



Poa trivia



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Happy springtime! In a few short weeks we will all be moving back outside. I don't know if any of you have cabin fever as bad as I do, but I am really looking forward to spring. When stopping by this winter many of you told me that you are ready to get things going again. A few short months ago, you were telling me how you couldn't wait for the cold weather and the snow so you could get that much needed rest. Well, I hope you all are rested up and your batteries are recharged because it is almost time to open up our courses for the 2004 season. There have been quite a few changes since the last time we wrote *Poa trivia*.

Hats Off

First and foremost, it is a pleasure to pass along some congratulations. The USGA Green Section selected Monroe Miller as the recipient of the 2004 Green Section Award. Monroe was honored at the GCSAA Conference in San Diego this February. Congratulations Monroe! This was a well deserved reward for you because of everything you have done for us here in Wisconsin. It has been honor and a privilege working with you over the last few years.

Career Moves

Oscar Peterson, his wife Melissa and their two daughters Teagan, and Finley, have come back home to Wisconsin. Oscar is the new superintendent at Watertown Country Club. Oscar was at Freeport Country Club in Freeport, Illinois for the last five years. Before that, he got his start as the assistant superintendent at Blackhawk Country Club in Madison. Welcome back Oscar!

Randy Witt is the new superintendent at The Bull at Pinehurst Farms in Sheboygan Falls Wisconsin. Randy took over there in October of 2003. I apologize that this did not get into an earlier addition. Congratulations on your new position Randy.

Greg Braun has taken the superintendent position at Lac La Belle Country Club in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. Greg was the assistant superintendent at Lac La Belle CC. for the last eight years. Congratulations, Greg!

Todd Fregien has jumped the fence and taken a sales position with Pandalton Turf Supply in Waterford, Wisconsin. Todd was the superintendent at The Preserve at Deer Creek Golf Club this past year. Prior to that he was the assistant superintendent at Hidden Glen Golf Club at Bentdale Farms in Jackson, Wisconsin. Welcome aboard Todd. This side of the fence isn't that bad.

Tom Wentz has joined Reinders Inc. Turf Division as a Territory Manager. He has over 30 years of experience

in the turf business here in Wisconsin. For the past 3 1/2 years, he has worked as a Tech Service Manager for The Andersons Company. Prior to that he was with the Scotts Company for 27 years as a Technical Sales Representative and Regional Sales Manager. Congratulations, Tom!

Another addition to the Reinders team is Tom Rasmussen. Tom joins the company's Irrigation Division as a Territory Manager. Tom has nine years experience in the irrigation industry and will work with golf course superintendents throughout southern Wisconsin. Before coming to Reinders, he worked as a sales representative for Sprinkler Irrigation, a Rainbird distributor in Illinois. Congratulations, Tom, on your new position.

And in another personnel move at Reinders, Jerry Kienast is the new Service Manager. Brian Hedges has moved into the newly created position of Mobile Service Response Technician.

New Kids

Congratulations go out to Derek and Sally Kastenschmidt on the birth of their first son, Drew. Drew was born on October 5th, 2003. He weighed 7lb. 5 oz. and was 20 inches long. Derek is a sales representative for Reinders Inc. Derek's territory covers extreme southeastern Wisconsin. Congratulations to both of you!

We also need to congratulate Dan and Jacki Dommer on the birth of their first son, Isaac David. Isaac was born on January 20th, 2004. He weighed 7lbs. 11 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. Dan is the assistant superintendent and equipment manager at Hidden Glen Golf Club at Bentdale Farms in Jackson, Wisconsin.

Greg and Kris Gage welcomed Noah Edwin into their family on Nov. 11, 2003. He weighed 7 lb. 6 oz. at birth. Greg is the golf course superintendent at Pine Valley GC in Wausau.

Last but not least, we need to congratulate Dave Spychalla and his wife Carrie on the birth of their first child, Abigail. Abigail was born on January 27, 2004. Dave is the assistant superintendent at North Hills Country Club in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin.

Congratulations to the both of you.

Deaths

Brad Wagner, superintendent at Foxboro Golf Club in Oregon, Wisconsin passed away in December of last year. Ron Schumacher, a long time turf sales representative for Horst Distributing Inc, passed away at his home on December 22nd, 2003. Both men will be missed by their families, friends and fellow golfers. ♣