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WSGA Director of Rules and Competition Bill Linneman was quoted by Gary D'Amato in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel as saying the "winning score will be well above par". The first day it looked as though Bill would be proven wrong when Robbie Ziegler shot a four under par 66 and held on to stay 3 under par after 36 holes. On day three reality set in and Linneman was proven correct as Alex Gaugert won the 72 hole event with a total score of 6 over par 286 beating three day leader Robbie Ziegler who finished at 8 over par.

The Yule Cup was won by Hawks Landing by two strokes over Brown Deer Golf Club 442 compared to 444. In news reports and talking to the players I knew the course and its conditions were very well received. Some of Bill Linneman's pin placements were cursed under the breath of some players but overall this old course showed it can still challenge the states best players.



Par3 9th hole plays 176 yards.

The upper view from the tee shows a narrow path to the tucked pin in the lower picture.

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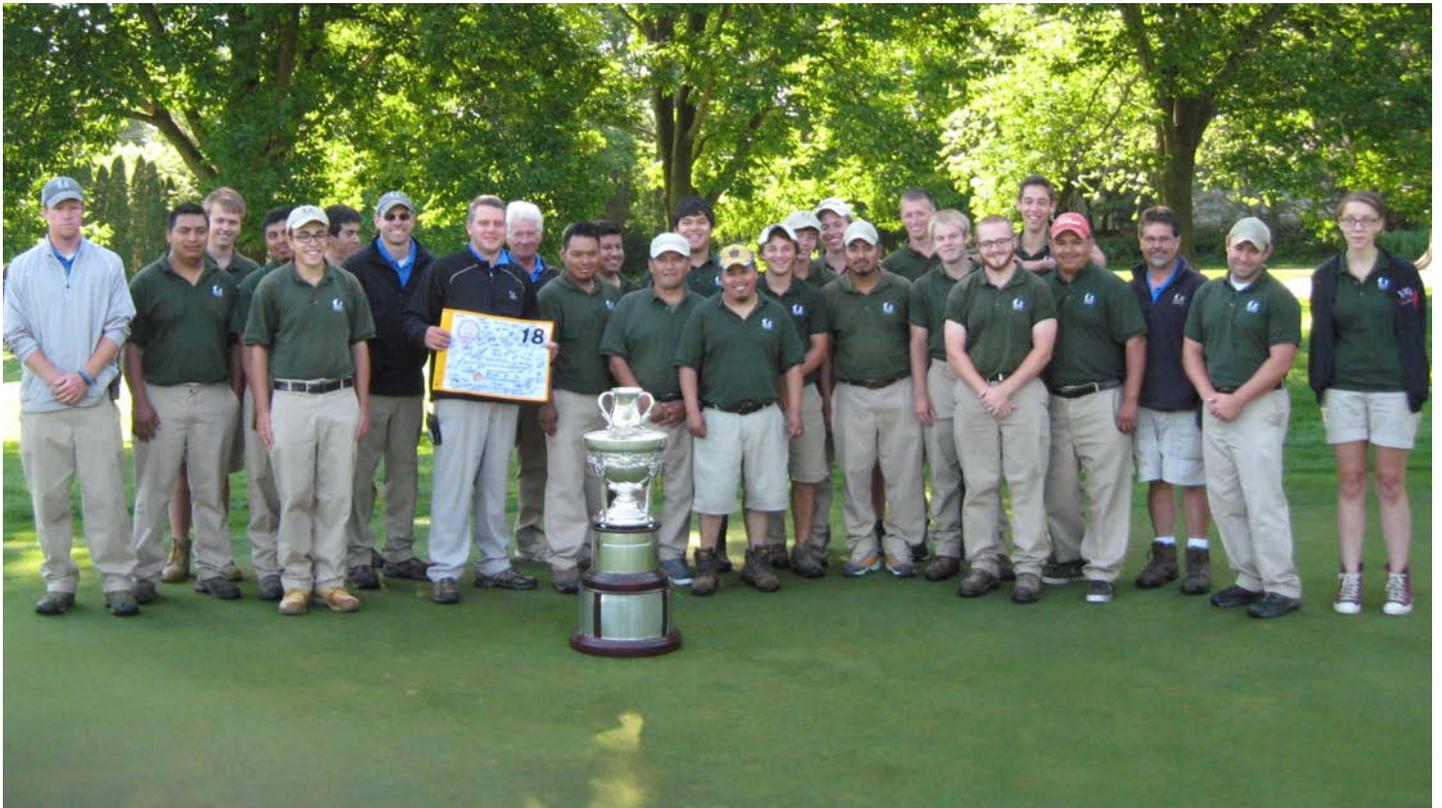
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Member 9 With Brett Hosler

