



Poa trivia

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September — can anyone say, “September?” This has been, for the most part, a good year for growing grass. Up in the north and out west, drought took over. In the northeast part of the state as much as 12 inches of rain fell in one week. And in the south pretty fair weather for growing grass was the story, provided the fungicides were applied at the right time. As a whole, golf has been relatively flat for the second straight year (rounds of golf, that is).

What has this meant for us? Depending on everyone’s circumstances it has meant a variety of different things, but as a superintendent said to me, “we still have a great job.”

Bear sightings

The boys up at Timberstone Golf Course in Iron Mountain Michigan had a unique visitor to their course. During the morning chores of setting cups, one of their workers came upon a green with fresh foot prints. Getting closer, he found that the flag stick was thrown in one direction and something dug the cup out, and pushed it in the opposite direction. He fixed the damage and went to the next green. Again, he found fresh foot-prints on the green. But this time the flag was still in the cup, but the flag was lying on the ground and the cup was sideways in the hole on the green.

By this time the employee knew what he was dealing with, so he went and investigated what other damage this bear decided to do. On one other green, the bear decided to “play” and he again took the cup and flagstick out and dug a few more holes in the green.

Not only do we have to watch for golfers who are upset with their game, but now we have to watch for bears! What really happens on our courses when we are asleep?

Career moves

John Jensen has joined Reinders as a territory manager. He will be working with golf courses in Waukesha, Jefferson, Dodge, Washington, Ozaukee, Fond du Lac and Sheboygan counties. Jeff Townsend is the new superintendent at Hawks View Golf Course in Lake Geneva. Jeff didn’t have to move far; he was formally the superintendent on the Palmer Course at Geneva National! Dennis Dari is the new sales representative for Wisconsin Turf in the Milwaukee area. Dennis was the superintendent at Stoughton CC. With Stoughton CC needing a superintendent, Mark Livingston answered the call and moved south. Mark came from Cherokee CC where he was the assistant superintendent for George Magnin.

Gary Huenerberg of Wisconsin Turf left the field and took an office job with Wisconsin Turf. To replace him in the field, Skip Vincent was hired. Skip was the superintendent at Prairie Woods GC in Janesville. Congratulations to all of you on your new positions!

Baby news

Seth Brogren and his wife Nicole have baby boy to fill their lives with joy. Joshua Philip was born on July 4th; at his birth he weighed 8 lbs and was 22 inches long. Seth is the Superintendent at Irish Waters Golf Course in Freedom.

Brent Amann, the golf course superintendent at Morning Star GC, and his wife Amy are the proud parents of their second child, Joseph Anthony, who was born on July 9th. At birth Joseph weighed 8 lbs and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Last but not least, Mike Blazich and his wife Kristyn had their first baby, Samuel Michael, on May 18th, 2003. At the time of his birth, Sam was 8 lbs 10 oz and was 23 inches long. Mike is the superintendent at Wilderness Golf Course in Wisconsin Dells. Congratulations to all of you on your new additions to you families.

If you have any stories or information you would like to share, please e-mail Rob or Steve Wasser at sls156@lesco.com or sls224@lesco.com, or call us at 262-206-0775 or 920-362-1809. ♻

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