

Ed Devinger
Reinders Brothers, Inc.
13400 Watertown Plank Rd.
Elm Grove, WI 53122

Rod Johnson
Sheboygan Country Club
Box 1066
Sheboygan, WI 53081

Marshall E. Scheibe
17425 W. Sierra Lane
Brookfield, WI 53005

A successful and educational meeting such as this one serves as a great finale for 1982 and an inspiring beginning for 1983. The WTA Board and members looks for even more support from the Wisconsin turfgrass industry in 1983.

Superintendents Meetings – Why Should I Host One?

When I first thought about having a Superintendents Meeting, I asked myself that same question. I was relatively new as a Superintendent, and was leery at the prospect of hosting superintendents from all over the state.

After having two meetings, I now can look back and say they were beneficial for me and my initial hesitancy was unfounded. By inviting the Superintendents to our course, I found I wanted the course to be the best it possibly could be. I'm not saying that the course wasn't in good shape to begin with, but it made me aware of the small things on the golf course that a person tends to let slide when he runs short on time. The things I'm talking about are better sand trap maintenance, giving that second look to the flower beds and keeping the area around the shop a little cleaner (inside and outside!) I've found that having an event like this gives me a new challenge and adds a new dimension to the season. It also keeps me from getting stale on the job.

The Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Assoc. is a group of professionals banded together to promote our profession, and to help each other solve problems in the maintenance of golf courses. The two ways we can accomplish these goals is by communicating with fellow Superintendents and having them as guests at our courses for meetings. While at that meeting many Superintendents ask the host about his course. Eventually the topic of problems comes up and we find many of our problems are similar. We then can share our solutions. Not only can you get a great deal of help and information from an exchange like this, but you can contribute solutions to other people's problems based on your experience.

These are just a few good reasons to invite the Superintendents Association to your course. The best reason I can think of is the feeling of satisfaction you'll have at the end of the day overhearing your peers saying that they had a very enjoyable time. I hope this article will encourage you to invite the association to your course soon.

Dale E. Marach
Clintonville Riverside Golf Course