



TIMEPOSTS FOR WISCONSIN GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS: You're getting older if...

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- You remember when fast greens were cut at 3/16"; most others were mowed at 1/4". And the golfers were happy!

- You remember the time when very few golf courses had a Cushman truckster.

- You visited GCSAA headquarters when it was located in Des Plaines, Illinois.

- You helped unload your golf course's Milorganite order from a railroad car.

- You remember when Ryerson's was Wisconsin's Toro distributor for golf course equipment.

- You had worked on golf courses for a number of years before the invention of the triplex greensmower.

- You remember when a bentgrass fairway was pretty uncommon and Kentucky bluegrass fairways were what most golf courses offered.

- You remember when pondweeds were controlled with a tractor drawn dragline.

- You remember when Nelson Rain Trains were a very common site on Wisconsin golf courses.

- You remember when every golf course (or almost every one) used stone boats to move equipment from place to place on the course.

- You remember when Gene Haas didn't manage the Wisconsin State Golf Association.

- You remember when Lee Record made the USGA Green Section visits in Wisconsin.

- You remember when the official publication of the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association was SUPER TALK.

- You remember when Wayne Kusow was a graduate student in the Department of Soil Science at the UW-Madison.

- You remember when there was only one University of Wisconsin and it was located in Madison.

- You remember when thiram, dyrene and calo-clor were the main

turfgrass fungicides used by Wisconsin golf course superintendents.

- You remember when Dupont introduced a new turfgrass fungicide and named it Tersan 1991. And it wasn't contaminated with atrazine.

- You remember when the golf course superintendent who had an F-10 was the envy of his colleagues.

- You remember when Arnold Palmer was the very best golfer in the world. He still is the most popular.

- You remember when all sand bunkers in America were raked by hand, and every kid ever sent out with an aluminum rake at 6:00 a.m. facing 60 bunkers loathed the job. That kid now owns two Sand Pros and cannot fathom a hand-raked bunker is better than one groomed by a machine.

- You remember when golf courses didn't have ANY water coolers on the golf course.

- You remember when Penncross creeping bentgrass was introduced.

- You remember when Merion Kentucky bluegrass was the rage of the turfgrass industry.

- You remember when the WGCSA newsletter was called *THE GREEN SHEET*.

- You were there when the first automatic irrigation system in Wisconsin was installed. If you recall when the first fairway irrigation system was installed, you are ancient!

- You still think the Rainbird 808 is the best irrigation sprinkler ever made.

- You know who Scotty Stewart was and why his nickname was "Cast Iron".

- You clearly recall when all fairways that were ever aerified were done so with a Ryan Renovaire.

- You've met Fred Grau and can visit at length about his contributions to our industry.

- You remember when a GCSAA conference and show was held north of the Mason-Dixon line.

- You remember when all Ford tractors were red and gray in color.

- You remember when Oliver trac-

tors were being manufactured and considered a premier golf course tractor.

- You remember when orange tractors were made in West Allis, Wisconsin.

- You remember when Jerome Increase Case's company made orange tractors in Racine, Wisconsin. Some of them found their way to golf course work, too.

- You've met O. J. Noer.

- You are able to recall when grass fires on golf course fairways and roughs were common and real concerns.

- One of your former employees has reached a station in life that permits him to receive appointment to Green Committee Chair at a major golf club.

- You remember when GCSAA's official publication was *THE GOLF SUPERINTENDENT*. You are extremely far along in years if you can remember when it was called *THE NATIONAL GREENKEEPER*.

- You can remember when Reinders sold Jacobsen grass machinery.

- You can remember when golf course insect problems were insignificant because of an annual application of chlorodane.

- You remember how beautiful Wisconsin golf courses were when they were accented with the stately American Elm.

- You remember when most putting green fertility programs in Wisconsin included a weekly application of Milorganite applied with a Cyclone rotary spreader set wide open with 6' passes. That was how 12-plus #NMYr ended up on so many greens. There was no need for a "fine grade" or "greens grade" material, either. Not with a 3/16" height of cut!

- You remember when Bill Sell was president of the WGCSA.

- You remember when Joe Deschler was a golf course superintendent.

- You weighed 20 pounds less than you do now and had a full head of hair!