

Badger State Turf Clippings

By Tom Wentz and the Reinders Team

We are off and running into the golf season!! 2006 is a lot more welcoming than 2005 was coming into spring. Many golf courses enjoyed additional revenue in January, and summer like conditions in April started the cash registers ringing. Hope that all of the 2006 season is great for golf and turf!!

Superintendent moves around Wisconsin

There have been a lot of job moves around the state over the winter months as evidenced by the employment postings.

Andy Putzer, is the new superintendent at Monroe CC. Andy has served these past 6 years as an assistant at Trapper Turn GC in the Dells.

Brian Igl, is the new superintendent at Fox Lake GC. Brian came over from Rock River Hills GC in Horicon where he served as an assistant in 2005. Brian graduated from Western Iowa Tech Community College in 2004. Brian is also getting married in June.. so a lot of changes in 2006!

Jason Bell has moved down the road from Fox Lake GC to become the new superintendent at Beaver Dam CC. Jason had served, as superintendent at Fox Lake GC in 2005 and prior was an assistant at Peninsula State Park GC to his dad, Roger Bell.

Mike Uptegrove is the new superintendent at Watertown CC. Mike served as an assistant at Whistling Straits GC from 2002-2005. He also was superintendent at the Palmer GC at Geneva National GC in 2000-2001. Mike completed his BS degree in Soil Science at UW-Madison in May 2005.

Michael Hoff is now the new superintendent at Whitewater CC.

Michael came over from the Broadlands GC where he served as an assistant.

Darrin Daase is the new superintendent as Hillmoor CC in Lake Geneva. Darrin moves over from Lakewood GC where he has served as superintendent.

Chris Fandre is the new superintendent at Naga-Waukeee GC in Pewaukee. Chris has served as the assistant here for three years. He is a graduate of Marquette University with a degree in Psychology.

New Assistant Superintendents

Dale Morrison, superintendent at Trapper Turn GC has brought on two new assistants for the 2006 season. **John Smith**, has moved over from Devil's Head GC to join Trappers as an assistant. **Bruce Livingston** is back in the golf business as an assistant at Trappers Turn as well.

Andy Bentley is now the assistant at New Berlin Hills GC in New Berlin. Prior to this, Andy served as an assistant at Geneva National GC for the past two years. He holds a BS degree in turf from Iowa State.

Adam Hughes is the new assistant at The Bridges GC in Madison. Adam graduated from SW Tech and worked previously at Edelweiss Chalet GC.

Scott Haynes is the new assistant as Hawks Landing GC in Madison. Scott is a graduate of Michigan State and had worked in 2005 at Baltusrol CC in New Jersey where they hosted the 2005 PGA championship.

Wisconsin Turf Industry Updates

Dick Lidtke has moved into the sales profession joining Dan Quast, owner of DHD Tree Products, as the new sales representative. Dick had served as superintendent for many years at Fox Lake GC.

Birth Announcements

Congratulations go to **Jason Bell**, superintendent at Beaver Dam CC, and his wife Laura on the birth of their first child, Lexi Marie on March 13th. Lexi weighed in at 6 lbs and 15 oz. As you can imagine Roger Bell is a very proud grandpa!!

Chad Grimm assistant superintendent at Blackhawk CC in Madison, and his wife Sarah have a new daughter Mary Frances. She was born on March 22 and weighed 6 lbs and 14 oz.

Olivia Grace, new daughter of **Shawn** and Marci **Hilliard**, was born on March 14. She weighed 7 lbs and 7 oz and was 20" long. Shawn represents UAP for Wisconsin.

If we have left anybody out in these job changes and announcements, it's because we were not aware it. Please email any news to twentz@reinders.com or call me at 608-220-6592, or let your local Reinders rep know. 🌱

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