

Badger State Turf Clippings

By John Jensen and the Reinders Team

It is hard to believe that we are close to thinking about fall projects and wrapping up another golf season. What a summer we had, great warm weather, rain at just the right time, low disease pressure, greens, tee's and fairway's never looked better. Golfers, greens committees, owners are all so happy with budget money available to everyone. This summer was a test and only a test, had it been an actual summer all of the above statements would have been true and the Mosquito population wouldn't be flying around wearing ear muffs.

Industry Moves

Brian Zimmerman has taken on the new role at the Milwaukee County Park System as Chief of Operations. Brian is responsible for the Golf Turf Operations position, Regional Manager, 4 Deputy Regional Managers, Landscape Supervisor, Forestry Coordinator and Marina Manager.

This includes the overseeing of all park operations, golf courses, marinas, rental facilities, 150 athletic fields, 120 lane miles of roads and the Landscaper service division. Brian has been with the Parks Department for over 7 years and before that held the Superintendent's position at Chikaming Country Club in Lakeside Michigan.

Jon Canavan joined the Milwaukee County Park System as the Golf and Recreational Turf Manager. He received his Bachelors in Horticulture from Northwest Missouri State and for the past 5 years has been the Superintendent of Brynwood Country Club located in Milwaukee. Prior to Brynwood, Jon was an Assistant at Oakland Hills Country Club located in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan which has hosted 16 Major Championships since it was founded.

I was informed by one of my Reinders team mates that I had tagged the wrong school onto Mike Bremmers bio in the last article, so I

felt it only fair to start over again and get it correct this time. Mike is the new Superintendent at Brynwood Country Club. He graduated from UW - River Falls and got his B.S. in Horticulture. He began his career at Blackhawk Country Club in Madison and did internships at Midland Hills Country Club in St. Paul and at Blackhawk. His first job out of school was the Assistant of the Player course at Geneva National Golf Course in Lake Geneva. After a couple of seasons there, his next move was to Milwaukee where he took over as the Assistant at Brynwood in the beginning of 2006. Recently promoted to Superintendent at Brynwood, but claims he turned down job offers as Superintendent at Augusta, Pebble Beach, Pine Valley, Medinah, and Winged Foot prior to the promotion because he had a hunch that he would get the chance to move up here. Ok, so maybe that last part isn't entirely true, but it would have been nice, Mike say's.

Jeff Normandt has taken on the Assistant Superintendent Position at Meadowbrook Country Club located in Racine, Wisconsin. Jeff comes to Racine from Maple Grove, Wisconsin.

David Legg has joined Burris Equipment Company; he began his career with Ransomes in England right out of high school and transferred to Ransomes Inc in Johnson Creek WI in 1982. When Textron purchased Ransomes 10 years ago, he went to work for Jacobsen in Racine. David was hired by Burris Equipment in May to cover the six counties around the Milwaukee area, calling on golf courses, municipal and sports turf customers. David has attended the National Golf Course Superintendent Show every year for the past 29 years and has made many friends in our industry across the US and Canada.

Other News:

I have two pictures that prove summer was actually here for a

moment. Charlie Ciszewski of Chenequa Country Club caught and released this massive 51" long 22 1/2" girth Musky on Okauchee Lake. Charlie is an avid Musky Hunter with many already under his belt. So, does anyone care to go swimming in Okauchee???

Brian Schmidt, Turf Product Specialist for Reinders caught this beautiful Small mouth bass from his summer cottage pier in Northern Wisconsin. This baby weighed in at 5 1/2 lbs and measure 22" long and was released to see another day. I personally know the name of the lake and will be happy to guide you to it for a small fee but in the mean time lets just say these are a couple of fish stories that have pictures with proof.

