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News and Notes From WGCSA Members

By Matt Kinnard and The DHD Team

It's once again that time of year for Tweet in Review. This is where I take the year's best tweets, twitter shout-outs and twitpics and compile them here, as a year in review.

@jerrykershasky (Jerry Kershasky)

Jan 13: WTA Turfgrass Research Day Tues, 1/15. Webinar. Check out presentations at <http://www.wisconsinturfgrassassociation.org> Grn drainage impeded by algae+bicarbonate?

@hawksnr (Neil Radatz)

Jan 31: Another interesting week. a record high, 1.5 inches of rain, 6 inches of snow, and now some extreme cold weather in the next 2 days.

@stein_william (Bill Stein)

Feb. 3: Can't beat flying out of Rhinelander. Airport security you can tolerate! Off to Golf Industry Show.

@trapping9 (Dave Brandenburg)

Feb. 4: #GIS13 dang nice outside but dragged myself inside for 'Successfully Managing Insect Pests.' Did I mention it is nice out?

@jerrykershasky (Jerry Kershasky)

Feb 5: I have attended many GCSSA Seminars over my 39 year career, Greens Aeration & Water Management by the Numbers is one of the best #GIS13

@jerrykershasky (Jerry Kershasky)

Feb 10: Thanks to all who shared their turf research, knowledge and experiences with me @GIS13 in San Diego! Time to put it to work in Madison,WI

@ogcsuper (Dustin Riley)

Feb 19: Another warmup, rain and significant snow melt followed by snow and cold temp. Rollercoaster winter. Spring might be ugly for Poa in WI.

@ogcsuper (Dustin Riley)

Feb. 19: Since Jan, we've had (4) 40+ degree temp drops following rain and snow melt. Worst of: 58 dg + 2" rain & snow melt; then -8 2 days later.

@ogcsuper (Dustin Riley)

March 15: What would you rather have, June in March ('12) or Jan in March ('13)? No warm up in the forecast either. #stircrazy

@jerrykershasky (Jerry Kershasky)

March 19: Ice did not start forming until late Jan, so with bent greens I should be

good to late April with gas exchange.

@hawksnr (Neil Radatz)

March 20: Well what more can I say it is certainly not the same as last spring, in that the course was open for play and we mowed the green 3 times already.

@czugel (Chris Zugel)

March 23: I saw my first robin of the year. You know what that means? Wisconsin is done in the #NCAA

@trapping9 (Dave Brandenburg)

March 24: Never thought I would plow greens but trying to move the snow to speed melting of 2+" of ice.

@trapping9 (Dave Brandenburg)

April 7: My 25th time to open a golf course tomorrow. First time I have had to move a snow bank to get golfers to the first tee.

@bryanbergner (Bryan Bergner)

April 13: It's amazing how much pink sm affects tall fescue compared to bluegrass rough. Less maintenance than blue?? Not at all

@suwa0015 (Lee Suwalski)

April 15: First golfers of the year and they are upset they can't play the nine they want! #really? (45 hole gc probs)

@jmillies1 (Jeff Millies)

April 24: Course is finally partially open today. Pines 1-9 and modified 9 holes. Lower holes still flooded, this is the latest we ever open

@creeksupt (Matt Kregel)

April 24: 100% chance of a rain/snow mix tonight. Just lovely! I like rain. I guess at this point what's wrong with a little more.

@stein_william (Bill Stein)

April 25: Still about 18" of snow to burn off. Crazy.

@trapping9 (Dave Brandenburg)

April 30: My lunch at club: 1st golfer-Course is in great shape, 2nd-Boy winter was tough on the place, 3rd-Who killed all the trees? Gotta lovem all!

@ogcsuper (Dustin Riley)

May 6: An employee for over 20 years needs



@ridgewayccturf (Steve Blake)

April 10: Lots of branches down on the course from the ice storm. Very dangerous to even be outside right now with all of the flying debris.

to take a leave for med reasons. He is heart broken and disappointed he's letting the crew down. Sad.

@bryanbergner (Bryan Bergner)

May 13: Holy Frost!! Fwy topdressing and flymowing on hold

@creeksupt (Matt Kregel)

May 23: I cannot imagine why anyone would want to play when it's 48 and winds are 25 - 35 mph but in case you do there are no cart restrictions.

@suwa0015 (Lee Suwalski)

May 24: Frost delay this morning

@creeksupt (Matt Kregel)

May 25: We have FROST this morning! On Course maintenance has been delayed. First tee time TBD. Great start to summer and holiday weekend.

@jerrykershasky (Jerry Kershasky)

May 26: Mental note: don't let cup changer take water soften treated water to water cup plugs, TDR probe reading 83%. 30 higher then coyote urine

@trapping9 (Dave Brandenburg)

June 2: Spring 2013. Through May we have 31 golf playable days. 31 behind 2012, 10 behind the bad 2011. Saving on pumphouse electric costs.

BADGER STATE TURF CLIPPINGS

@brlabarrt (Ben LaBarre)

June 22: never stimp greens, only test with putter. they roll true and occasionally run fast.

