

WGCSA Convenes In West Bend For April Meeting

By Bill Knight

The April meeting of the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association was held at the West Bend Country Club and hosted by Bruce Worzella. This was the first meeting to be held with the new format. The speaker was welcomed at lunch and after golf everyone was free to head home. The theory was to get members back home at a decent hour. The comments about this format were quite favorable.

After an excellent luncheon, Bob Vavrek of the USGA Green Section Great Lakes Region office talked to the subject of managing sand based putting greens. He noted that some of the major problems with these greens were inadequate fertilization, inconsistent topdressing and overwatering.

The recent release of the revised USGA putting green construction specifications gave Bob a natural topic of discussion. He stressed offsite mixing of the blend, good subsurface drainage and lots of fertilizer (up to 15 pounds of nitrogen/M the first year).

Worzella and his staff had the golf course in excellent condition for a two-man best ball event. The weatherman cooperated, providing good weather for the sixty golfers who took part. Hors d'oeuvres and golf awards followed. The day's winners (low gross) were:

FLIGHT A

- First Place: Brian Schmidt (68)
Rod Johnson
- Second Place: Ed Witkowski (70)
Jim Shaw

FLIGHT B

- First Place: Joe Wollner (77)
Mike Handrich
- Second Place: Charlie Shaw (77)
Pat Shaw

Low net awards were as follows:

FLIGHT A

- First Place: Don Steinmetz (58)
Ray Shane
- Second Place: Gordy Waddington (58.5)
Wayne Otto

FLIGHT B

- First Place: Bob Vavrek (58.5)
Scott Schaller
- Second Place: Bob Belfield (60)
Jim Belfield

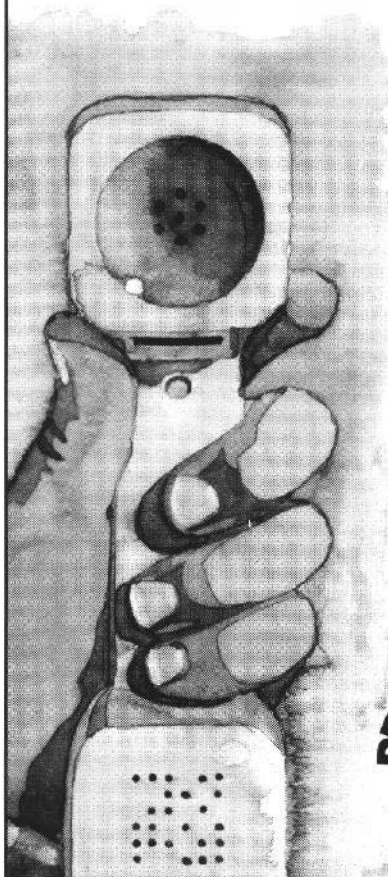
Closest to the pin on #18: Jim Ciha

Longest drive in fairway on #15: Jim Curtis

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