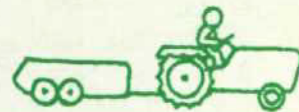




SPREADING THE BREEZE



By Rod Johnson & Mike Semler

1987 is here. I hope the holidays were good to all W.G.C.S.A. members. Also hope that all New Year's resolutions are still intact at this reading. Before we run off into 1987, one last printed "Thanks" to the Superintendents and their respective clubs who hosted 1986 W.G.C.S.A. meetings.

Bob Belfield	— Tumblebrook C.C.
Mike Handrick	— Ville du Parc C.C.
Roger Bell	— North Shore C.C.
Donny Peterson	— Waupaca C.C.
Ron Gruenwald	— Watertown C.C.
Don Ferger	— Beloit C.C.
Pat Norton	— Cherokee C.C.
Mark Kienert	— Bulls Eye C.C.

The November W.G.C.S.A. Business meeting and election of officers was held in Fond du Lac with less than a capacity crowd on hand. There are two explanations that come to mind for the poor attendance at W.G.C.S.A. business meetings. First is that to some W.G.C.S.A. members playing golf at regular monthly meetings is more important than attending a business meeting and helping set the direction of W.G.C.S.A. Secondly, and my preferred explanation is that W.G.C.S.A. runs so well that the missing members have no real concerns.

Our golf arrangements committee (Pat Norton and Mike Semler) have done their usual great job and have dates for 1987 meetings "inked" on the calendar. Month, sites, and hosts for 1987 are:

April	— Janesville Riverside - Bruce Schwiager
May	— Reedsburg C.C. - Rick Lange
June	— Brown County C.C. - Paul Delfosse
July	— Lake Wisconsin C.C. - Bill Rogers
August	— Open
September	— Mascoutin C.C. - Glen Gerth
October	— Deer Run C.C. - Woody Huenerburg

W.G.C.S.A. Movers and Shakers

Recently married, **Ed Witkowski**, Wisconsin's Lesco man, has changed his residence to our fair state from that

state just south of our border. Welcome back to Wisconsin Ed! **Jim Johnson**, Ed's boss, wants to know if Lesco qualifies for the "Made in Wisconsin" feature claiming that Ed was conceived in the back seat of a 1948 Chevrolet Belair which was parked near Franklin, Wisconsin.

Bob Belfield has accepted the position of Golf Course Superintendent at the newly constructed Kettle Hills Golf Club in Richfield, Wis. Kettle Hills will open its doors in the summer of 1987 and we wish Bob well in his new position.

A familiar face is back selling turf equipment. **Joe Deschler** is on the road for Mid-State Equipment, Columbus, Wis. Mid-State handles the new John Deere Turf Line and beginning with this issue is an advertiser in the "Grass Roots".

Monroe Miller has accepted an appointment to the U.S.G.A. Green Section Committee. Monroe joins fellow Wisconsinite Jack Allis, Milwaukee Country Club, on this committee. Green Section Trivia: The Green Section set a new record in 1986 making over 1,100 Turf Advisory visits nationwide.

The word from "a mouth from the south" has Assistant Superintendent positions available at Janesville C.C., **Brad Wagner** Superintendent, and at Forest Hills C.C. in Rockford, **Gary Mulvihill** Superintendent. Contact Gary or Brad for information. Experience in Southern Turf not required.

This issue is reaching your mailbox as many of us are packing for sunny Arizona and the 1987 G.C.S.A.A. Conference and Show. It seems like we just left the streets of San Francisco. The G.C.S.A.A. Conference and Show gets bigger and better every year. Education opportunities have been revised and expanded, and I'll lay money down that another attendance record is set. I can't wait to partake and I really can't wait to see Wisconsin's G.C.S.A.A. Director, **Bill Roberts**, in one of those plaid G.C.S.A.A. Directors' blazers. Full color pictures are in order!

What is believed to be the largest contingent of W.G.C.S.A. members, (that's largest number not largest sized) are headed for the G.C.S.A.A. annual Golf Tournament, to be held prior to the Conference, in Tucson. W.G.C.S.A. will be represented by

Wayne "Hobo" Otto, Bruce "Gorilla" Worzella, Chad "C.B." Ball, Bill "Sand Bags" Roberts, Steve "Deep Pockets" Schmidt, and yours truly "Rockin" Rod Johnson.

The golfing ability of this group has been challenged by **Joe Wollner**, Brayton Chemicals. Joe seems to think this group of "Sno Birds" may not fair very well with their golf balls bouncing off cactus instead of the friendly maple trees of Wisconsin. Doubting our abilities and willing to donate to the W.G.C.S.A. Scholarship and Research Fund, Joe has consented to what has been called Proposition Bushwood.

A formula has been arrived at combining par for these 36 holes of the tournament and established U.S.G.A. handicaps for W.G.C.S.A. six affectionately called cheeseheads.

Par =	72x6
Cheeseheads x2 rounds =	864
+ Combined Handicaps (88) x2 =	176
Projected Score	1,040

Simple math has concluded how Joe can put his money where his mouth is. A descending scale has been established with an agreed monetary value assigned per stroke. A total combined score for the six cheeseheads will be tabulated and all dollars earned will be donated to the S & R Fund.

Combined score of:	
1075 and up	50¢ per stroke
1074-1050	1.00 per stroke
1049-1025	5.00 per stroke
1024-1000	10.00 per stroke
999 and under	25.00 per stroke

Come on fellow cheeseheads let's fire up and get into some of those Brayton Bucks!

Super Bowl Sunday is fast approaching. I've got to believe that luck not skill would see the Bears playing in this year's event. Ditka's newly installed offense led by Doug Flutie has been appropriately named "the sawed-off shotgun". If the new offense is as effective as the Pack's new ball control, look out first round!

Don't forget the W.G.C.S.A. sponsored G.C.S.A.A. Regional Seminar on Golf Course Design Principles, March 12 and 13 and U.S.G.A. Regional Conference on April 9th at Westmoor.

Adios Amigos!

Welcome to W.G.C.S.A. Membership:
Greg Johnson La Vern Decramer
Dan Barret Jim Wunrow