@jerrykershasky (Jerry Kershasky)

June 25: Raining very hard now 4+” and counting in 4 days. That’s about 5-6 weeks of greens irrigation water with high soil temps. NotGood4Roots

@suwa0015 (Lee Suwalski)

June 28: Last yr I could not keep enough water in my irrigation pond, this yr I might have to start pumping water out just to keep it in the banks!

@creeksupt (Matt Kregel)

July 5: Hottest day this year so far is 90°. Last year by this date we had 22 days 90° or warmer including two days over 100° I like this year more.

@stein_william (Bill Stein)

July 7: when your days are so long and nights so short that your electric cart isn’t charged in the morning.

@jerrykershasky (Jerry Kershasky)

July 7: Between coyotes pissing on greens, moles tunneling, turkeys pecking, deer

stumping, geese crapping I have had enough of wild life, glad no moose

@trapping9 (Dave Brandenburg)

July 14: A shirtless young man, a buddy and a pretty girl were hightailing it off the golf course at 5:05am. Musta been bird watching.

@hawksnr (Neil Radatz)

July 18: You know its hot when your jolly ranchers melt in your pocket. dead calm here text book dollar spot on fairways. Nothing else right now

@czugel (Chris Zugel)

July 18: So far today, I’ve almost ran over a deer a fox and a family of turkeys. All while driving my cart. It’s like a Disney movie out here!

@jerrykershasky (Jerry Kershasky)

July 30: Bruce Schweiger, new manager of UW TDL says get on Twitter. Plain and simple, if you’re not, you’re missing out

@czugel (Chris Zugel)

July 30: Assistants, interns and other staff are in Madison for WTA Field Days. I’m left to run the crew by myself. I see a self imposed time-out...



@brlabarrt (Ben LaBarre)

July 15: unfortunately this was my tire. Gotta work on the drive by grab. #fumble



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@ogcsuper (Dustin Riley)

July 31: Irrigation report revealed 71% less irrigation in 2013 vs 2012. Only 2.9 mil gallons for year or only 1.5" water/acre applied. #timelyrains

@hawksnr (Neil Radatz)

August 13: We will start organic matter management tomorrow tees and approaches only no greens. (Is this a euphemism for aeration?? HaHa!)

@suwa0015 (Lee Suwalski)

August 26: 8:30 shotguns on both courses this morning = great Monday said nobody ever

@stein_william (Bill Stein)

August 29: Kaboom! There go another 35 solenoids and another satellite and another 100 man hours fixing bunkers. Love rain-hate storms.

@creeksupt (Matt Kregel)

Sept. 10: Just another typical September Day. Aerating tees and fwys, top dressing after and brushing in. Did I mention it was 96 with 25mph winds?

@trapping9 (Dave Brandenburg)

Sept. 21: It's not often I can change cups by moonlight but it works today.

@czugel (Chris Zugel)

Sept. 23: Maple Bluff WTA outing. Course is tight. It's also in perfect shape! Amazing course.

@stein_william (Bill Stein)

Sept. 25: A 1.1 million dollar lighting system keeps turf growing longer in the late

fall, shorter day period. (On a Lambeau Field Tour)

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@hawksnr (Neil Radatz)

October 12: Haven't had a frost yet and course in great shape Enjoy your round.

@creeksupt (Matt Kregel)

October 22: Heavy frost this morning. Winterizing the irrigation system today. Earliest date for this and perhaps going to be the coldest. What gives?

@czugel (Chris Zugel)

October 24: I've got a guy on the staff that calls in to work because ghosts keep him up at night. While I doubt the excuse I applaud the creativity.

@trapping9 (Dave Brandenburg)

Nov. 14: I never cared for mowing tees and 33 degrees with snow on the edges isn't helping. #lastmow

@trapping9 (Dave Brandenburg)

Nov. 15: Is anybody in Wisconsin not spray-



@suwa0015 (Lee Suwalski)

September 30: Million to one shot Doc.! #Seinfeld

ing snow mold products today? Finally less wind.

@hawksnr (Neil Radatz)

Nov. 15: finally completed snow mold app on fairways today, only greens and tees second app to go not looking good until Tuesday more wind and rain

This year's best Tweeter Award goes to Dave Brandenburg, for his quality and sheer volume of tweets. A very close Runner Up this year is Jerry Kershasky. Best Individual Tweet goes to Chris Zugel for his 'Ghost' tweet. Congratulations Dave, Jerry and Chris. Tweet On!

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Career Moves

Earlier this year **Randy Swonger** and his wife Sheri became golf course owners. They purchased Stalker Lake Golf Course in Dalton, MN. Before embarking on his dream of owning his own golf course, Randy was the superintendent at Trout Lake GC in Woodruff, WI for many years. Congratulations to the Swonger family on your new endeavor.

