



The Surrounds



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The 1993 season is quickly coming to an end! Even with all the weather related challenges that most of you faced this year, the season went by rather swiftly. Actually, the fall really wasn't much different than the entire season, cool and wet.

The *Poa annua* on a few courses decided to check out during August and September. Anthracnose was presumed to be the cause of most of the problems, and the cool, wet weather didn't help it recover very well either.

All the new construction here in Wisconsin appears to be carrying over to next year, and in most cases is not by choice. The poor weather throughout the year created delays on most of the projects. La Crosse Country Club will only get 6 holes completed. However, they are still planning on opening late next year. Green Bay Country Club only has a few holes completed, and they don't plan on opening until May of 1995. Thornbury Creek Golf Club in Green Bay finished seeding their nine holes and plan to open later next summer.

However, one golf course was partially able to open. Greenwood Hills Country Club in Wausau, which began construction in 1992, opened their back nine on October 2nd. They plan on a grand opening for all 18 holes next summer.

The construction of a new 18 hole, Arnold Palmer design golf course outside of Saukville will begin this fall. The championship public golf course will be named THE BOG.

Midwest Golf Development is busy here in Wisconsin this fall. They were working at West Bend Country Club rebuilding the range tee, and also the 1st and 10th tee. New tee complexes are also being built at Brynwood Country Club and Brown Country Golf Club this fall. Midwest will also begin construction again on a new golf course in Fond

du Lac this winter. Whispering Springs Golf Course is actually the old Ledgewood Golf Course, but the entire course was redesigned by Bob Lohman and will be an 18 hole track.

The hole-in-one phenomenon continued at the superintendents meeting at Sentry World. However, we might have had yet another first when the hosting superintendent, Gary Tanko, aced the 172 yard 16th hole. The 16th hole happens to be the famous "flower hole" at Sentry. A very nice hole to be closest to pin on!

The new baby arrivals continue to add up since the last issue. Mike Semler (Bishops Bay Country Club) and his wife, Kris, have Mathew Robert to keep them busy now. Mathew, who was born in August, is the Semlers' first child.

Allen Fude's (Rock River Country Club) wife, Pam, gave birth to their first child, Melinda Ann, on September 23rd. Not to be outdone, Eric Jasin's (Ville du Parc Country Club) wife, Lynn, gave birth to their second child, Zachary John, on September 14th.

The Superintendent position was filled at Geneva National. Clark Rowles took over after maintaining Harbortown Golf Club in Maryland. The Penn State grad had also worked for Wadsworth Construction.

David Brandenburg has left Lake Windsor Golf Club outside of Madison and gone back to Camelot Golf Club in Lomira. It's a good move for Dave to get out of a tough situation at Windsor.

Ed Schuette, formerly of Spring Valley, is now working for Olds Seed Company. Schuette, who was responsible for western Wisconsin, has been temporarily replaced by Rob Beres. Beres had previously worked as an inside Sales Representative for Spring Valley the past year.

The WTA Golf Outing was a big success at Stevens Point Country Club. The number of golfers was down from previous years, but hole sponsorships have increased to make it a financial success. Jeff Bottensek did a great job organizing it all, and the raffle was a big hit. Phil Coon, who is Dan Barrett's boss at Trout Lake Golf Course, walked away with a 27" Big Screen TV. That was just one of many prizes to be raffled off at the dinner that followed.

Thanks should also go out to the superintendents and members of Bulls Eye Country Club, Waupaca Country Club and once again Stevens Point Country Club for the fantastic support of the WTA. Each superintendent has requested that members of those clubs be offered the opportunity to donate \$5.00 for turfgrass research. It has been a great success, with Bulls Eye Country Club and Stevens Point Country Club contributing over \$1,000 each year for the past three years.

The problems with the national superintendents organization has prompted representatives from many of the local associations to go to Lawrence, Kansas. A two-day meeting/ discussion in September included Mark Kienert (representing the WGCSA) and Dean Musbach (representing the Northern Golf Course Superintendent Association) among the 70 attendees.

I hope all of you have a great remaining fall and winter. Don't forget to attend the Winter Turfgrass and Green Industry Expo to be at the Holiday Inn outside of Middleton. The dates are January 3-5, and it should be a great show.

Take care and call when you get information I can share.

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