

Schwab Hosts Meeting at Monroe Country Club

By Kris Pinkerton

The May meeting of the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association was hosted by Tom Schwab. Monroe Country Club has held this meeting in past years, and once again players were treated to beautiful day and a well-groomed golf course.

Over fifty members and guests played the Two of Four Man Bestball event, and another dozen attended dinner. Results are as follows:

First place:John Krutilla, James Krutilla, Brad Wagner and Don Feger.

Second place (tie):Tom Schwab, Tom Parent, Randy Smith and Chuck Frazier; Tom Emmerich, Jim Shaw, Dan Shaw and Ed Devinger

Closest to the pin on #12: ...Andy Gruse

Longest drive on #4:Scott Schaller.

After dinner, Mike Handrich introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Edward Hasselkus. Dr. Hasselkus is a professor and extension horticulturist for the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The title of his discussion was "selection and care of conifers on the golf course."

Dr. Hasselkus emphasized how critical it is to take shade tolerance into consideration when selecting plants. Conifers requiring full sun are junipers, pine and spruce. Arborvitae and firs will tolerate partial shade, while hemlock and yews require shady conditions. He also made the point that yews are very susceptible to winter sun and wind damage in Wisconsin.

Professor Hasselkus also made recommendations on varieties to consider when purchasing evergreens for golf courses. Hetz Wintergreen and Techny are two outstanding choices for arborvitae because of their consistent habit and fast growth. Black Hills was the most common spruce recommended, while the Austrian and Scotch pine are two that do well in Wisconsin.

For those who hadn't heard, Dr. Hasselkus will end his outstanding and sterling career on the faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in August. He will be absolutely irreplaceable, even if his position is funded and filled by CALS. Fifteen of his former students were in the audience at this meeting, testimony to a man who has had major impact on thousands who have chosen careers in landscape management. We were lucky to hear him one more time.

Thanks to Tom Schwab and the rest of the staff at Monroe Country Club. Their effort showed and was appreciated by everyone at the meeting. ♣



It cannot be that this youthful faculty member is going to retire! UW alums will always remember him as the best. Dr. Hasselkus will be remembered for years to come.



A beautiful place for a WGCSA meeting — Monroe CC, in the heart of Green County's Swiss heritage.



Thanks from former student Mike Handrich to Professor Ed Hasselkus.

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