

Badger State Turf Clippings

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"You have two minutes to give me your answer". Did you have to hear this over the past month or two from someone and come up with an answer that fast when that questions was posed? How about hearing it like this, "I need you to cut your budget by 10% and you have two minutes to give me your answer" or "You can either cut back on the amount of people you hire this summer or scale back on your chemical budget but I need an answer in two minutes." How about from this angle, "We need to decide on how much product to stock for the season but I need an answer in two minutes". So much pressure in the world when it comes to making the decisions many of us make each and every day, let alone answer it in two minutes wouldn't you say? What if you had to hear the questioned posed like this "Once we got into surgery, we found that your child's condition is much worse than expected. You have only two options at this moment, we can continue on, your child will most likely be paralyzed in some if not all parts of the body along with partial or total blindness or we can stop now and we will most likely lose your child" "What would you like us to do sir? **We need an answer in two minutes.**" A friend of mine had to answer that question this past month and I can't even imagine how you move to the response in two minutes let alone 1,000. So, the next time one of us has to answer those tough everyday questions like "it can't be repaired until Thursday, does that work into your schedule?" just smile it could be worse.

New Hires according to my sources:

Gregg Schenicar will take on the role of Superintendent at Kestrel Ridge Golf Club located in Columbus, Wisconsin. Gregg's background includes jobs at Pauquette Pines as Superintendent and as Jim Scott's Assistant at Edelweiss Chalet.

Bart Scarborough will become the new Superintendent at Devils Head Resort beginning April 1st (My favorite day of the year!) Bart is originally from Baraboo, WI and currently resides in Arizona. Welcome back!

Jim Scott formally of Edelweiss Chalet will now be taking over the Superintendents position at Lake Wisconsin Country Club located in Prairie Du Sac.

Cold Water Canyon will be welcoming in Bill Kehoss as their new Superintendent. Congratulations!

Chad Grimm has taken over the role of Superintendent at Blackhawk Country Club. Chad was the former assistant to Monroe Miller before accepting the position.

Mike Kozlowski has been hired by Danny Quast of DHD Tree Products as a new addition to his sales team.

Congratulation to all person's listed above and we wish you much success in 2009 and beyond.

Births:

Travis Krauklis of Morningstar Golfers Club and his wife Tara welcomed the birth of their third child Addison, born January 28th, weighing in at 7lbs. 5 oz. Big brother Hunter and big sister Katelyn have lots to look forward to. Congratulations!

Grayson Harms and wife Lisa gave birth to Adelynn Grace back on October 20th of this past year. Grayson is the Superintendent at Tuscumbia Country Club in Green Lake.

Jon Baus of Irish Waters Country Club and wife Jodi welcomed twins into their family on December 12th. Graham Jesse

Baus and Gracie Jean Baus. My sources tell me that although they were brought into the world after only 29 weeks that all are doing well. Sounds like they come from a long line of twins on both sides of the family.

James Van Sickle and his wife Jill gave birth to their first child, Evan James, born Sunday January 18th. James is the Assistant Superintendent at Oconomowoc Country Club. Dustin's comment, "Unfortunately they will probably raise him to be a Bear and Cub fan, poor kid doesn't stand a chance."

Wisconsinizing in New Orleans:

Bar none, the best time you will have at any G.I.S. Show is when all attendees from Wisconsin and the surrounding areas get together for some away from work socializing. For the past 20 years that I remember this event just keeps getting better and better with each year. Good to see so many old friends and new faces when this time comes around and I always look forward to the next one. Wish I could say the same for the next trip to New Orleans.

Wee-One:

My yearly email reminder just popped up to remind me to renew my membership to the Wee-One Foundation. Which reminded of the wonderful article that Rod Johnson put together in last months Grass Roots explaining its beginnings and how much it has meant to so many people in need. It is one membership that I am glad to pay and hope that I never need returned. Please take the time to join this great cause!

Its almost my favorite day:

Anyone that knows me probably has already figured out that I have two favorite days in the year. The second being the 26th of December because it is as far away from the next Christmas as possible (bah humbug) and April 1st. because I am either going to have some awesome jokester fun on someone or better yet my anticipation to see what Jeff Millies from Edgewood Golf Course is going to pull on me again. Last year I arrived home to find my wife reading a detailed letter from Playgirl explaining why my recent pictures that I submitted would not make it into their magazine. It even went as far as breaking down which age groups voted me off the "island", one of which included widows ranging in age from 70-85 that commented, "We would rather remain without a man". It almost tops the year that some of my customers received a detailed letter on how I was now selling the Boas Minas Frog of Australia. This letter of course went into explaining how this frog would help capture thousands of mosquitoes on a course but unfortunately it cannot naturally reproduce, so they have found a top guy in the territory to sell this frog and my training had included me spending a week alone with the frogs so man and beast could become one. Needless to say, my phone rang off the hook all day on that April 1st. So, my advice, if you know me, be cautious on April 1st, if you know Jeff Millies, hide!!! He is always up to something.

Final Note:

My friend's child came through the surgery with flying colors and I am happy to report that after an experiment by some highly trained doctors she is expected to live a happy and normal life. What a happy blessing. 🌿