

# Hartford, Kuta Host May's WGCSA Meeting

By Tom Schwab

Hartford Country Club superintendent, Joseph Kuta, sure knows how to pick the day to show off his golf course. Anyone who missed the peak bloom of flowering fruit trees and lilac blossoms and the interesting layout of Hartford at our May 22nd meeting surely missed a great one. Joe, his wife Lila, assistant Ray Bensler and the rest of his staff had the course in as good a shape as possible. It was a wonderful overcast day and the hospitality and fine dinner couldn't be beat.

We could all tell from the lively discussions and barrage of questions that arose that the evening speaker, Mr. Ray Pena of Dane County Emergency Management, hit on an important subject. His subject was SARA (Superfund Amendment Reauthorization Act) reporting requirements. This federal law requires that anyone who uses, stores, or manufactures a hazardous material in excess of a specified weight limit must report it. Some materials which are regulated by SARA that may be of interest to us on the golf course are gasoline, chlorine for our swimming pools, mercury products, and storage of large quantities of Milorganite. Through Ray's talk and through subsequent phone calls to Dane County Emergency Management, I've been able to find out the following: gasoline only needs to be reported if at any one time you have over 10,000 pounds stored. This is about a full 1500 gallon storage tank. If your storage tank is smaller you don't have to report it to SARA. Don't worry, since there are lots of other agencies that are going to want your report on the underground storage tanks.

Reporting the chlorine you use in your pools depends on the form it comes in. If it's gas chlorine, 100 pounds or greater needs to be reported. If it's calcium hypochlorite (not on the extremely hazardous substance list) you have to store over 10,000 pounds before reporting is required.

Whether or not to report mercury products also depends on the form it is in. According to Mike Elder of Dane County Emergency Management, mercury products like mercurous and mercuric chloride of Calo Chlor and Calo-



May's speaker, Ray Pena, and WGCSA Director Mike Semler.

Gran only need to be reported if you have over 500 pounds.

There was a lot of concern about the storage of Milorganite since many of us use it in such large tonnage. Milorganite should be reported through SARA if you have stored over 10,000 pounds. The reason for reporting Milorganite is that it carries trace amounts of benzene, a hazardous material. If you have any questions on whether any other products you handle are on the suspect list and should be reported in SARA, you are encouraged to call Ray Pena (608) 267-2542; or Mile Elder (608) 266-9051.

Although the reporting law seems



Host, Joe Kuta.

complicated, it does have a very good basis. In case your building catches on fire or you have an accidental spill, your community has the right to know what kind of chemicals they may be encountering. The superintendents present at the Hartford C.C. meeting appreciated Mr. Pena's attempts to clarify the SARA requirements.

Back to the fun part of the day. The winners of the days' golf events were Chuck Wollner, Wayne Otto, Don Steinmetz, Lee Merkel, Bob Kelzenberg, Rod Johnson, and Tony Watson. It was really a fun and informative day for everyone. Joe hosted a fine meeting.

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