

News and Notes From WGCSA Members

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Career Moves

Hidden Glen Golf Club in Cedarburg, WI has hired **Garrett Luck** as their new golf course superintendent. Garrett was most recently the golf course superintendent at North Shore Country Club in Mequon, WI since 2005. He started his golf career when he was 16 years old at Kettle Hills Golf Course working under Bob Belfield. It was very convenient for Garrett, since it was just down the road from his house.

After a couple years at Kettle Hills, Garrett decided to attend Kansas State University where he received his Bachelors Degree in Horticulture. During his first two years attending Kansas State, Garrett spent his summers working at North Shore Country Club where he would eventually become the Assistant Superintendent then Superintendent. However, before graduating college, he would work at Hallbrook Country Club and Wolf Creek Golf Club as their Assistant, both located in Kansas City.

With his new job, Garrett and his family were fortunate not to have to move. His wife, Ann, daughter, Taylor, and son, Caden, were all happy about that. In his spare time, Garrett coaches freshman basketball at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. With only four years under his belt as coach, his freshman class won the state championship last year. Congratulations Garrett on all your success!

Rob Nixon accepted the position of golf course Superintendent at Koshkonong Golf Club in Fort Atkinson earlier this year. Rob graduated from Southern Illinois University in 2001 with a degree in Plant and Soil Science. Before college, Rob started working at Arlington Lakes Golf Club in Arlington Heights, IL while in high school. He did his first internship at the Jack Nicklaus designed course, Wynstone Golf Club, in Barrington, IL then a second internship at Country Club of the Rockies in Vail, CO. From there, Rob went on to become the Assistant Superintendent at Bull Valley Golf Club in Woodstock, IL for three years. His first Superintendent position came to him in 2008 at Rock River Hills in Horicon, WI. Rob was the Superintendent at RRH for six years.

Rob said, 'I enjoyed golf and the work I was doing and realized I could go to school for it. It was a no brainer!' Besides work, Rob enjoys jet skiing, boating and listening to live music. Congratulations Rob!

Earlier this spring Kenosha County hired **Rich Heinisch** for the Superintendent position at the 45-hole track, Brightondale Links Golf Course. Rich started working for Kenosha County in 1982 working in various departments within the county. He found a home at Brightondale in 1991 as the Irrigation Technician and eventually became the Assistant Superintendent in 1998. Rich has been married to his wife of 29 years, Sherri, and they have an English Cocker Spaniel. In his spare time Rich enjoys fishing and hunting. Congratulations Rich!



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BADGER STATE TURF CLIPPINGS

Bristol Oaks Golf Club in Kenosha recently hired **Andy Bentley** as their new golf course superintendent. Andy has worked at New Berlin Hills and Geneva National. Most recently he was the Assistant Superintendent at Hawks View Golf Club in Lake Geneva. He has been married to his wife Staci for ten years. When he's not at work, Andy enjoys running, golfing and watching sports. Congratulations Andy!

Ozaukee Country Club Superintendent, Brett Hosler, hired **Bryan Fenney** as the new Assistant Superintendent at the Mequon club. Bryan's first golf course job was with Erin Hills at the age of 14. Bryan worked on the Erin Hills crew for a total of seven years. From 2011-2012 he held an intern position there and helped prepare for the US Amateur. He then went on to become an Assistant Superintendent at Geneva National. Bryan graduated from UW-Madison in 2013 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Soil Science. Congratulations Bryan!

Birth Announcements

Mike Bremmer and his wife, Emily, added a new member to their family. Sarah Grace Marie was born on August 21 at 6 lbs, 8 oz. Mike is the Superintendent at The Wisconsin Club in Milwaukee. He said, "Big brother, James, has stepped into his role very well and is already letting his Mom and Dad know when his sister needs something. He is a very proud big brother!" Congratulations Mike and Emily

Please call or email me with any significant news or happenings around the state so we can spread the good news. I can be reached at matt@pro-turfsolutions.com or (262) 720-0251



Kristopher Pinkerton harvested this 420 lb male black bear just west of Iron River. It took 7 years for Pinkerton to draw a tag and he shot this bear on day two of the hunt with his friend Greg Stratz.

This one was shot with a Remington .260 rifle and next time Kris hopes to use his Hoyt compound bow.

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