

Jottings

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kings, grapes and apples are traditional fall garden fare. They add a lot of color to the Farmers' Market around the Capitol Square here in Madison, usually dressed up with bunches of orange bittersweet. This fall we're going to take a trip west to "Coulee Country" and visit Gays Mills. The orchards of that quaint little village produce delicious ripe apples. If you enjoy apples for their beauty as well as their taste, look up a piece written by Henry David Thoreau entitled "Wild Apples". It was actually a lecture he gave that was subsequently printed in the November 1862 issue of "The Atlantic Monthly". It is timeless and reads best in autumn.

Door County is a trip, hopefully, most of us will make this fall. My guess is that the warm water on either side of the Door will preserve the fall color of Cherry Hills through our October meeting. Tom Parent almost promises it.

The irrigation crew works four long days, Monday through Thursday. Once our project is on its way to healing, we're going to pick either a Saturday

when the Badgers aren't playing or a Sunday when the Packers are out of state and get lost on some of the skinny roads in the Kettle Moraine area of Wisconsin. Some of Wisconsin's prettiest vistas are there and they probably are best in fall. Imagine the restful pleasures of travelling leaf-covered roads, maybe to the sound of Johann Pachelbel's "Canon in D" or Vivaldi's "Four Seasons", soaking up the gorgeous landscape.

And speaking of football, in Wisconsin we enjoy, nay love, some of the worst football in the whole country! There aren't many things that rival fall in a college town, and that's mainly because of the football season. It's hard to figure — for twenty years Wisconsin has ranked in the top ten nationally in per game attendance at Camp Randall Stadium. We produce as many NFL draft choices as Michigan or Notre Dame and more than Iowa. Yet our win-loss record stinks. So why do fans still pour into the stadium on game days? It's a "fall" tradition in Madison, the classic college town.

Football means watching Bucky Badger stomping on the Northwestern

Wildcat or kidnapping the Michigan State Spartan or tripping Purdue's Boilermaker. Football at Wisconsin is a sea of red streaming up and down Bascom Hill, alums and students alike, on warm fall game days. Football is the Big Red Pep Rally at the Union, the Homecoming "Yell Like Hell" contest and floats up and down Langdon Street. It's hard to describe — ask Randy Witt or Jim Knapp or Curt Larson. Afternoons at Camp Randall Stadium mean the chance to hear the finest, absolutely the best university marching band in America. After the team leaves the field at the end of the game, the stadium is still full — post-game music and fun! It doesn't happen like that anywhere else in the country.

I inherited many of my Grandfather Miller's books. Among them is a small leatherbound copy of "Evangeline, A Tale of Acadie". It was written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, and on page 22 is a line that only a poet like Longfellow could write:

"Then followed that beautiful season, called by the Acadian peasants the Summer of All-Saints!"

I think I'm going to enjoy "that beautiful season" right here in Wisconsin.

WGCSA MONTHLY MEETING ROUNDUP

MONROE COUNTRY CLUB

June 27, 1988

For the second time in four years, Tom Schwab hosted a WGCSA monthly meeting at the beautiful Monroe Country Club. The low level of the pond that provides irrigation water for the golf course reminded the 61 WGCSA members of how serious this drought is for Tom.

The Chapman system of golf was the play method for the day. Winners were:

First place	Dick Evenson and Woody Vligt
Second place	Tom Van Valin and Mike Halverson
Third place	Jack Ross and Jim Knapp
Fourth place	Don Ferger and John Krutilla
Fifth place	Roy Figi and Virgil Elmer

Event prizes went to the following players:

Long drive	Don Ferger
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Closest to
the pin
Long putt

Brad Wagner
Tom Van Valin
Dan Barrett
Roger Bell
and Bob Belfield.

DRETZKA PARK MEETING

July 27, 1988

Dretzka Park golf course is a hidden jewel on Milwaukee's northwest side. A golf course in the Milwaukee County Park system, Dretzka Park has a wide variety of golf holes that have great appeal to the resident players. Golf Course Superintendent Bill Knight deserves much of the credit for the course's popularity. It provided a great setting for the July WGCSA meeting.

Thanks to the PGA Wisconsin Section Executive Director Tony Coleman and past president Dennis Tiziani for joining our group for the day.

Blind draw team winners were Dan Quast, Charlie Shaw, Tom Lewanowski and Chris Pinkerton. Second place

was a tie among three teams with Paul Rhode, Jim Shaw, Greg Youngs, Paul Delfosse, Mike Handrich, Steve Allen, Bob Gosewher, Joe Kuda, Karl Wihausen, Mike Lee and Mark Kienert.

Event winners were:

- Closest to the pin - Wayne Otto and Mark Kienert
- Low gross - Jim Shaw
- Low net - Chris Pinkerton
- Longest drive - Mike Halverson

The Milwaukee County Parks Catering Service offered the finest accommodations. Beer, excellent food (and lots of it) and a beautiful cake topped with the GCSAA logo made the meal a special treat. And finally, all proceeds of this meeting will go to the O.J. NOER CENTER for TURFGRASS RESEARCH.

Mary Rondeau deserves thanks for all the time she spent in working at the starters desk before the event and in recording the scores afterwards. And again, appreciation from the WGCSA to Bill Knight for a job well done.