

Badger State Turf Clippings

By Tom Wentz and the Reinders Team

Doesn't it seem that when we come together with others, the topic seems to turn to the weather. This summer could be summed up in one word.. "Whew!" The hot, dry summer has reached all parts of Wisconsin. The Milwaukee Journal stated that highs in the '90's since June 1, occurred eight times. I know they measure this at Mitchell International airport.. and it doesn't come close to what many of us further inland have experienced. I know we have had double digit days above 90 since June 1st. The lack of rain this summer as tested many of your irrigation systems, pumping stations and irrigation sources. The strain has been felt everywhere. We can only hope for a little relief that only Mother Nature can provide, and the sooner the better. What a contrast from 2004!!

Major Achievement

Congratulations to **Gary Tanko**, superintendent at Sentryworld, for winning the International Masters Racketball Championship. Gary has been playing racketball for 30 years and has had his eyes set on reaching this pinnacle. The tournament was played in Canton, Ohio on July 13, 14,15 and 16th. It is a grueling test of skill, as it involves 4 matches leading up to the final in a world class field of competitors. Gary won't be retiring his racket any time soon, as he will continue to compete.

Superintendent Changes

Scott Anthes has become the new superintendent at Northern Bay Resort GC in July. Scott was at Kestrel Ridge GC in Columbus when this golf course was under construction. Northern Bay is getting ready to open in August, and Scott has been busy preparing the golf course for the unveiling!!

Please welcome to Wisconsin, **Dave Boyes**. Dave has taken over at Kestrel Ridge GC in late July. Dave moved into Wisconsin from Illinois where he was superintendent at Deer Valley GC in Deer Grove, Illinois.

Zak Reineking, a December graduate at UW-Madison, has been hired as the assistant superintendent at the Erin Hills GC, the new construction project, in Hartford. Zak worked the last few summers at both Whistling Straits GC and Blackwolf Run GC. Zak is originally from Sheboygan Falls. Zak will be working close with Jeff Rottier, superintendent at this new Hurdzan-Fry project.

Gary Johnson has joined the Milwaukee County Parks as superintendent at Whitnall Park GC in Hales Corners.

Bruce Livingston has left Cold Water Canyon GC in Wisconsin Dells, where he has spent the last 5

years, and has joined Hamm Brothers Construction. Another significant event is the Livingston family celebrated the birth of their new baby boy, Aiden, on June 28th. Congratulations!!

Dave Van Auken, after a brief stint with Lesco, has become the new superintendent at Antigo Bass Lake CC in Deerbrook. The former superintendent, **Perry Michiel**, left the club after 25 years of service.

Birth Announcements

Liza Chmielewski, assistant superintendent at Brynwood CC in Milwaukee and her husband, Jeremy, assistant superintendent at Bristlecone Pines GC in Hartland, welcomed their first baby into the world on July 16th.. Noah Joseph. Since both mom and dad are active in the turf business, my bet is that the tradition will continue with their new son!! Congratulations!!

Derek Kastenschmidt and his wife Shelly are the proud parents of Carly Joan, who was born on May 16th. This is their second child. Derek is the sales representative for Reinders. Congratulations!!

This is all the news for right now. Please pass along any significant happenings around the state, by either emailing me at twentz@reinders.com or call me at 608-220-6592. 🌿



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