1. **First Vehicle?** 1964 Chevrolet Impala that I bought in high school. It had a 283 that I built into a 327.
2. **Favorite Piece of Golf Course Equipment?** As much as I love my topdressing and large fertilization equipment like the Toro ProPass, MH-400 and Vicon Spreader, I'd have to say that my favorite piece is an old, 5-gang, cement-filled roller. I'm not sure who made it or what year it was purchased but we have plans to refurbish and install a hydraulic ram lift system and use as a greens roller.
3. **18 Hole Handicap?** 12ish
4. **Current Vehicle?** 2014 Mitsubishi Evolution MR; I'll never not own a turbocharged car after driving this one.
5. **Favorite TV Show?** Mostly car related shows or MLB and NFL games. I like to follow the WRC and professional sports.
6. **Favorite Pro Sports Team?** Milwaukee Brewers
7. **Favorite Main Course Meal?** A good pizza or large porterhouse. I can't decide between the two.
8. **Pets?** I have a seven-year-old Siberian Husky named Kane.
9. **Favorite Thing About Working In Golf Industry?** Knowing that what we do provides happiness for those who have a passion for the game of golf. It's the greatest game on earth. I can think of no greater professional success than to have those with discerning tastes think we have been successful.



The Ozaukee Country Club Maintenance Staff.

COVER STORY

Brett Hosler joined Ozaukee Country Club in 2008 as an assistant superintendent under Colin Seaberg. Brett said he learned a lot from Colin and continues to hold him in the highest regard. Brett took over as golf course superintendent in May of 2013 as has loved it so far.

Hosler's previous work included and assistant superintendent at Evansville Country Club in Evansville, IN where Brett spent time with transition zone grasses and conditions. He started in the industry as a college student at the University of Kentucky working as a seasonal at the Pete and P.B. Dye designed Kearney Hill Golf Links.

Although Hosler hated getting up early he enjoyed being outdoors and had a tremendous amount of respect for the superintendent. After graduating with a BA in Psychology in 2002 Brett continued his education at Eastern Kentucky University where he graduated with distinction with a AS in Technical Agriculture in 2003.

When I asked Brett what the challenges of Ozaukee Country Club layout he said "Wanting to spend two million a year on the golf course and having less than that to work with. Ozaukee is a wonderful property/golf course; having to follow legendary and great superintendents such as Wayne Otto and Colin Seaberg is a bit daunting. I'm fortunate to have an excellent staff."

Brett was quick to recognize his full time and seasonal staff members as the ones who make Ozaukee what it is.

Congratulations to Brett and the entire staff for providing a great tournament course for the 113th State Amateur Championship.

Ozaukee Country Club Grounds Maintenance Managers

Brett Hosler - Golf Course Superintendent

Karl Wehausen - Assistant Superintendent

Bryan Fenney - Assistant Superintendent

Dan Dommer - Equipment Manager

Mark Bednarek - Horticulturist

Left: Mowing (Top) and divot filling (bottom) on the 392 yard par4 3rd hole.

Top Right: Hand watering on the 416 yard par4 7th hole.

Bottom Right: The challenging 188 yard par3 16th hole is well protected by water and sand.





Future WSGA Amateur Championship Sites

2015 - Erin Hills, Erin, Host Superintendent - Zachary Reineking

2016 - North Shore Golf Club, Menasha, Host Superintendent - Scott Schaller

2017 - Oconomowoc Club, Oconomowoc, Host Superintendent - Dustin Riley

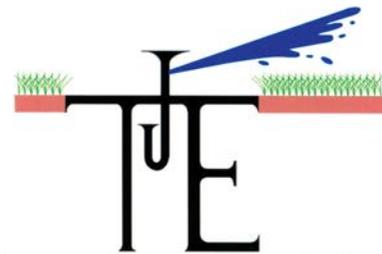


Top: The tucked pin on the par3 200 yard 14th hole shows how challenging tournament golf can be.

Top Middle: The green bank on the Par4 449 yard 13th hole shows the penalty for missing a green at the Langford and Moreau layout.

Bottom Middle: The Par5 15th hole plays 497 yards from the back tees.

Bottom: Ozaukee has a number of beautiful plantings as shown by this one between the 2nd and 7th tees.



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Editors Note: Below is part of the first correspondence from Brett Hosler, Golf Course Superintendent, Ozaukee Country Club to the membership when he took over as interim superintendent. The letter highlights his appreciation for Ozaukee Country Club and its rich history.

Dear Membership of Ozaukee Country Club,

I'd like to reintroduce myself to you all as I was promoted to interim superintendent of the Ozaukee Country Club on May 11th of this year. My name is Brett Hosler, I want to thank those responsible for providing me with this opportunity. I'd also like to thank Colin Seaberg for hiring me as his assistant in 2008.

