

WILL THE WGCSA EVER LEARN

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I have been a member of the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association for four years and cannot believe the lack of professionalism or lack of self pride that this association projects.

The displays of knit picking and harassment that goes on at our meetings is unbelievable. I have been a member of three different state organizations and ours is a poor example.

We have come a long way from caretakers and green-keepers to golf course superintendents. We have worked hard to make ourselves professionals and to upgrade our profession.

Some of the members believe that we are trying to be progressive, that's not so! We're trying to get out of the 1950's, for times have changed. Our profession is constantly being looked upon by club officials and members, the news media and the public. If our organization continues down it's present road, soon we will find it extremely hard to use some club facilities for a meeting.

Bluemound Country Club hospitality was outstanding, as was the clubhouse and golf course.

However, I had the misfortune, along with many others,

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of having club officials as guest to witness the proceedings of our meeting.

The display of unprofessionalism showed us as being backwards and ignorant. We're not! We are professionals and need to act like ones.

I was very embarrassed as I am sure were others. So, are we going to allow it to happen again?

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