

Let's Put Them To Rest!

By Scott Schaller



This 1998 golf season is coming to a close. What a great year for the Wisconsin golfers. From talking to other golf course managers, they all stated that their course recorded record rounds of play this golf season. It is a good feeling to know so many people found pleasure in playing our courses. It also is a wonderful feeling that we can finally begin to put our golf course to rest for the upcoming winter season. I have to be honest when I say this, at times by mid-to late summer I'm thinking November can't get here quick enough. I'm sure we have all shared that same feeling now and again during the golf season. Well, November is here. We can chalk up another season and begin to prepare ourselves for the next year. The WGCSA and other area turfgrass associations will be offering again some excellent educational opportunities to stay current with your profession. They are:

## WISCONSIN GOLF TURF SYMPOSIUM

Title: "What You Seed Is What You Get " Topic: Putting Green Establishment November 3 - 4, 1998 Brookfield, WI

## WGCSA - GCSAA REGIONAL SEMINARS

- December 1, 1998 " Problems and solutions using annuals and perennials in the golfscape" (full day)
- December 2, 1998 " Causes, detection and management of localized dry spots" (half day in morning)
- December 2, 1998 " Managing turfgrass root systems " (half day in afternoon)

## WISCONSIN TURFGRASS AND INDUSTRY EXPO

Wisconsin Turfgrass Association January 12 - 13, 1999 Madison, WI



Please make a note of these events and get out of your maintenance facility this off season and attend each of these educational offerings. I promise you that you will benefit from attending.

A very special "THANKS" goes out to David E. Smith, Scott Spiers, Karl Braem, Andrew Gruse, Richard Beutel, Michael Lyons and David Van Auken. These gentlemen offered and hosted a WGCSA monthly meeting site this past year. As most of you know who have already hosted a meeting, a lot of effort goes into preparing a golf course for your peers. These guys all presented great golf courses, beautifully manicured for us to enjoy. Thank you again.

Speaking of WGCSA meetings, we are looking to fill our meeting sites for the 1999 season. If interested please call any WGCSA director or Michael Lyons, the Golf and Arrangements Chairman.

On that note, I'm just heading out to begin to blow out my irrigation system with a "BIG SMILE" on my face. Take care and enjoy our off season. I hope to see you at one of our upcoming meetings.

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