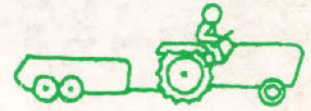




# SPREADING THE BREEZE

By Rod Johnson and Mike Semler



Off we roll into another hectic season. After a couple of false starts, spring is here. Most WGCSA members report excellent winter survival. Some damage to greens from ice accumulations and/or crown hydration has been reported in an area running from Wisconsin Rapids to Appleton and up to Green Bay. Sounds like the same areas that seem to always receive those timely July and August rains. I'm sure that by the time you are reading this, the innovative men who manage the affected courses will have their turf well on the road to recovery.

In the time between this column's composition and your readership, we will have already completed our first WGCSA monthly meeting of 1987. Our kick-off meeting for 1987 is scheduled for Monday, April 27th at Janesville Riverside Golf Course, **Bruce Schweiger** hosting. June-like weather was promised by Bruce, contrasting 1986's opening event held over the frozen tundra of Tumblebrook.

Bruce is in his fifth year as Golf Course Superintendent at Riverside and is hosting our group for the second time in four years. A 1983 graduate of the UW Madison Turf Program, Bruce also has the 9 hole Blackhawk Golf Course in Janesville under his responsibility. Janesville Riverside began in the "twenties" as a nine hole course and had a second nine added in the "fifties". The scheduled evening speaker is Steve Barnard on the topic of Spin Grinding.

The May meeting of the WGCSA will be held on the 18th at Reedsburg County Club. Our host will be **Rick Lange**.

Reedsburg County Club is a private 18 hole facility which was also initially a 9 hole operation. The original 9 was opened in the late "thirties" with a second nine opened in 1977. Kilian and Nugent were the architects for both the new nine and an update of the existing nine holes.

Rick is also a 1982 graduate of UW Madison and is starting year four at Reedsburg. Edelweiss Country Club was "Rick's Turf" prior to Reedsburg. Jim Latham, USGA Green Secion is the scheduled speaker for the evening.

One June 15th, WGCSA heads for "Packerland" traveling to Brown County Golf Club in Green Bay. **Paul**

**Delfosse** has been with Brown County since 1979, and before that he spent 13 years with Shorewood Golf Club in Green Bay. He will be the host Superintendent. Paul has aged well since joining in the WGCSA in 1971. I was a Junior in High School at that time! With a chaperone like Uncle Tommy, I guess one ages that well.

This issue's swinging door starts with a now famous quote from a mere 16 months ago. The selected quote is from this very column Jan/Feb 1986. Included in selected New Year's Resolutions was this beauty,

**"My resolution is very simple and should hopefully stifle my critics. I resolve to stay where I am, in my current golf course position, for a very long, long time. Furthermore, I am getting tired of having the question of, Where are you moving to next year? Maybe by publicly resolving to stay put, people can catch up with me and even find my current address and phone number."**

**Pat Norton**, who's 1986 New Year's resolution I just quoted, can now be reached at Lohmanns Golf Designs. Pencil in this phone number, (815) 455-0445, and stay tuned for future developments.

Fellow author **Mike Semler** has replaced Norton at Cherokee Golf Club in Madison. Mike has some large shoes to fill, but I'm sure he's capable even without the previously required Mequon internship. All WGCSA members are invited to stop at Fond du Lac's local U-Haul dealer and mention either Pat or Mike's name to receive a preferred customer discount. Mike's

duties at South Hills have been assumed by Joe Fryman, Assistant to Skip Wilms at Racine Country Club. Now that Joe's gone, will Skip have to give up soccer?!

**Ray Woznik** has left Hanley Implement and is into a private business venture. Details are sketchy, but Ray is hoping that Wisconsin has the cleanest parking lots around in the near future. Stay in touch Ray!

Mark your calendars now for this year's Dinner Dance. Under new management, it promises to be the social event of the season. The dates of October 2 and 3 have been reserved at the Dilon Inn, West Bend. The rockin' and rollin' terrain of West Bend Country Club will be the site of the Mr. and Mrs. Moe tourney. **Mark Kienert**, Superintendent at Tri-County Golf Course, and this year's committee chairman, advised that couples desiring accommodations in a fantasy suite at the Dilon best reserve one now.

Did ya hear the one about the Golf Course Superintendent who, after the winters inactive months, decided to sign up for some exercise classes? The instructor for the class told him that he should wear tennis shoes and loose fitting clothes to class. The Superintendent replied, "Look, if I had any loose fitting clothes, I wouldn't have signed up in the first place."

In closing, remember this when your spring schedule is heavy and there doesn't seem to be enough hours in the day: "Why are we always reaching for the stars when the closest one is 25 million miles away and on the average our arms are only 2 1/2 feet long?"

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## Welcome New WGCSA Members:

Andy Dack	Class E	Ransomes, Inc.
Donald Stepanik	Class D	Devils Head Lodge
Pat Zurawski	Class D	Blackhawk Country Club
Mary Rondeau	Class B	Milwaukee County Parks
Thomas Stock	Class B	Milwaukee County Parks
Thomas Lewandowski	Class B	Milwaukee County Parks
George G. Dolinac	Class B	Milwaukee County Parks
Steve Bailey	Class B	Milwaukee County Parks
Donald J. Tarn	Class B	Milwaukee County Parks
Keith Gasch	Class D	Bulls Eye Country Club