Ferger Hosts Meeting at Country Club of Beloit

By Bill Knight

The May meeting of the WGCSA was held at the Country Club of Beloit. Host golf course superintendent Don Ferger delivered on excellent weather and a beautifully conditioned golf course.

Forty-nine golfers played in the two best ball/one worst ball event. The narrow fairways and mature trees took their toll on many golf shots during the day.

Results of the event were: First place: Chad Ball, Skip Wilms, John Feiner and Ed Devinger. Second place: Don Ferger, Dave Ferger, Jim Ferry and Chris Johnson. Third Place: Ron Grunwald, Chris Pinkerton, Mike Handrich, Roy Zehren and Bill Knight. Closest to the pin: Skip Wilms. Longest drive: Chuck Wollner.

After an excellent dinner, the evening was concluded with a lecture by Dr. Randy Kane of the Chicago District Golf Association. The CDGA represents 250 clubs and 70,000 to 80,000 golfers. Dr. Kane's main job is to identify disease problems. The title of his talk was "Disease Control of the 90s—Hit or Miss?"

Dr. Kane talked about southern turf diseases moving north as weather conditions change. He also emphasized the need to rotate systemic fungicides with contact fungicides to prevent diseases from becoming resistant to some fungicides.



Dr. Randy Kane, speaker at May's WGCSA meeting in Beloit.

He also made the point that some chemicals would not be re-registered in the future because of the enormous expense and the fact that turf is considered a minor crop.

A great big "thank you" to Don and the CCB staff for their part in making the day a success.



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Decision Awaited

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Each candidate was taken to the O.J. Noer Turfgrass Research and Education Facility for a tour. While there, industry representatives from sod production, professional lawn care and golf turf were given the opportunity to meet with each candidate long enough to form an opinion on how each would relate to Wisconsin's grass industries. Jim Huggett, Terry Kurth and Monroe S. Miller represented their respective professions.

The opportunity was given to let the search committee know if any of the interviewees were unacceptable.

None were, by the way. The individuals interviewed represented an enormous range of experience and education. It seems the industry will be well served by whomever successfully completes the hiring process.

Again, we should know of Dr. Newman's replacement sometime in July.

