

SEPTEMBER WGCSA MEETING ANOTHER WINNER

Most golf courses that have had a history of problems with the BTA grub invested in the insecticide Oftenol. The results reported back indicate that this material worked exceptionally well. Many that did not use it have budgeted and scheduled the material for next season. Most of the BTA problems, by the way, are on fairway grass.

A couple of other points concerning fairway management are worth note. The height of cut is finding its way down and in a number of cases is approaching the 1/2" mark. There also seems to be a trend toward lesser amounts of fertilizer for fairways, and applications are being made at lower rates of N/M. The use of the newer generations of fungicides have been a real help, also.

The "hot" topic of discussion among players and Golf Course Superintendents seems no longer to be the speed of greens. It is becoming more and more common to see cutting heights on putting surfaces approach the 1/8" level for everyday play. Topdressing is still a common practice, but my sense after discussions on this topic is that the frequency seems to have declined.

One other note this reporter has observed, and it is, I think, an encouraging one. There seems to be more activity with rebuilding, modification and master plans, and this activity is more and more often being done under the watchful and helpful eye of the Golf Course Architect. It is nearly to the point where one might wonder if a designer will set up an office somewhere in the state to deal with this trend.

And, as always, most of us end up this year with the thought that next year will always be better.

Milwaukee Country Club's Danny Quast had his golf course in championship condition for WGCSA members that played there at the September meeting. Beautiful autumn weather, careful planning on Dan's part, and the finest of service from other Club staff members led to another great meeting for Wisconsin's golf course managers. Club officials — Hal Kuehl and Bill Allis — were kind enough to join the meeting for the evening meal and for the opportunity to hear WGCSA Honorary member Dr. Bill Daniel of Purdue University. Dr. Daniel led the assembled group on a trip back over the past four decades in golf course management. He also offered some kind memories about our own O. J. Noer and emphasized the important role O. J. played in the golf course business for so many years.

Familiar names appear on the results of the golf event. Congratulations to the winners.

Championship Flight

1st low net 71 Pat Mertz
2nd Low Net 73 Bruce Worzella
3rd Low Net 75 Joe Fryman

A Flight

1st Low Net 67 Steve Blendell
2nd Low Net 69 Chad Ball
3rd Low Net 72 Bob Petsel

B Flight

1st Low Net 76 David Mergatroyd
2nd Low Net 77 Tom Schaller
3rd Low Net 78 Bob Belfield

Commercial Flight

1st Low Net 68 Ed Devinger
2nd Low Net 72 Gary Monfre
(Won Scorecard Playoff)
3rd Low Net 72 Roger Thomas

Closest To The Pin

#8 Gary Monfre
#12 Joe Kuta



Dr. Bill Daniel & Mr. Bill Allis at Milwaukee Country Club.

REINDERS ADDITION



Reinders Brothers of Elm Grove, Toro distributor for Wisconsin, is putting the finishing touches on the new addition to their facility. The addition, 34,000 square feet in size, will house a new repair shop, the parts department as well as additional office and conference space. It will also increase their warehouse capabilities.



September's speaker — Dr. Bill Daniel, Purdue University.