



Poa trivia



By Rob and Steve Wasser

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cubby O'Brien of Simplot Partners for writing *Poa trivia* for the last few years. As Rob and I started gathering information to write this column, I understood the time you put in. Thank you, Cubby, very much. It was greatly appreciated. With that being said, Rob Wasser and I (Steve Wasser) are looking forward to the opportunity to contribute to the Grass Roots by writing the column. How long did you say we have to do this, Monroe?

TURF TALK

As we look around the state of Wisconsin, all we should be seeing is frozen tundra. Instead we are seeing record highs for November and the first half of December. Even though this isn't good for Santa and the kids, it has turned out as a blessing for us in the turf industry. Golf course superintendents have been able to get most, if not all, of their fall projects done, public courses have been able to remain open and enjoy some additional revenue, and the turf has had time to "harden off." As we put the 2001 golf season to bed, we can say that this has been a year of great similarities – a long drawn-out spring, a never-ending hot summer, and a fall that won't go away. Hopefully when we awake for the 2002 season, we will see a much shorter spring, a normal Wisconsin summer (nothing over 90 degrees) and another long autumn – one that last only until deer season so that we can get the 12 point buck.

SUPERINTENDENT NEWS

Todd Cramblit, the former assistant golf course superintendent of Reedsburg CC, was

named their new head superintendent. Dave Van Aukin was awarded the golf course superintendent position at Royal St. Patrick's a new course under construction in Wrightstown. Douglas Laak, formerly from The Golf Club at Camelot, is now working for John Deere Landscaping. In the spring of this year, Richard Chapman took the superintendent position at Crystal Springs Golf Course in Seymour. Bret Mullikin took over Richard's position at Hillmoor Golf Course in Lake Geneva. Congratulations to everyone.

Greg Gage, golf course superintendent of the Pine Valley Golf Club, and his wife Kris welcomed daughter Grace Olivia into the world on September 30th. She weighed 8 lbs 1/2 oz. The Gages also have a son Hunter, three years old.

Last but not least, we offer congratulations to Karl Stewart, golf course superintendent of Saddle Ridge in Portage, who married his longtime girlfriend Bonnie on November 14th in Hawaii.

DEATHS

Richard Beutel, golf course superintendent at Edelweiss Chalet Cc in New Glarus, dies this past fall. Harold Wilber, the owner and founder of Trempealeau Mountain Golf Course in Trempealeau died in November at the age of 55. Both men will be missed.

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