I was born in Cedarburg Wisconsin in 1979. Shortly thereafter and continuing throughout my life, I have moved all over the Midwest and have lived in a variety of different places. In the past, when people would ask me where I was from, I usually didn't know what to say...I'm home now.

My family history at OCC and in this area is deeply rooted. My great grandfather, William F. Schanen was a prominent attorney in Ozaukee County and longtime member of OCC beginning in the mid 1920's. He provided legal services for our club during that time. He never took social security and never retired. Although an absolutely horrendous golfer, it

didn't prevent him from playing our course almost daily. My grandfather, James W. Hosler, my grandmother Dorothy M. Hosler and my father Kirk Hosler were members of OCC in the late 1960's. My father actually bought his first set of clubs, Wilson Staffs, from Bobby Brue in December of 1967. I'm unsure as to how well they worked out for him as he was only able to win two runner-up trophies from a couple different club events during that time. Around this time, my parents had just met and actually had one of their first dates over dinner at our club. My other grandfather, Gerald Gruen, was among other great things, one time mayor of Glendale. My 3rd great grandfather, Henry Thien, founded Thiensville. None of this, of course, means that I will be a great superintendent. My ability, knowledge, work ethic, and leadership proven to our membership over this season provides an opportunity to convince. Expect the course conditions you've seen over the past few years. Expect what members of our club deserve.

I fully expect to continue the tradition of what makes our golf course so unique and admired by so many. I'm honored to have been given this opportunity and hope to meet more of you over this season. Thank you for the opportunity to gain your trust. Feel free to contact me at brett@ozaukeecc.com if you have any questions or comments and I'll get back to you as soon as I can.



Top: The par5 2nd hole shown from the tee and from the green plays 505 yards from the back tees.

Mowing on the 10th hole. This 435 yard par 4 is protected by a bunker and water on the right side of the green.





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Summer Has Gone Again

By David Brandenburg, Editor, The Grass Roots

Some summers go fast and others go really fast. This one I would say went really really fast. This is probably tied into the spring we never had followed by a wet and cool beginning to summer. The weather maps on page 40 show most of us were cooler and wetter for the past 30 days.

Beyond that summer provided some great grass growing conditions along with dollar spot growing conditions. We achieved good disease control where we treated but in our rough and especially the "first cut" of rough we have dollar spot on our dollar spot. Temperatures and dew points were just perfect to start leaf wetness at dusk and extend it late into the morning allowing the pathogen to thrive.



Tom Schaller, Retired Superintendent of Northbrook Count Club in June, 2003 as host of a WGC-SA meeting. (The Grass Roots File Photo)

Sadly we have to pass along longtime WGCSA member Tom Schaller passed away at the age of 76 on June 13th. Tom was the Golf Course Superintendent of Northbrook Country Club for 37 years retiring in 2007.

Tom got his start in the golf business working with his dad Hans and brother Fritz at Shorewood Country Club. Readers can look up Tom's history in Volume XXX Issue 3, May/June 2001 of *The Grass Roots* at the Turfgrass Information File.

When Hans and Fritz built Northbrook Country Club in Luxemburg in 1969 Tom stayed on as Golf Course Superintendent until his retirement.

Tom's nephew (Fritz son) Scott Schaller is the current superintendent at North Shore Country Club in Menasha.

GCSAA Recently awarded 5 Joseph S. Garske Collegiate

Grants including a \$1,500 grant to Jacob Schaller, son of Scott and Joan Schaller. Jacob will attend UW Madison and major in business.

The grant was established in honor of Garske the founder of Par Aide company and is funded by Par Aide and administered by the Environmental Institute For Golf, the philanthropic organization of the GCSAA.

The program assists children of GCSAA members to fund their educations. The grants are based on community service, leadership, academic performance and a written essay. Congratulations Jacob!

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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Congratulations as well to Gary Tanko, Golf Course Superintendent at Sentry World Golf Club for renewing his Certification with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

Club and Resort Business recently featured a story reminiscent of the movie *Caddyshack*. At Fenway Golf Club in Scarsdale, NY a caddy was arrested for assault after he attacked the caddy master over money lost in a soda machine.

In the movie caddy Tony D'Annunzio asks fellow caddy Danny Noonan for a coke when Danny was filling in for Lou the Caddy Master. When Tony realized the price of coke went up to 50 cents he said "Well I ain't paying no 50 cents for no coke." and Danny replied "Oh then you ain't getting no coke. Know what I'm talking about?"

The next scene the two boys are outside fighting. Fortunately in the real life story the caddy master will be okay and only suffered a split lip. The entire story of adults fighting over a soda seems crazy to me.

The Country Club of Beloit was recently purchased by Hendricks Commercial Properties. The club opened in 1909 as a 9 hole layout designed by Tom Bendelow. The second 9 followed in 1927 and was designed by Chicago architect Stanley Pelchar.

