

WGCSA Convenes at Lake Arrowhead GC for April Meeting



By **Mike Lyons**, Golf Course Superintendent, Old Hickory Golf Club

On April 26th, seventy-two Wisconsin golf course superintendents and affiliates gathered at Lake Arrowhead for lunch, an educational session, and a game of golf.

The educational session was offered by the UW - Madison's new turfgrass and ornamental entomologist, Dr. Chris Williamson. Dr. Williamson covered topics ranging from the old insecticides to the new generation of materials that are available. He also spoke about the problems he has seen this spring. Timing is everything in controlling grubs, the number one pest for golf courses in this state. Japanese beetles feed as adults and larvae and flourish in wet conditions. Treating in August closer to the soil surface can result in great success. Dr. Williamson is going to be a great asset to us - he was a golf course superintendent himself not all that long ago.

Golf followed, and the event was a two-man bestball of four. First place, with a score of 124, went to Jim Van Meter, Bruce Schweiger, Conrad Stynchula, and James Krutilla. Second place, close behind with a score of 125, went to Skip Wilms, Chad Ball, Bruce Worzella, and Jim Yost. Third place, with a score of 126, went to Jeff Millies, Fred Millies, Marc Davison, and Dr. Williamson. Flag event winners - all closest to the pin - were Louie Alexandroni, Scott Wendels, Pat Staehler, and Mike Yontz.

Joe Fryman, superintendent for Lake Arrowhead, and his staff had the new 18 holes playing great. It is a wonderful addition to the original 18. Thanks to Joe, Joel Barth (director of golf) and everyone at Lake Arrowhead for working to make our visit there so enjoyable. ♣

WGCSA Meets at Green Bay Country Club

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Marc Davison, host superintendent for the May WGCSA meeting, and his staff had Green Bay Country Club looking and playing great. There were 106 golfers and 110 members and affiliates for dinner and an educational session. Steve Davis of Agrevo was the guest speaker.

Mr. Davis' talk was on *Poa annua* control. He also briefly discussed earthworm suppression, removal of bentgrass in bluegrass, and microbes in the soil. The presentation was interesting and well done.

The event of the day was a two-man blind partner bestball. First place, with a score of 59, was David Brandenburg and Andy Gruse. Second place, with a score of 62, was Allen Fude and Stan Lushine. The third place score of 63 went to Dan Webb and Dean Musbach. Flag event winners were Tim Peterson and Bruce Worzella - closest to the pin, Jack Fowler - long put, and Scott Wendels - long drive.

Thanks again to Marc and the GBCC staff for an excellent meeting. ♣



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