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is different from Brown Patch. Each triggered or calmed by different inputs. And as G.I. Joe says, “Knowing is half the battle!” Thus the material we listened to allowed us insight into valuable knowledge about the opposite sexes ‘buttons’. Here are a couple of examples.

Guys are problem solvers. To solve problems they often become quiet and remove themselves to a mental and/or sometimes physical ‘cave’. Through this isolation and introspection problems can be solved. There is nothing wrong with this process. Prodding questions such as, “Why are you so quiet? What is wrong with our relationship? Why are you ignoring me?” will send a guy deeper into the cave as he doesn’t need to nor wants to solve these ‘new’ problems. Other guys respect caves as they have one of their own. Men want to solve their own problems, come out of the cave and be appreciated when they either come out of the cave and/or have solved the problem at hand.

Appreciation is the quickest way to a man’s heart.

Gals are different in that rather than going into a cave they vocalize their challenges, in a cooperative effort, seemingly disconnected sentences and ideas that, as a guy who solves problems, each comment brings along a challenge to be solved. Women are fully capable of figuring their own solutions but rather than going into a cave to figure them out

they talk about them in a more social arrangement. There is nothing wrong with this problem solving method. Other women respect this and thus listen as their girlfriend gabs away in seemingly disconnect until she solves her own problem. Women just want to be listened to. Practice these words, “Uhuh, sure, yup and wow.” As much as you want to and know you could... don’t solve her problem unless invited to.

Learn to give an open ear and shut mouth and you will very soon be appreciated.

If Dr. Gray is only half correct about women as much as he is so absolutely right on about guys then this is a must read or listen to for each of you. Go to this link for the Cliff Notes version:

http://www.wikisummaries.org/Men_Are_From_Mars,_Women_Are_From_Venus

Better yet, plan a road trip with your significant other, grab an audio copy and travel a road less explored. Perhaps if you learned a few new tricks on listening and she learned how to keep out of your cave, especially during the stressful summer season, your relationship will grow. Mine has, both individually and with my wife as we try our best to listen to and appreciate one another while understanding the vast differences between our needs and how they are met.

Gas up, it is a long journey!

NORTHERN GREEN EXPO

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A SNEAK PEEK! Below is a sneak peek at a few of the speakers and topics from the upcoming Northern Green Expo! Complete schedule is on NorthernGreenExpo.org.



Don Shelby

Keynote: The Importance of Sustainability



Erik Christiansen

- *Golf Course Irrigation*
- *Irrigation: Site Inspection*
- *Irrigation: Design and Specs*



Rob Golembiewski

- *Interseeding into Established Greens*
- *Turf Water Use and Soil Amendments*



Kevin Norby

- *Master golf course planning*
- *Superintendent Panel discussion of master planning*

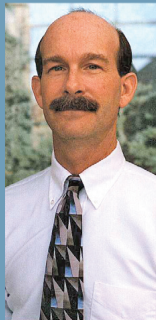
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David Yocca

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John Ball

- *Trees: Threats on the Horizon*
- *2012 Tree Care - The Year in Review*



Brian Horgan & Eric Watkins

- *Turfgrass Research Update*
- *Is it Time to Rethink Tall Fescues for Sports Turf? Do they Deserve More Respect?*





“Motion W” with Eric Counselman

By John Meyer

There was something

I really liked about the man but couldn't put my finger on it right away. I first met Eric Counselman in his office years ago and it is painted bright RED. Hmm, I said to myself, could it be? No, probably not, not here in Minnesota. We talked briefly in his office and then continued out to the course to look at some of the turf. Eric took his keys and knife out of his pocket and started cut out a sample of turf to look at more closely and I said, “Stop.” I saw this bright RED “Motion W” on his key ring and I immediately dug in my pocket and pulled out my key chain with the same “Motion W” and then stated, “I

guess we have something in common.”

Born on the east coast, Eric Counselman is the furthest from an east coaster. The second oldest in a family of four, he is a very down to earth person that grew up in east central Wisconsin. Plymouth to be exact, not too far from Pete Dye's gems in Kohler. As a matter of fact Eric's first experience on a golf course came at Blackwolf Run when he was 16. Eric worked on Pete's “burial mounds” for three summers during high school.

