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Another season is upon us, or is it? Winter came in March this year-so does that mean spring will come in June and summer in September? Are we ever going to get back to "normal" year in Wisconsin again? I guess time will tell but until then.....

Career Moves

Jim Scott is the new superintendent at Edleweiss Chalet in New Glarus. Marty Vertz is now the head superintendent at Moordowns Golf Course in Waukesha. At Decatur Lakes Golf Course in Broadhead Dennis Hamilton took over the superintendent's position. Dennis' wife Jami, their son Kyle (4) and their daughter Alyssa (1) are excited about their new surroundings. Last but not least Dale Morrison moved to Wisconsin Dells to take the reins at Trappers Turn Golf Course. Dale is complemented by his wife Alice and their two daughters, Claire (11) and Heidi (8). Congratulations to all of you and the best of luck.

Hats Off

Congratulations are in order for Adam Mock of Reinders Irrigation Division. He received the Blue Blazer Award from Toro Irrigation as the 2001 Golf Salesperson of the Year. Way to go Adam! We also need to give a hats off to Trygve Ekern, the assistant superintendent at Bristol Cone Pines who took the plunge and got married to his sweetheart Kelly back in December 2001. Congratulations to the both of you.

Superintendent News

Brian Ferrie, the golf course superintendent at Horseshoe Bay Golf Club in Egg Harbor, recently had some exciting news to share. Troon Golf, a leader in luxury golf management, development and marketing, signed an agreement to run his course. Hud Hinton, Troon Golf President and Chief Operating Officer, says that he is confident that Mr. Murphy (the founding family of Horseshoe Bay Farms and Golf Course) would welcome Troon's management philosophy and the manner in which the Troon Golf Experience will enhance the history of Horseshoe Bay Farms. We welcome Troon Golf to the great state of Wisconsin!

Winter in Wisconsin is usually mundane for us in the golf business. This is more or less much welcomed by most of us, but for Mike Handrich, golf course superintendent at Racine CC, this was a winter that he will never forget. Mike and a few of his members from Racine CC traveled down to Charlotte, NC and took part in a three-day Fast Track High Performance Driving School. Daytona and Indianapolis 500 racecar veteran driver Andy Hillenburg runs this school. This is

the same school Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt Jr. attended while initially learning how to drive stock cars.

What did Mike experience? Let's hear it straight from him: "Racing a Winston Cup car in a pack of cars being driven by friends was the most exciting and exhilarating thing I have ever done in my life. The last day we raced in 2x2 packs of four and then eight cars to simulate actual race conditions. Drafting in a pack of eight cars at speeds approaching 150 mph is sheer madness. The adrenaline rush is addicting and the noise level deafening. Many times I was about one foot from the outside retaining wall with another car about three feet away from me on the inside and yet another car right up on my rear deck lid. The instructors pointed out that if you saw asphalt between you and the car in front you were too far back. They were also critical if you left more than three feet between you and the car next to you.

"Real racecar drivers are not polite or nice on the track. They generally want the same piece of real estate you occupy as you rocket around the track." There is one definite preferred line around the track that only one car can occupy at a time and everyone wants it!"

Sounds a little too daring for us Mike; glad you made it back in one piece.

If any of you have a story to share, please e-mail Rob or Steve Wasser sls365@lesco.com or sls224@lesco.com or call us at 920-766-2677 or 262-249-8928. ♣

West Bend Lakes Equipment Sale List

Pulvimulcher Finisher

12 foot wide
\$1,000.00

Kewanee Disc

12 Foot wide - 7 Inch spacing
Hydraulic system works
\$950.00

Oliver 1755 Gas Tractor

80 HP
Power Steering
Hydraulic PTO
\$3,150.00

1993 John Deer Gator 6x4

Great shape
Great vehicle for construction
Dump Box
\$3,000.00

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