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Wow! What a May we have had! We went from one extreme to another. Things have been bone dry around here for the last few years and in a few short weeks we have been flooded out. Just when you think that we are over the hump, it rains again. We just don't get a few tenths of inch of rain each time. We get a few inches of rain each time. Lately it has been a few inches of rain from each storm for the last three weeks.

The thing that amazes me the most is that the flooding is happening on every course that I have been at in southeastern Wisconsin. According to my brother, it isn't any different up north. Yesterday, I was traveling from Oconomowoc to Watertown on County road CW. When I saw the Rock River, if I didn't know any better, I would have thought that there was a lake next to the road. The river had to be ten times as wide as it normally was. I sure hope that one of these days Mother Nature gets back to normal — not too wet and not too dry. But if we have to have one or the other I would sure pick it to be dry.

Career Moves

Randy Swonger is the new superintendent at Trout Lake Golf Course in Woodruff, Wisconsin. Randy came from Butte des Morts Country Club in Appleton, where he was the assistant superintendent. His wife Sheri was on the staff at Oneida G&CC in Green Bay. Congratulations, Randy, on your new position!

We would also like to congratulate Paul Schippers on his new superintendent position at Muskego Lakes Country Club in Muskego. Paul is a new comer to Wisconsin. Paul comes to us from the Moors Golf Course in Portage, Michigan where he was the superintendent there for the last 30 years. Paul is a certified superintendent. Welcome to Wisconsin, Paul. I think that you will find things very similar to Michigan except you will not have to put up with as much snow as you did over there.

Congratulations also go out to Mark Wirth, who is the new superintendent at Dretzka Park Golf Course in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mark previously was the assistant superintendent at Oconomowoc Country Club in Oconomowoc. Congratulations, Mark, on your new position.

Last but not least we would like to congratulate Pat Shaw on his new position of superintendent at Naga Waukee Golf Course in Delafield. Pat was previously at The Bog Golf Course in Saukville. Congratulations, Pat, on your new position. All the Shaw brothers are now together in the same area working in the green industry.

New Babies

We would like to congratulate Mark and Michelle Livingston on the birth of their son Joshua Bruce. Joshua was born on March 27, 2004. He weighed 8lbs. 1oz. and was 20.5" long. Mark is the superintendent at Stoughton Country Club in Stoughton.

Congratulations are also in order for John and Jamie Yeager who were blessed with a baby girl named Julia. Julia was born on April 28, 2004. She weighed 6lbs. 5 oz. and was 21 inches long. John is the superintendent at The Broadlands Golf Course in North Prairie, Wisconsin. Congratulations on the addition to your family.

Former WGCSA member Steve Blendell and his wife are delighted to have their son Mark in their family. Mark is ten months old now and they adopted him on March 26 in Guatemala. Steve, currently the superintendent at the Catskill Golf Club in the Hudson River Valley of New York, was assistant superintendent at Milwaukee CC and superintendent at Brynwood CC during his Wisconsin years.



Engagements

Congratulations go out to Dave Braasch, who is the superintendent at Glen Erin Golf Club in Janesville, Wisconsin. Dave announced his engagement to Jayne Van Galder. Dave and Jayne will be married on April 23rd, 2005. Congratulations to both of you!

That is all there is for now. If you have a story to share, good or bad please, e-mail Rob or Steve Wasser at sls156@lesco.com or sls224@lesco.com or call us at 262-249-8928 or 920-766-2677. 🌿