



WHAT IS AHEAD FOR US!!

By Scott Schaller



What is ahead for us this season? After talking with many of the experienced, veteran golf course superintendents in this business, they have shared with me that we all should be prepared, because we may be headed for another season like the 1988 golf season. I have to agree. That season was one that many of us have not forgotten about.

This spring has been unbelievable. The earlier warmer weather has brought more opportunities for golfers to get out to enjoy our golf courses. Most of the Wisconsin golf courses had experienced earlier openings, along with record rounds of play for April and May. This is great for all our facilities, but with this early summerlike weather in April, May and June, we have been

challenged by Mother Nature to just keep up with our normal maintenance practices with a smaller early seasonal staff. But, as always, we all find a way to get the job done and soon enough our summer staff arrives and all these thoughts of a lot of work and long days are soon to be forgotten. At that point, there will be just another different golf course turfgrass maintenance dilemma that we have to deal with.

A special thanks goes out the David E. Smith and Scot Spiers. These gentlemen were the hosts for our WGCSEA April and May meetings. The education, golf courses and the entire golf facilities we enjoyed for the day were just outstanding!! Thanks again guys. It's appreciated.

I ask all of you to please mark your calendar to attend the WTA Summer Field Day at the O.J Noer Turfgrass Research and Education Facility in Madison on August 12, 1998. The WTA puts on a great day for all of us. Come and see first hand where some of the WGCSEA research donation dollars are being spent and put into quality research by the professors and staff of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Well, I ask the question again. What is ahead for us this season? We will have to just wait and see and be prepared. By the time we receive this issue of *The Grass Roots* we all should have an idea. Take care and I hope to see you at one of our monthly meetings. 🍷

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