



THE WAITING GAME

By Bruce Worzella



Every golf course superintendent and golfer in this great state of Wisconsin can rightfully say they participated in the annual Spring Game Show. A spin of a wheel, guessing the right price of an object or even making a love connection is easier than assuming when a golf course is going to open or what conditions really await us.

The golf season is here, and I hope everyone is off to a great start. All the preparation we have done in planning and education this past winter will now pay off.

Spring seems to always be our busiest time. A lack of employees, fall projects to complete, and new spring projects clutter our everyday maintenance schedules. The golfers want everything in the same top-notch condi-

tion they have viewed on television the past couple of months. They can usually never understand that Mother Nature normally has us in turmoil. I would imagine that we all wish, at one time or another, that a season would start in which all we had to do is "mow grass".

A dear friend of mine and fellow golf course superintendent told me in my younger years that "WISHING" is a part of our profession. Since we depend so much on the weather and other intangibles, we find ourselves doing a lot of wishing. We wish it would rain, we wish it would stop. We wish the golfers would not start so early, and wish they would not play so late. We pray the irrigation system operates correctly over the Fourth of July, and hope for no diseases.

This is why I enjoy this profession.

You are always on the go, and always thinking. You can never assume anything. Planning for the worst always seems to keep you ahead of the game. I believe the majority of golf course superintendents in the upper Midwest lose more weight and more hair during the first three months of every year than in all the other months combined.

I would like to congratulate Dean Musbach, President of the Northern Great Lakes Golf Course Superintendents Association, for a terrific symposium in March. Even a school-closing blizzard did not bring a stop to their educational program. Well, the waiting game is over; the 1992 golf season is here.

Let the (golf) games begin!

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