

Badger State Turf Clippings

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What a June!!! The rains and floods that struck much of southern Wisconsin will go down in the history books. The fact that we received the rains in "short deluges", made this one very unusual. Rain totals of 11 inches to 17 inches have been reported. Who would have ever imagined that Lake Delton in the Dells would become a giant mud hole. A superintendent stated that if you include the 500 year rain-falls from 1993, last August and now, he is well over 1500 years old!! We can be thankful that we did not have high temperatures after the floodwaters receded or we would be looking at more extensive turf loss. As it is, enough of you had to do recovery work to get the golf courses back in play. Many of you had solid success in doing so.

This back page will be devoted to telling the flood stories in pictures. I have highlighted a few superintendent changes, assistant hires and births. I will update with industry changes in the next issue.

New Superintendents

Brandon Nebl is the new superintendent at Mayville GC in Mayville. Brandon received his turf degree from the Mundus Institute in Phoenix, AZ in 1999. He served as an assistant at Lake Ripley GC, Nakoma GC and Lawsonia GC. He also was superintendent at Utica GC for 3 years. Congratulations Brandon!

Gabe Hatchett is the new superintendent at the Player course at Geneva National GC. Gabe received his BS degree from Southern Illinois University and served as an assistant at Lake Shore CC, Boulder Ridge CC and Lake Geneva CC since 2000. Congratulations Gabe!!

New Assistant Superintendents

Brett Hosler is the new assistant superintendent at Ozaukee CC in Mequon. Brett moved up from southern Indiana. He received his BA degree in Psychology from University of Kentucky and his turf degree from Eastern Kentucky University. For the



View of Kestrel Ridge GC in Columbus, WI from the 10th Tee.



Watertown CC in Watertown, WI. Please note how much of the flag is showing!



West Bend Lakes GC in West Bend, WI



In late May, New Berlin Hills GC became a landing strip for a single engine airplane that crash landed. The landing occurred on the 18th hole. The pilot got lucky as he walked away from the scene.

past 4 years, Brett has been assistant superintendent at Evansville CC in Indiana. He is actually coming home as he was born and raised in the Milwaukee area.

Birth Announcements

Congratulations to the following new parents:

Dave Marach, superintendent at Northbrook GC and his wife Wendy welcomed their new daughter, Ella Elizabeth on June 19. She weighed in at 8 lbs, 3 oz.

Chad Hubbard, superintendent at Fairways of Woodside GC in Sussex, and his wife Kimberly welcomed their third boy. Owen Kenneth was born on June 22 and weighed in at 7 lb 8 oz.

Bobby Lorenzo, assistant superintendent at Bristol Oaks CC, and his wife Stephanie welcomed a new boy, Aaron Clark on May 7. He came in at 6 lb 5 oz.

Any news to pass along, please email me at twentz@reinders.com or call me at 608-220-6592. 🌿