



Wisconsin Golf Course Trivia

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So you think you know a lot about Wisconsin golf courses, their history and that of our association? Lots of bits and pieces, odds and ends and trivia floating around in the far reaches of your memory?

Well, try your skill and luck in each issue of *The Grass Roots*. From this issue forward, you'll have a chance to play a bit of "Trivial Pursuit" as it relates to our business. It's strictly for fun!

If you have a question (and the answer) that you think will stump your colleagues, send it to this editor. It is guaranteed to find its way into "The Wisconsin Golf Course Quiz"!

1. What is the oldest golf course in Wisconsin? How old is it?
2. Name a Wisconsin native and longtime Wisconsin superintendent who was a charter member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.
3. Which golf course had the first un-

derground fairway irrigation system in Wisconsin? Who was second? Third? When did this improvement to our golf courses in Wisconsin begin?

4. Which company was first to put an engine on a walking greensmower? When?
5. Who was the first president of the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association? Who was his employer?

1. Tuscumbia in Green Lake. It is 93 years old.
2. Harry Hanson. He grew up in La Crosse where his father was the greengrazer at the La Crosse Country Club. He served Maple Bluff C.C., Blackhawk C.C., built Sun Prairie C.C. as well as Hickory Hills in Chilton. He spent a number of years in the business in Illinois, too. Harry passed away a couple of years ago at his home in Brooklyn, Wisconsin.
3. Blue Mound Country Club and Milwaukee Country Club in 1937. Blackhawk Country Club in Madison was the third in 1938 when a Stewart designed system was first used on July 10, 1938.
4. Jacobsen, in 1924 in Racine, Wisconsin. In 1921, they made the first lawnmower with an engine. It was called a "4 Acre" mower and was a 30" walk-behind unit. In 1923, they made an "Estate" engine driven mower for fine grooming. Then in 1924 they manufactured the first engine powered mower to
5. Paul Brockhausen. Blue Mound Country Club. Some things never change! tion, oil and gas on greens, etc. Knute Jacobsen noted superintendent's concerns about compacted, in handwritten notes, Curiously, in handwritten notes, cut "ground hugging grass", obviously bentgrass.

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