

Badger State Turf Clippings

By John Jensen and the Reinders Team

BANG! BANG! That is how my morning began as I write this article on this first day of September. The beginning of early Goose season in Wisconsin and the familiar sounds through the bedroom walls from the surrounding farm fields will be my early morning alarm clock for much of the fall season. Today also marks an important time for us in the Jensen household, as it is the first day of school for our kids, which also means an organized type of kayos. Showers' going overtime, the dogs silently wondering why is everyone up so early, sandwich bags being rustled in the kitchen and that first day of school look with new tennis shoes, backpacks, pants and shirts. It also means that my son is starting his final year in High School, which makes me wonder where the time really went. I am sure many of you reading this remember me making a sales call to your course and telling you that I just had a baby boy, went fast didn't it. For me it seems like just yesterday that returning home from work it meant playing in the sandbox for hours on end. I surely do miss those days, too bad they have to go by so quickly.

New Superintendent

Congratulations to Steven A. Specht Jr. on becoming the Superintendent at the new Miller's Glen Golf Course in Howard's Grove, WI. Steven joined the Town and Country Golf Course maintenance crew in 2000, at the age of 15. He continued to work at the course while attending high school and during college breaks. Steven graduated from UW-River Falls in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Horticulture. After graduation, Steven worked for Town and Country Golf Course and was pro-

moted to Assistant Superintendent. Steven was instrumental in the maintenance development of the 9 hole, Miller's Glen, Golf Course where he has become the Superintendent.

Births

Russ Schulte and his wife Amy gave birth to their first child, a girl, Presley Joy on July 10th. As I visited with him a few weeks back, all were doing well and they were heading off that afternoon to close on their first house. Russ is the Assistant Superintendent at Christmas Mountain Golf Course in Wisconsin Dells.

Scott Neary, Territory Manager for Reinders and his wife Sam gave birth to their second child Siddnie Ann on July 12th. This is their second girl, which means Scott has many years of phone bills and text messages to pay for as they get older.

Bryan Bergner, Assistant Superintendent at Westmoor Country Club and his wife Danielle welcomed their newborn son into the world on July 23rd. Miles Richard weighed in at 7lbs, 14 ounces. Congratulations to all of the new parents listed above.

Wedding

Scott Sann, Superintendent of Greenwood Hills Country Club located in Wausau married Sara Quirt this summer. It is always nice seeing someone else take the kiss of, wait, I mean take the plunge. I'm just kidding, congratulations Scott and Sara.

Birthday

David Braasch, Superintendent of Glen Erin Golf Course in Janesville, celebrated his 40th Birthday on August 15th with a golf outing and party at the club. According to my sources who will remain nameless

(BRUCE SCHWEIGER) David and his son received matching Packer Jerseys which he wore proudly for the remainder of the day. Now, somehow I may remember him being a Bear's fan but that's what my sources tell me.

Confessions

So I received this call from my counterpart in Illinois as he is leaving the PGA event that was held at Hazeltine Country Club in Minnesota. He somehow convinces me that he was struck in the head by a golf ball hit from Tiger Woods. All I can say is that I must have had a senior moment or some other unknown medical condition, as there is no way I would fall for something like this in my normal state of mind, but I fell for it hook, line, and sinker. I even found myself watching the evening highlights to see if I could spot him on TV. Then it came to me, I had been had and all I could do is congratulate him for pulling off a good story. Man is he going to be sorry!!! Of course I have had to endure the pain of endless phone calls and emails from other Superintendents and co-workers as they try to explain to me how they just got hit in the head by a golf ball. It just never ends.

I must also make one last confession before the football season officially starts. I am no longer just a Green Bay Packer fan. That's right, I am choosing this season to become a Bears fan and a Lions fan and a Cleveland fan and a fan for the day of any team that plays against the Minnesota Vikings. This should be one exciting season in the NFL, GO PACKERS!

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