



The Inner Cut



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Turf Talk

As hints of spring arrive, many of us are anxious to be out on the course and looking forward to the sounds and smells that nature blesses us with. As you tour your golf course and look over your project list, remember that life is great. Many of us are looking at our golf turf as winter comes to a close, and like most springs there are reports of a little pink and gray snow mold, but little other damage. Let us hope it holds.

Member News

Larry Gorman has taken a new position as golf course superintendent at Scenic View, an 18-hole daily fee facility located in Slinger. Larry was the assistant superintendent at Westmoor for Jerry Kershasky.

Once in awhile there is some sad news to share, and it is definitely sad to note the passing of Howard Metcalf. He was the retired golf course superintendent at Platteville Country Club. Howard died on February 12th at the age of 72. He served as super-

intendent at PCC from 1979 until 1992 and was a class R member of the WGCSA.


If you are a PBS buff and a fan of the weekly hour long show "Antiques Roadshow," you'll know that the programs for the weeks of February 15 and February 22 were filmed at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee. Imagine how surprised we were to see Jeff Porter visit with an appraiser about one of his family treasures! Alas, fame is fleeting, but if you'll call him Jeff is giving out autographed 8" x 10" color glossy pictures. And if you haven't watched Antiques Roadshow, give it a try. You will enjoy it.

Most of us lead pretty boring lives when compared to Fred and Sue Fabian. This winter they are working on a project in Argentina that is sponsored by their church. It is a winter that follows in the tracks of other winters since Fred has been the golf course superintendent at Ross Teal Lake Lodge in Hayward. They will come back for opening day tan and fit, in stark

contrast to most of the rest of us who will be pale white and carrying a few extra pounds!

Tom Harrison chuckles a lot these days. Our two new faculty members, John Stier and Chris Williamson, both bought homes in Tom's hometown of Stoughton. Stoughton is a center of Norwegian culture and both new pros have been uttering a lot of "Ya heys" lately, along with sharing their growing inventory of Ole and Lena jokes.

Chris' home is located at the beautiful Stoughton CC and just the other day Chris was overheard asking "have you heard the one about the Norwegian golfer . . . ?"

Finally, my own career circumstances have changed as I head north to the Chippewa Valley Golf Club at Menominee, Wisconsin. It is a big change for my family, and I am really excited about the golf course. You can reach me at 715-235-9680 or at cjohnson@ticon.net. Good luck to the Badger basketball team in the tournament ahead. What a season! 

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