

## News and Notes From WGCSA Members

By Matt Kinnard and The DHD Team

I once again had the opportunity to play in the Wee One Foundation Golf Outing at Pine Hills this year, with approximately 185 of my fellow turf colleagues, to honor the legacy of Wayne Otto. The tenth annual golf outing was once again a monumental success and is a reminder that the foundation has helped so many golf course management professionals and their dependents who incur overwhelming expenses due to medical hardship.

Those in attendance were updated on the success of the One Percent Endowment Fund. The Fund began a year ago, and because of contributions from individuals and corporate sponsors it is off to a great start. Let's continue to support the Wee One to ensure its permanent success into the future as it strives to reach a goal of \$10 million in 10 years.

### Career Moves

Ozaukee Country Club (Mequon) promoted their Assistant Superintendent, **Brett Hosler**, to the position of Superintendent. Brett graduated from East-

ern Kentucky University with a degree in Technical Agriculture in 2003. Prior to that he also acquired a Bachelors Degree in Psychology from the University of Kentucky. While attending college in Kentucky he worked at Kearney Hills Golf Links in Lexington. From 2004 to 2008 he worked as the Assistant Superintendent at Evansville Country Club in Evansville, Indiana. Following that, Brett moved back to Wisconsin when he accepted the Assistant Superintendents job at Ozaukee Country Club.

Brett's family has a long history at Ozaukee CC. Three generations of Hosler's have been members at OCC since the 1920's. Regarding his new position, Brett said, "I feel like this is exactly where I want to be and I'm honored to be the Superintendent at Ozaukee... it's a dream come true for me." Congratulations Brett

**Pat Bastron** is the new Assistant Superintendent at Blackhawk Country Club in Madison. At 15 years old, Pat began working for his Dad, Paul, at Glen Flora CC in Waukegan, IL. Before

graduating from the University of Wisconsin in 2009 Pat had the opportunity to intern at a couple courses in Chicagoland including Old Elm Club and Conway Farms as well as Interlachen in Edina, MN where he helped prepare for the 2008 US Women's Open. He was also the Assistant Superintendent at Mt. Hawley CC in Peoria, IL and Sunset CC in Northfield IL. Congratulations Pat on your new position!

My fellow columnist **Jake Schneider** accepted a new job at The Bruce Company. Jake was hired in August as the new Landscape Management Department Manager. Jake was an outstanding member of the Blackhawk Country Club staff for nine years, most recently as the Assistant Golf Course Superintendent since 2009. After spending his high school summer days working at North Shore Country Club in Menasha, Jake went on to acquire a BS in Soil Science in 2005 and a Masters in Horticulture in 2007 at the University of Wisconsin.

On a side note, Jakes wife, Jessica, their dog, Max, and cat, Lt. Dangle, were cheering him on when he completed the Green Bay Marathon, placing 69 of 1500. Congratulations Jake!

**Brian Busha** is the new Assistant Superintendent at Minocqua County Club. Brian was most recently the Assistant Superintendent at Wisconsin River Golf Club in Stevens Point, a position he held for three years. It was while working in high school at Greenwood Hills Country Club, that Brian decided to pursue a career in golf course management. He also worked at Eau Claire Country Club and Wild Ridge/Mill Run Golf Club while he attended college at Chippewa Valley Technical College, where he graduated in 2009. For Brian, Minocqua is the perfect place to pursue his hobbies of wake boarding, water skiing, hunting, fishing and obviously golfing. Congratulations Brian!



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## Marriages

Lake Ripley Country Club Superintendent, **Tim Adas**, was married to Jenna Schneider in a summer ceremony with family and friends on June 22nd. Jenna also works in Cambridge as a 4K teacher. Congratulations to the Adas's!

A surprise event took place over the summer... someone agreed to marry **Dave Kloss**! Dave and Stephanie were married on May 25 and had the pleasure of honeymooning in Italy for a week over the summer. Dave was even treated to a round of golf at a local country club in the Italian Riviera courtesy of the golf course superintendent. According to Dave, a sales representative at J.W. Turf, the superintendent and his staff were excited to meet someone from John Deere. In all seriousness, congratulations Dave and Stephanie! May there be many more DMB concerts in your future.

## Baby News


**Lee Suwalski**, golf course superintendent at Kettle Hills Golf Course in Richfield, and his wife Katie welcomed their first child into the world on June 17th. Elisabeth Ann Suwalski weighed 8lbs 4oz and 19.5" long. The addition of Ella provided

an extra exciting summer for Lee and Katie. Congratulations!

**Craig Haltom's** wife, Becky, gave birth to their first child, Emily Lynn, on August 27th. Craig is the Director of Golf Course Operations at the Oliphant Golf Management Company. At birth, Emily weighed 5lbs 6 oz and 19" long. Congratulations Craig and Becky!

## Published

**Tony Rzadzki** a WGCSA member since 1995 became a published author this year. His novel, Autumn's Promise, is a fictional story of faith based on a man who has lost everything and is ready to end his own life; when God intervenes and promises him that there is hope, if you have faith. Told through baseball, the main character was able to achieve his dream and play one season of Major League Baseball. The book is available for purchase on amazon.com with the pen name Anthony Williams. Congratulations Tony!

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](mailto:m.kinnard@sbcglobal.net) or call at 920-210-9059. 



**While honeymooning in Italy, Dave Kloss had the opportunity to meet with a golf course superintendent at a country club in the Italian Riviera.**

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