Hendricks Commercial Properties is owned by Diane Hendricks also owner of ABC Supply. After the sale is finalized work to be done includes a new clubhouse and pool as well as upgrades to the golf course itself. This should be good news for Superintendent Don Ferger and his staff as funds have been tight for a number of years.

More than once I have said I should write a book about my experiences in the golf industry and the people I have met. The downer is most readers would not believe some of the things I have seen over the years. Well instead of writing a book maybe I can write an episode for the new country club soap opera *Members Only ABC* is working on. The show will feature story lines on the staff and the "elite members" of the club.

Originally called *The Club* the show is said to star Natalie Zea, Luke Mitchell and Michael Landes and has been given a 13 episode pickup for the coming television season.

The show will center on the powerful and wealthy Holbrooke family.

Some golf purists are not so sure about recent editions to the industry to draw in younger players.

The golf board single rider board was named the best new product at the 2014 PGA Show and is ready to hit the market. Players can carry their bag on their back or strap it on to the carrier. With 4 wheel drive the board can cruise the course at 11 miles per hour.



Retired Wisconsin State Golf Association Executive Director Gene Haas contributed the drawing above highlighting Bruce Worzella's coming retirement. (Gene can be reached at ehaas4@wi.rr.com)



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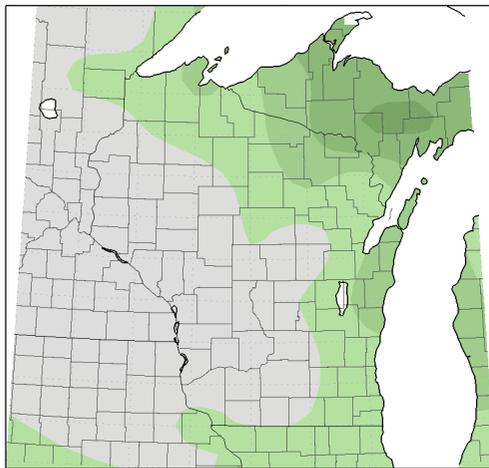
Tuesday October 7th, WTA Fundraiser, University Ridge GC, Verona

Saturday October 4th, Couples Outing/Party, Wild Rock GC, WI Dells

Wed and Thur Dec 3rd-4th , Turfgrass Symposium, American Club, Kohler (CHANGED DATE)

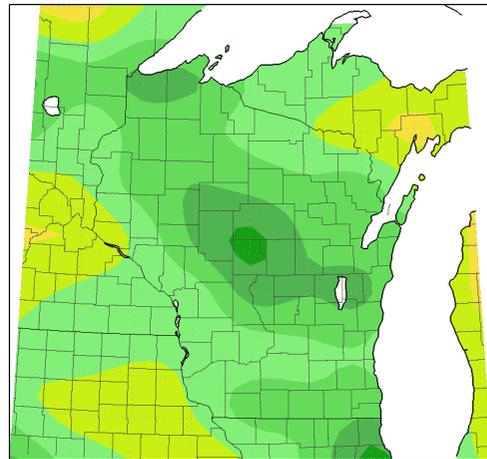
February 21-26, 2015, Golf Industry Show, San Antonio, TX

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**Rolling Meadows PGA
Professional Jeremiah
Hoffmann get ready to
ride.**

We had a chance to test drive one at Rolling Meadows and I must say it fun and safe but once the novelty wears off will it bring more players to the course?

The other phenomenon receiving a lot of press and attention is Foot Golf. Where a soccer ball and foot replaces a golf ball and club. Played with a 21" cup and a No. 5 size soccer ball the game may be a way to bring new players to golf courses and fill in slow times on the tee sheet.

In many cases a 18 hole foot golf course can fit on a 9 hole golf course and the greens are not used.

Organized by the American Foot Golf League more than 130 courses have participated and more are on the way.

The idea is for foot golfers to intermix tee times with regular golfers or to offer foot golf only times and tournaments. To date some tournaments have attracted 100s of players.

Bringing paying customers to courses struggling to make ends meet could reduce the stress

a lot of operators have been feeling.

Although soccer balls are used most players walk from shot to shot and many take power carts.

I am sure many golfers will play foot golf and this should increase revenue and the clubs that invest in the game but I have my doubts we can convert a foot golfer into a regular golfer.

Most of you will receive this July August issue a bit into September. I apologize for that and sometimes life and my real job get in the way of *The Grass Roots*. Many thanks to our writers who make this and must read and one of the best turf publications in the country.

The Wee One, WTA Fund-raiser and Golf Turf Symposium are fast approaching. Be sure to take these opportunities to support the industry and build camaraderie with others in the business.

Be sure to take time to enjoy the fall season and colors. 