



What do you do in the Winter?

By Rod Johnson



host "Hospitality Wisconsin Style". Reserve Sunday evening, February 10 for this gathering, to be held at the Riviera Hotel.

The 10th Reinders Turf Conference will be held on March 13 and 14. "Edge" Devinger, Turf Division Manager at Reinders, has promised a really big show. Look for specifics directly from Reinders, and plan now to attend.

On Thursday, March 21, WGCSA will sponsor a GCSAA Regional Seminar entitled, "Maximizing Pesticide Safety". Please consider your attendance, and the attendance of personnel who routinely make pesticide applications, a must. Contact Bruce Worzella should you not receive pre-registration materials.

The point is that winter opportunities exist to improve yourself, and thereby improve your golf course. Take advantage of them. I hope to see you all in January, in February and in March.

Winter is on my head, but spring is in my heart.

In the last issue of this newsletter, Editor Miller referred to the question most dreaded by Wisconsin superintendents. Holiday gatherings do not just spread the germs leading to the cold and flu season, but serve as a forum for friends and relatives to "pop the question".

I too gave up long ago, and have resorted to the standard retort, "I go to work at normal hours like a normal person." Most times this response will suffice to end the conversation. Should inquiring minds still want to know, I really blow them away with the fact that four other employees join me in this season of normality.

But what do you do in the winter? For most of us, winter duties include, but are not limited to, equipment maintenance, snow plowing, budget preparation and attendance at numerous club committee meetings.

Often downplayed is the amount of time we spend educating ourselves. Golf course superintendents exhibit an extraordinary drive to improve themselves through numerous avenues. We are quick to take advantage of every opportunity to reinforce and expand

our knowledge base.

This winter season's calendar presents us with many educational conference opportunities. The time period between New Years and the 1991 golf season is loaded.

January starts out fast with a can't miss opportunity at the Wisconsin Turfgrass Association Winter Conference. This year's event is Tuesday and Wednesday, January 8 and 9. The conference headlines research reports and additional insights from UW Professors Kussow, Newman, Worf and Koval. Out-of-state expertise will be provided by Drs. Lehman, Perkins and Wilkinson.

Of note, but of deadline past, is a GCSAA Regional Seminar in St. Charles, Illinois on January 3 and 4 entitled, "Protection of Water Resources", and the Turf Management Short Course at UW-Madison the week of January 7-11.

The industry's main event—the GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show—will be held February 5-12 in Las Vegas. Wisconsinites will be glad to know that WGCSA and Milorganite will again co-



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