



# JULY GOLF MEETING July 11th Old Hickory Golf Course

Host: Bob Schultz Beaver Dam, Wisconsin

Speaker, Dr. Watson "Agronomic Irrigation Practices"

# Super Talk

by PETER MILLER

Happy to see so many of you turn out for the golf, dinner and meeting at Portage. Bill Koontz is always one of our favorite hosts, the weather cooperated beautifully and we all had a very enjoyable and productive time. Thank you Bill and the Portage Country Club for extending your facilities.

I would like to see some outside news in the WGCSA, how about letting me know what your club is doing, rebuilding, new irrigation system etc. This type of information should be interesting to all.. Such information as; Nakoma Golf Club is putting in an automatic irrigation system this fall, A-C and galvanized pipe, Buchner components and controllers. This is generally the type of information I would like. We had a very interesting and educational speaker at the Portage meeting, speaking on First Aid. This developed into more than the title denoted. We were (continued on page 3)

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#### IN MEMORIAM

Al Ebbers, Browns Lake Golf Course, Burlington, Wis. Mr. Ebbers had been a superintendent for 17 years and was 62 years old when he passed away.

#### **Thoughts:**

What is your program for a day in the summer? Do you plan your days ahead to the point of using a blackboard to notify the men the day before as to what they should do the next day? What kind of a maintenance schedule do you follow—periodical—by hour meters?

These are subjects which your club probably knows little about—and maybe doesn't care too much about. But when you come up for your annual labor budget asking for more money or your equipment budget for more money for broken down equipment your club cares.

Do some thinking (on paper) this summer as to boards or charts to be made during the winter—you will save yourself time and your club many dollars in the long run.



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given a very complete analysis of the types of herbicides, fungicides, insecticides, their degree of toxicity and sympoms. The members of the Wisconsin Superintendents Assoc. were mailed a four page copy of this analysis, courtesy of the Milwaukee Sewerage Commission. I would like to list the most dangerous poisons, but without their symptoms. They are in all cases quite complicated and can be confused with many other sickness, such as a headache etc. Needless to say if you have been spraying or using these materials and feel unusual for any reason for a good period of time after you have sprayed see your doctor. Be sure then to tell him the chemical that you were involved with. This is very important. Probably as with the case of anything else, prevention is most important, masks, gloves, goggles, and not working with these chemicals in confined areas.

Of the insecticides, Aldrin, Dieldrin, and Parathion are probably the most dangerous. Mercuric Chloride, Calomel, PMAS, Cadium salts, Actidione of the fungicides and Sodium Arsenate, Calcium Arsenate, Lead Arsenate of the herbicides are the most dangerous. The lethal dose for all of these range from seven drops to one teaspoon and this does not mean that you have to swallow these concentrations, they can be absorbed through the skin or inhaled. The moral is be extremely careful.

A second important part of the program was the use of a dummy to practice mouth to mouth or nose resuscitation. This was an excellent demonstration because you could see if you were breathing right or pushing properly. With the amount of people we have working or playing on the golf course everyone should know the procedures.

A very interesting suggestion came up at the general meeting. It had been recommended by the board of directors after considerable work by Joe Deschler and Alan Kress, that the WGCSA support a Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendent Symposium. This came up at the general meeting and was discussed for a considerable while, then passed to allow the particulars to be worked out.

This in general would be what the symposium would consist of, subject to change of course.

The date would be some time in December, probably the second week for two days during the week, and the location Milwaukee. There would be only one subject and that would be of interest to Golf Course Supt. With this in mind there would be four or five speakers, given one to one and a half hours to develop their subject.

With out getting into details then a two day symposium on one subject from possibly four different views, costing the superintendent \$15-\$20. There is also a possibility the general meeting could be held the second afternoon.

I believe this is an excellent idea, and the people behind the scenes developing it certainly deserve to be commended. From my point of view we have nothing to lose and surely everything to gain from this type of thinking.



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