

## News and Notes From WGCSA Members

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### Career Moves

Over the winter, Deer Track Golf Course near Oconomowoc, hired **Jared Stuebner** as its new superintendent. Jared returns to his home state having completed his turfgrass management degree at Rutgers University and working at several golf courses across the country.

In 2002, Jared started working at Fire Ridge Golf Club in Grafton for Stan Lushine. He said, "The admiration for my first Superintendent, Stan Lushine, directed me into the industry. I was an adolescent slacker who cared more about social activities than being a productive member of society. His direction and ability to extract the most out of every crew member was truly inspirational and transformative. Since then I have made it my goal to do the same for every crew member of mine."

Since working at Fire Ridge, Jared interned at Brookline CC on Long Island, The Oaks Club in Sarasota, Florida, and The Aspen Club in Carbondale, Colorado. He was the Assistant Superintendent at Brightwater GC, Rifle Creek GC and Lakota Canyon Ranch, all in Colorado.

Jared is married to his wife, Whitney, and they have two young daughters and a couple Australian Shepherds. In his spare time he mountain bikes, snowboards, and plays guitar. While in Colorado he was an avid ski mountaineer, summiting five 14,000-foot peaks and has ridden his snowboard down countless summits above 12,000 feet. Until he moved, Jared also played in a Colorado band for the past seven years. Now his focus is Deer Track. Welcome back to Wisconsin and congratulations on the new job, Jared!

I'm happy to report that **Andy Kronwall** was hired as the Superintendent at Abbey Springs Golf Course in Fontana, WI. Andy was born and raised on a dairy farm in southeast Wisconsin, tinkered with customizing and painting vans in high school but found working on a golf course the most satisfying job. He attended a local technical college studying horticulture and began working at Lake Geneva Country Club in 1980 as a general laborer for

the late Gil Gergdoll. When Gil became ill and had to retire in 1983, Andy was asked to step in as Superintendent and held that title for an incredible 30 years.

Andy outlined the progress LGCC made in the last decade, "In 2003 we started a ten year plan to renovate/update the golf course doing much of the work "in house". Our objective was to make the course challenging for all skill levels without compromising the 1895 design. We removed trees, added tees, moved bunkers, changed fairways and returned many greens to their original square shape. It was a lot of extra work, but I really enjoyed the process of taking a dated design and turning it into a gem once again. In the spring of 2013 we celebrated the completion of our course renovation with the opening of the newly gassed and re-grassed greens."

Over the winter, Abbey Springs restructured its management team and Andy received a phone call from his close friend and Abbey Springs Director of Grounds, David Smith. David asked Andy if he would join the team as golf course superintendent. The answer was an enthusiastic, yes!

Andy said, "It's funny how things work out. I am now part of a management team in the twilight of my career working with one of my closest friends." In his spare time he and his wife, Kathy, enjoy playing golf and riding their motorcycles. Congratulations Andy and much success at Abbey Springs!

Last fall, The Legend at Bergamont confirmed **Jered Kamin** as their new golf course superintendent. Jered's first taste working on a golf course was during high school and college while working at Oconomowoc Golf Club. He had attended MATC and UW-Whitewater but was still unsure of the career path he wanted to take. Oconomowoc Golf Club Superintendent, Dustin Riley, approached Jered one summer and asked if he had considered turfgrass management as a career. With some help and guidance from Dustin, Jered enrolled in the Penn State University turf program where he graduated in 2007.

Jered interned at Weston Golf Club in

Weston, MA before returning back to Wisconsin to work at The Legend at Brandybrook as the second assistant. He then moved to another Legend course, this time in Madison at The Legend at Bergamont as the first assistant. Now in his first full season as the superintendent at Bergamont, Jered is enjoying the challenges that come with being a new superintendent. He still finds time to bow hunt, ice fish and hit up a Brewer game once in a while.

Jared also recently celebrated his two year anniversary with his wife, Amanda, in May. Congratulations Jered!

### Retirement

Wisconsin golf course superintendents maintain an incredibly demanding workload and schedule yet are some of the most talented and professional people of any industry. With that said it's a significant accomplishment to start and finish your career as a superintendent. What's more remarkable? Doing it at the same golf course. For 43 years, **Lenny Eibl** has been the golf course superintendent at Bristol Oaks Golf Course in Bristol (Kenosha), WI. Over the winter he decided it was time to retire.

Before he began his days on the golf course, Lenny served his country in the Vietnam War. For his service, Lenny was honored with a Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

He started his career in golf as the superintendent at Bristol Oaks in 1970. Despite the challenges every superintendent faces Lenny always had Bristol Oaks in great condition. Now, in his retirement, Lenny can spend more time with his wife, Bonnie, their four children and four grandchildren.

Having worked with Lenny over the years, there isn't a more genuine person in the industry... just one of the many reasons why he was so successful and enduring. Congratulations Lenny and wishing you an enjoyable retirement!

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