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Once again another golfing season is upon us. Many of us are happy that summer is almost here. This past winter saw many records set in both lack of snow-fall and very low temperatures. Now that winter is over many of you are facing challenges in returning your turf to a playable condition and evaluating the long-term effects of this past winter. Around the entire state of Wisconsin, there has been an abundance of injured turf caused from both desiccation and crown hydration. Over the past month, the soil temperatures and the soil moisture have been slowly getting back to normal. With everything getting back to normal, the injured turf is healing nicely. It always amazes me that no matter how slow things are to come around golf courses always seem to look good once we get into June.

SUPERINTENDENT NEWS

Congratulations go out to Trygve Ekern. Trygve is the new superintendent at Yahara Hills Golf Course in Madison, Wisconsin. Yahara Hills Golf Course is a 36-hole course owned by the City of Madison. Trygve was the former assistant superintendent at Bristlecone Pines Golf Course in Hartland, Wisconsin. Trygve is a 1998 graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison turf program.


Congratulations also go out to Jeremy Chmielewski, who has been hired to replace Trygve Ekern as the new assistant superintendent at Bristlecone Pines Golf Course. Jeremy is a recent graduate from Penn State. He interned at Castle Pines Golf Course in Colorado. Before coming to Bristlecone Pines he was the assistant superintendent at St. Cloud Country Club in his native state of Minnesota. Welcome to Wisconsin

We also need to congratulate Matt Schmitz who is the new superintendent at Bishops Bay Country Club in Middleton, Wisconsin. Matt and his wife Sue and three kids — Teddy, Sam and Abbey — come to Madison from Milwaukee where Matt was the assistant superintendent at Milwaukee Country Club for the past six years. Once again, congratulations Matt on your new position.

NEW GRANDCHILD

Congratulations to Dan Shaw, the superintendent at Lac La Belle Country Club in Oconomowoc, on

the birth of his first grandchild. Dan's daughter Sara had a baby boy named Braden, who was 7 pounds 13 ounces and was born on March 3rd, 2003. (03-03-03) Congratulations again Dan on the addition to your family.

Well, this is all the news I have for now. If any of you have a story, good or bad, that you would like to share, please e-mail Rob or Steve Wasser at sls156@lesco.com or sls224@lesco.com. If you would rather call us we can be reached at 262-249-8928 or 920-766-2677. Good luck to everyone for the rest of 2003. 



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