. When he returned to Wisconsin, he began work at Oconomowoc Golf Club as the Second Assistant, and was promoted to Assistant Superintendent in 2011. Congratulations Harrison!

Newly Married

Garrett Luck, the Superintendent at North Shore Country Club in Mequon, and Ann Engel were married on December 15, 2012. The newlyweds are looking forward to a warm February honeymoon in Jamaica. Congratulations Garrett and Ann!

Family Additions

Fox Lake Golf Club Superintendent, Brian Igl, and his wife Kayla received a late Christmas present on December 27, 2012 when they welcomed a baby girl into the world. Kynslee Mae, 11lbs 5 oz (not a typo), came home in time to ring in the New Year with her brother Teagan and Junior the dog. Congratulations Brian and Kayla!

Scenic View Country Club (Slinger) Superintendent, Kasey VandeBerg and his wife Brooke had a baby girl September 10, 2012. Harper Marie weighed 6lbs 10oz and was 20 inches. Congratulations Kasey and Brooke on the new addition to you family!

Retirement

Peter Fay, superintendent at Haw-

thorne Hills Golf Course in Saukville, has retired after dedicating 40 years to the Ozaukee County Parks Department. Pete began his career at the Parks Dept. when he accepted the position of Greenkeeper I on June 1, 1972. Pete witnessed a tremendous amount of change occur in our industry over the length of his career but what never changed was the commitment he had for his job, his indelible work ethic and genuine personality. The result was an outstanding golf facility that is known for its excellent playing conditions year in and year out. On January 2nd, 2013, Pete's 'meritorious and dedicated service,' was recognized by Ozaukee County. Hopefully with more free time now, Pete and his wife Sharon, will be able to enjoy as much time as they want touring the country in their RV. Congratulations Pete on the conclusion of your remarkable career and from all of us in the turf industry, we hope you enjoy your retirement.

Winning

Lee Mahnke, superintendent at Old Hickory Country Club in Beaver Dam, was the winner of a \$200.00 GCSAA Gift Certificate after his name was drawn for participating in the GCSAA Research Panel. Other winners received various gift cards, ipods and even a chainsaw. Any superintendent can participate in the Research Panel and doesn't have to be a member of the GCSAA. For more information visit www.gcsaa.org/news/ResearchPanel.aspx.

Congratulations Lee!

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.