Taking Randy Swonger's place at Trout Lake is **Brian Tameling**. Brian grew up only ten minutes from Trout Lake and is happy to be back near his hometown, now, with his wife and two young boys. For the past six years Brian was the superintendent at Wolf Hollow GC in Lena, IL and also served as the President of the Northwest Illinois Golf Course Superintendents

Association. Congratulations on your new job Brian!

Just Got Married

Mike Rzadzki, Assistant Superintendent at Kettle Hills GC, married his bride, Sarah, September 28th in an outdoor ceremony in Sheboygan Falls. The couple honeymooned for a week in Washington State where they went crab fishing on the Puget Sound, hiked Mt. Rainier and kayaked on Lake Union in Seattle. Congratulations Mike and Sarah!

Awards

Renee Rioux, a Ph.D. candidate in the former Kerns lab in the Department of Plant Pathology at UW – Madison, recently received the 'Turfgrass Breeders

Association Award for Best Oral Presentation' at the American Society of Agronomy's Annual Meetings on November 6th in Tampa, FL. Renee's presentation was titled 'Culture-based and molecular detection of Sclerotinia homoeocarpa in commercial creeping bentgrass seed' and will be the subject of an article in the January/February issue of *The Grass Roots*. Congratulations Renee!

Please pass along any significant news or happenings around the state to Danny, Mike or me. We want to spread the good news. You can also email me at m.kinnard@sbcglobal.net or call at 920-210-9059.

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Worth The Wait - WTA Fundraiser At Maple Bluff Country Club

By Tom Schwab, Manager, O.J. Noer Turfgrass Research and Education Facility, University of Wisconsin-Madison

It's been 28 years since the WTA Golf Fundraiser last visited Maple Bluff Country Club. Superintendent Tom Harrison hosted the 4th ever WTA fundraiser there on September 30th, 1985. I still remember that fun golf event despite the cold weather and occasional snowflakes that fell. Superintendent Josh LePine made up for that weather this year when he hosted the 34th edition of the fundraiser with weather in the low 70s, slight wind, and clear blue skies.

Everything was first rate in addition to the weather. The course could not have been more enjoyable or in more fabulous shape. The greens were lightning fast, the fairways thick and tight, bunkers consistent, and everything else proved a perfect example of great course management. Josh, his crew, and everyone at Maple Bluff went all out to make our experience the very best.

There were 134 participants this year. Ten more and the course would have been maxed out. That along with more Hole Sponsors than ever before helped push the fundraising to a record of over \$13,000. The ultimate beneficiary of those funds is the turf industry. All the funds raised support the Wisconsin Turfgrass Research Sustainability Fund at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Over the WTA Golf Fundraiser's long history, proceeds have gone directly to support turf research and more recently to fund the Wisconsin Distinguished Graduate Fellowships in Turfgrass Research. Beginning three years ago, proceeds have gone to the Turfgrass Research Sustainability Fund that was created to support ever more turfgrass research initiatives.

It should be mentioned that a big contributing factor to the record fundraising was Maple Bluff Country Club giving up their course for a very low fixed cost. We thank the membership for being so kind and hospitable.

The day was not all about raising research money. It was full of fun events too. The main event of the day was a four person best ball golf tournament.

The event winners were:

1st Place: Joel Peterson, Chad Kirchen, Tony Herrera, Brandon Correll
Middle Place: Bob Lohmann, Todd Quinton, Matt Lohmann, Grant Rundblade

Hardest Working Place: Tim Rebholz, Dave VonBehren, Matt Berger

Other golf winners in the Skills Events:

Closest to Hole #6	Tony Hudzinski
Closest to tree #7	Brandon Burns
Longest Drive #9	Grant Rundblade
Closest to Pin #11	Patrick Reuteran
Closest to pin in two #16	Mike Lyons
Longest Putt #18	John Bailey

There were other fun events both on and off the course. The most significant was a drawing for an Apple iPad tablet with Wayne Horman taking home the prize. Additionally there was a door prize giveaway where every participant took home something, many prizes being worth more than the registration fee.



Team Bremmer, Goninen, Grimm, Strain readying for battle. (Photo by Tom Schwab)



Team Burris being carried by the purple man. (Photo by Tom Schwab)



Brother Chuck attempting to keep his ball dry on the 6th. (Photo by Tom Schwab)

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Mike Moschkau spending a day at the beach. (Photo by Tom Schwab)



Mark Livingston tries to get er back in play. (Photo by Tom Schwab)



Beth Duschack putting on a clinic for her foursome. (Photo by Tom Schwab)



All smiles from team Riley, Van Herynen, Bartosh, and Brandenburg. (Photo by Tom Schwab)



Representing Lawn Care, team Kurth can play some mean golf. (Photo by Tom Schwab)



Thanks for the wonderful golf course conditions team Maple Bluff. (Photo by Tom Schwab)



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Top: The Par 3 205 yard 6th hole

Below: The Par 4 382 yard 18th hole
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Marathon man Jake discusses business with WTA president Paul Huggett. (Photo by Tom Schwab)



Our host Josh LePine, in red, chatting with another WTA Golf Fundraiser host Chad Grimm. (Photo by Tom Schwab)