

Turf and Grounds Management.

Moron: Blank look.

Me: I'm studying to be a golf course superintendent.

Moron: Oh, oh yeah, like Bill Murray in Caddy Shack, right?

Me: Ah, yeah right.

Moron: Well at least you won't have to work during the winter.

Me: (thinking to myself) you \$&! What do you mean by "at least?"

Actually, there's a lot to do in the winter. . . and so on.

It is annoying when people degrade our profession. This frustration is not related to student life, but I am sure all turfgrass managers can relate to it. It is without a doubt in my mind that the frustrations of student life are dwarfed by its rich rewards that last a lifetime.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Michael Lee began his golf course work experience at Blackhawk Country Club in 1980. In 1985 he spent the summer working at Cherokee Country Club. Since then he has worked with professor Gayle Wolf as a technical assistant in turfgrass research. In March of 1988 he will assume the responsibilities of assistant superintendent at Blue Mound Golf and Country Club. Mike thanks James Berbee for sparking his interest in the golf course management profession and Monroe Miller for fostering that interest.

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Clarifies Licensing and Certification Requirements for Pesticide Applicators

The following memo has crossed the Editor's desk with a request to pass it along to WGCSA members. It is from Mr. Nick Neher, Director of the Groundwater and Regulatory Services Section in the Agricultural Resource Management Division of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

"As a result of comments received from Wisconsin's commercial pest control industry and upon further review of the new provisions of the Wisconsin Pesticide Law, the Department has reinterpreted the certification and licensing provisions of the law.

As you probably recall, the initial interpretation of the new law by the Department was that all commercial applicators using any pesticide had to be licensed and certified.

Under the new interpretation, commercial applicators not for hire who use or direct the use of restricted-use pesticides and all commercial applicators for hire who use or direct the use of any pesticide must be licensed by January 1, 1988.

Commercial applicators for hire or not for hire using or directing the use of restricted-use pesticides must be certified by January 1, 1988 or prior to the use of restricted-use pesticides. Commercial applicators for hire who use only general-use pesticides must be certified prior to June 1, 1988."

Should you have any questions on the Pesticide Law, contact Nick Neher at 608-266-7129 or Ed Bergman at 608-266-0197. Also, be sure to attend the Wisconsin Turfgrass Association Winter Turfgrass Conference; an official from the DATCP will be there as a speaker.

It is worth noting that our good friend from the FROWT Coalition, Russ Weisensel, has met with DATCP officials in an effort to clarify the new regulations and to point out shortcomings in the initial interpretation. As noted, the first interpretation would have required certification of anyone who used a product like "Raid" or applied a "Weed and Feed" product to his lawn. We all should sleep better at night knowing that Russel keeps an eye on things like this!

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