



# FISHING SEASON

By Rod Johnson



I listened with mixed emotions to Dr. Worf's presentation at the *Reinders Turf Conference* held in March. His presentation was filled with the usual slides and facts, but the theme was different. In his own humble way, Gayle was summarizing his activities and contributions to our industry. In his typical non-flamboyant fashion, Gayle was saying his good byes to the group.

There are more famous turfgrass pathologists than Dr. Worf. There is no more respected turfgrass pathologist than Dr. Worf.

Dr. Worf is not a braggart. I am proud and I am bragging that I had the opportunity to work with him, to have him do research plot work at this golf course, and to put to work the meaningful data that he has generated.

Dr. Worf will soon be focusing on a new interest—fishing. Best of luck and may they always be biting. You are always welcome to fish on this golf course and, by the way, could you take a look at my second green?

The busy month of May finds Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents on the fly. Far too many things to do, too many places to be, and not enough time in a day. Our dawn to dusk schedule seems to hardly leave time to take a good healthy reading session.

The month of May and this issue of *THE GRASS ROOTS* is not the time for lengthy composition extolling the virtues of WGCSA membership. The excitement and the challenge brought on by the season at hand is now center stage.

Now is the time to put to work the plans made during the winter months. It is the time to utilize the skills and new techniques learned during the off season's educational offerings.

The new season is a season of opportunity. To me, part of the excitement of being a golf course superintendent is the fresh start that the new season gives. Last year's failures are now just a memory and part of the experience bank. In May we have every reason to be every bit as optimistic as Tom Trebelhorn and Harry Dalton.

From most reports, Wisconsin golf courses weathered the winter of '90-91

quite well, thank you. Thank you to who? For me, the anticipation of what lies ahead and under winter's snow and ice cover led to an early spring hike. How ironic it was to find some scattered areas of snow mold. For the first time in several years, this fungus was showing its unpredictable nature. How ironic that snow mold was letting its presence be known at a time when University of Wisconsin plant pathologist extraordinaire, Dr. Gayle Worf, is busy planning his retirement. By his own admission, Dr. Worf has spent a tremendous amount of time in the pursuit of snow mold.



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