



Poa trivia



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The Thanksgiving turkey has hopefully been digested and the birth of Christ has once again been celebrated, so now it is time to make our New Year resolutions. We hope that this will be the year we might actually accomplish our goals. Speaking of a new year, what would be some wishes we might have for 2003? To start out, how about an early spring—one that comes in mid-February? What about a late fall? How does December sound? I have a wish: how about no day over 85 degrees F and no night over 60 degrees F? What about an inch of rain a week only at night; oh, did I wish for the gentle rain—no gully washers? How about the perfect crew? You know, the one that you don't need to train, the crew that will come into your office and say "we want to work seven days a week, for as long as you need us, and by the way we do not want overtime." What about the golfers; they come out in droves, setting new records but your turf looks like only one round of golf was played? How about the economy? The Dow hits an all time high at 15000 and the NASDAQ is over 8000. Did I mention that the interest rates fell again, 30-year mortgages are now at 4%? I wish and I wish and I wish and I wish. 2003 will be a great year!

Career Moves

Troy Conrad is the new superintendent at Quit Qui Oc Golf Course in Elkhart. Brian Zimmerman is the new manager of Golf Course Maintenance for Milwaukee County. Brian comes to Milwaukee from Chickaming Country Club in Lakeside, Michigan. Before Chickaming, Brian worked at various courses — Nakoma CC, Brynwood CC and Washington County Golf Course. Jeff Kingsley is the new sales rep. for Lesco Inc. Jeff will be taking over the truck duties for Rob Wasser in southern Wisconsin; Rob will still be selling for Lesco. Jeff has worked as a superintendent at three courses before starting for Lesco — Rhinelander CC, Old Hickory in Beaver Dam, and New Berlin Hills Golf Course.

New Kids

Jeff Kingsley and his wife Gabriella had their first child, a baby daughter Seleana, on November 3rd. Have you been busy Jeff? Todd and Lisa Marten (assistant at Sheboygan Pine Hills) had a baby boy, Zachary Payne, on September 20th. This is Todd and Lisa's second child. Chad and Sarah Grimm welcomed their first child on October 23rd. Sydney Ann was 6 pounds and 15 ounces at birth and measured 17 1/2 inches. Chad is the assistant golf course superintendent at Blackhawk Country Club in Madison.

Congratulations

At its annual distributor meeting in Orlando, Florida, the Toro Company announced the winners of its distributor awards. Each year Toro recognizes individuals for outstanding performance. Reinders, Inc. was honored with three awards.

Derek Kastenschmidt received the Green Blazer award as 2002 Commercial Equipment Salesperson of the year. Adam Bower was named the 2002 Residential/Commercial Irrigation Salesperson of the year, and Gabe Lopez was recognized as the 2002 Irrigation Serviceperson of the year. This is quite an accomplishment considering that 30 distributors across the country attended this meeting. Congratulations to the three of you.

Retraction

Back in the September/October issue of The Grass Roots I congratulated Mike Lyons, golf course superintendent of Old Hickory CC, for winning the Beaver Dam City championship. This was wrong. Mike won the second flight for the city championship. Sorry, Mike, for any inconvenience this might have caused you.

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