

"LET'S TEE IT UP" — WGCSA OPENING DAY!

By Mark Kienert

Ives Grove Superintendent Mark Hjortness rolled open the doors to a new season of events and business meetings by hosting our annual April golf day scramble. Forty-one golfers took part in a "Potluck" scramble that had teams evenly matched based on total team handicaps. The Ives Grove Course, having four golf holes starting at the club house, helped keep many of the participants dry as last Summer as a light rain interrupted play for about thirty minutes (dry on the outside at least!).

At the completion of play, the event winners were:

1st Place Team: 3rd Place Team:

Ed Devinger	Joe Wollner
Skip Wilms	Chuck Wollner
Mike Halverson	Steve Bailey
Tom Van Valin	Greg Youngs

2nd Place Team: Event Winners:

Jim Johnson	Closest to the Pin on—
Gary Sorenson	# 3 Ed Devenger
Paul Feldhake	# 5 Mike Handrich
Pat Shaw	#17 Mike McCavitt
Jim Shaw	Longest Putt Made
	on #13 —
	Chuck Wollner

Mr. Ed Bergman, from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection, addressed our assemblage with an overall review of the new pesticide training and certification regulations as it defined the licensing standards. The direct supervision requirement as it now stands in committee has been eliminated from the language of the law. Unknown to many is the requirement of a Business Location License for any establishment who uses Restricted Use Pesticides. This is a \$100 annual fee.

Of particular and major interest to our association is the pending legislation on AG-29. As you should know by now, Wisconsin's pesticide rules are currently up for revision. What the law will contain will be some form of the seven items listed below:

- 1.) There will be reorganization and clarification of existing rules.
- 2.) It will require providing consumers with information on the pesticide used, dates, rates, etc.
- 3.) Will require the increased record keeping for the distribution and use of all restricted use pesticides.
- 4.) The law will establish "Harvest Time" windows before a certain

food crop is brought to market.

- 5.) Will require loading pads and mixing sites with overflow containment systems for any business using more than 1500 pounds of pesticide Active Ingredient per year.
- 6.) It will establish rules on Chemigation. Legislation on fertigation is still being reviewed.
- 7.) Will clarify that Veterinarians are not required to be licensed.

Furthermore, the revised rules will update and expand the list of prohibited pesticides and will define certain words, practices and equipment. Posting is not required at this time. Loading pads pertain to commercial and private applications. Construction requirements are identified in AG-163. This portion of the law will require the person doing the pesticide mixing must be certified as well. Chemigation will define equipment parameters, will require containment systems and on-site mixing with some form of posting.

Many thanks to Mark Hjortness and all of those who welcomed us to Ives Grove in Racine. Hartford Country Club is our next stop. We will see you there.

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