After graduating from Plymouth High School, Eric went to the University of Wisconsin where he studied under

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Doctors Wayne Kussow and John Stier, and their Turf Science program.

During the summers at UW, Eric interned one year at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, CO and another year at the TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm in Potomac, MD.

After graduating from THE University of Wisconsin, Eric went to work back home as an assistant to Ron Bierwirth at the Kohler Courses. In July of 2003 Eric took the assistant position under Casey Conlin during the final stages of the

grow-in at Somerby Golf Club in Byron, MN. Casey left Somerby in 2006 and Eric has been Superintendent ever since. Currently, the avid bow-hunter is

assisted at Somerby by Jake Kocak and Robbie Holmes.



Eric met his bride, Shannon at UW in 1997. Shannon and Eric got married in March of 2009 and earlier this year they had their first child. A beautiful baby girl, Esme Marie,

born on Eric's birthday.

Eric and Shannon love to

vacation. One year they take a “cultural vacation” and the next year they take a “tropical vacation”. A great idea to mix it up. This fall Eric and Shannon are traveling to Tuscany and Florence, Italy. In season, Eric and Shannon get away to Shannon’s parent’s cabin up in Zimmerman.

Eric enjoys hunting, fishing, nordic skiing, mushroom hunting and a whole host of outdoor activities. Eric has skied in five (5) of the last six (6) American Birkebiners, the famous cross country ski race from Cable to Hayward, Wisconsin...only a mere 51 kilometers (30 miles). Eric also enjoys making his own wine and volunteering on the Environmental Commission of

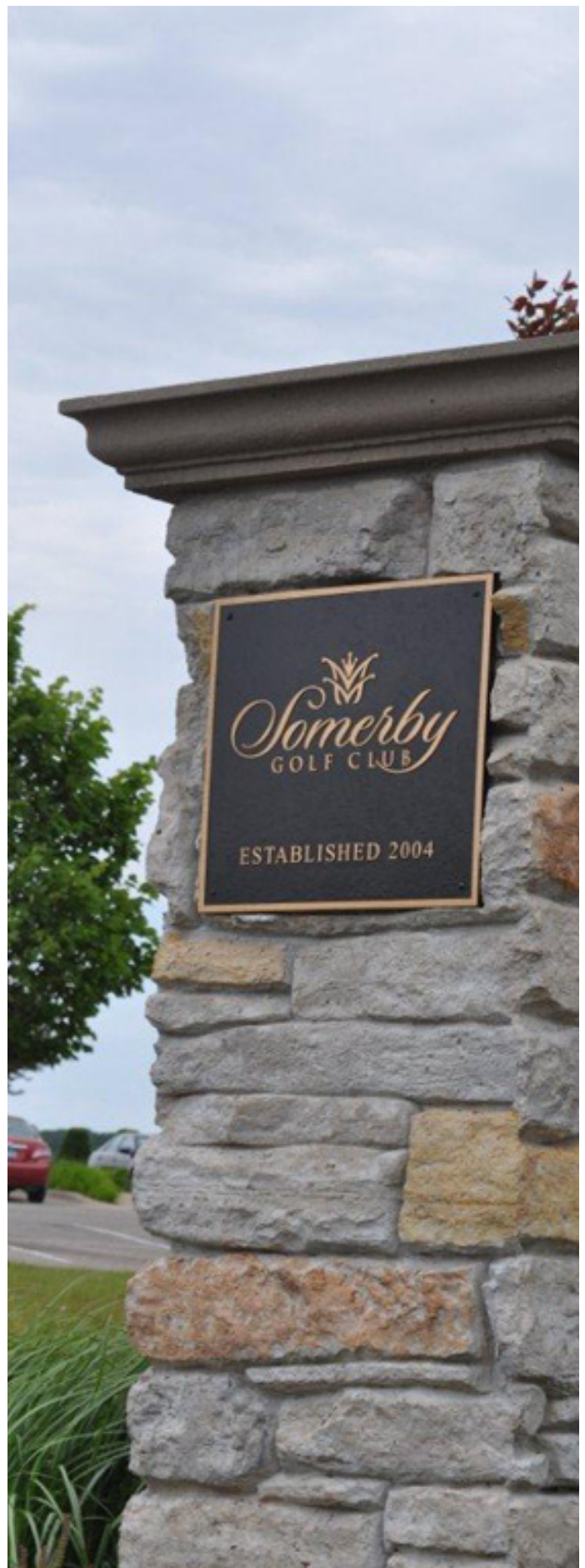
the Olmsted County Board. Eric has been on the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents’ Association Board of Directors for the past four years.

And finally, a “**Motion W**”. It is true! The W not only stands for Wisconsin, but it stands for Winner. Eric is a Winner and his golf course and community activity reflect that. If you are ever planning on traveling through Bryon give Eric a call ahead of time and stop on by. If you are a wine drinker, let Eric know when you call. Bring a bottle and exchange it for one of Eric’s fine home brews...I know this works as I have done it a couple of times. From one Badger to another Badger, THANK YOU Eric for your time.



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 - **Eric Counselman – 2006 – present**
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 - **Greens – A-4**
 - **Tees – L-93**
 - **Fairways – L-93**
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Within the Leather

by David Kazmierczak CGCS

Man, it was hot. Like, Africa hot on the 4th of July 2012. I went in to the course and

turned on a few irrigation heads first thing in the morning, and made the usual tour of the course. Everybody showed up, and on time, and the crew was getting sent home after the morning jobs because of the holiday, and because of the heat. Not that that was particularly different from any other 4th of July day at Prestwick, but this day was a little more special.

This 4th of July, after leaving the course, I loaded up the family and a cooler or two and headed north. We had been invited up to friend's cabin for the rest of the day and I planned to take the following day off as well. It would be a rare moment of quality family time away from the golf course in the dead middle of summer.

Secure in the knowledge everything was alright at the course, I left it to my capable assistants and off we went. What a day it was. There is not much anybody wants to do in 102 degree, 70-plus percent humidity day unless it involves a pontoon boat, a couple jet skis and a large body of water. That is precisely what we had. My friend's cabin is in Wahkon, on the south shore of Lake Mil Lacs right next to Izatys Resort. The lake was fairly calm for its' standard, and we had an absolute blast tubing, swimming and riding the jet skis. My daughter, who is wheel-chair bound, even got to go out on a slow tube ride with the help of my son and myself and it will probably be the highlight of her summer.

By mid-evening we pulled in the dock and headed for Izatys where we booked a room. We cleaned up

quickly, and raced back to the cabin for dinner and an evening filled with cheer, revelry and fireworks. This was my first trip to Izatys, and I naturally noticed the golf course as it pretty much surrounds the entire complex. I had heard the stories about its' history as an upper-tier golf facility that had fallen on harder times after a few ownership changes and a bank foreclosure. Things looked nice and green and since I was not going to play on this family trip, I just kind of tried to keep golf course off my mind.

As hot as it was when we left my friend's cabin, by the time we got back a north wind had developed from somewhere and the evening was really pleasant. In the distance we could hear a few rumbles and I of course went straight to the phone to check radar. Sure enough, a large thunderstorm was passing just north of us but would not interrupt the evening. By the time the town of Wahkon was sending their aerial show up for us to the east, Mother Nature was conjuring up her own little treat to the west of us. We decided to leave right away after fireworks and get our family to the hotel room before it was too late. We got to Izatys, and to our room as lightning lit up the entire western sky. It was going to be a gully-washer at best, something more at worst.

I think everybody in the state has had at least one or two of these nasty storms hit their area, with differing degrees of destruction. The Mil Lacs region was no different, and especially this night. The storm took out power at Izatys for a while, and for at least a half an hour, we had to listen to a fire buzzer go off in the room next door because of it. The storm passed finally and we all got a little sleep after a long but fun day.

The next morning we got up and I packed up what I could in the van. The first tee and practice facility was right next to the parking lot. The bunkers were completely full of water and there were branches here and there, but it did