

MAY MEETING AT ST. GERMAIN GOLF CLUB



By **Mike Berwick**, Golf Course Superintendent, Golf Courses of Lawsonia, Inc.

Superintendent Steve Spears hosted the monthly meeting on Monday, May 14, at the St. Germain Golf Club in St. Germain. Although thunderstorms and showers were forecast for the day, 54 persons attended and played golf in the four man bestball format. The meeting was combined with the Northern Great Lakes Golf Course Superintendents Association and featured an educational session prior to lunch held at the "19th Hole Sports Bar" adjacent to the course. Our guest speaker was Mr. Jeff Gregos of the TDL, Department of Plant Pathology at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. Jeff spoke about snowmold and control strategies.

Following the educational session, a gourmet burger, steak or chicken sandwich lunch was served, followed by the golf event shotgun start. The day was cool and partly cloudy, but the rain stayed away and the golf course was in superb condition. I heard many comments regarding the great condition and playability of the Kentucky Bluegrass fairways. The tree lined fairways appeared tighter than they actually were, and most errant shots could be easily found. Even the traps were perfectly edged this early in the season. Steve and his staff obviously worked hard preparing for our meeting.

After golf the event and flag prizes were awarded outside the pro shop.

The winners of the best ball event were:

- 1st - Joe Anderson, Eric Eggman, John Granholt, Dan Barrett (54)
- 2nd- Glenn Rochester, Joe Deschler, Randy Mallman, J.D. Huseboe (55)
- 3rd - Mike Britton, Seth Brogren, Rick Thalacker, Jeff Gregos (57)

The winners of the Flag events were:

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| Longest Drive on #3 | Willie Warner |
| Closest to Pin on #6 | Paul DeFosse |
| Closest in Two on #9 | Brian Ferrie |
| Closest to Pinon #11 | Mike Britton |
| Closest in Three on #12 | Nick Durkee |
| Longest Putt on #17 | Rick Thalacker |

Special thanks to go Steve Spears, Professional Brian Baldwin and the entire staff at St. Germain Golf Club for inviting our organization and making the day enjoyable. The next meeting is scheduled for June 18, at the Ridges in Wisconsin Rapids. It will be held in conjunction with the Dave Murgatroyd Memorial

Event. There will be no meeting in August, so you will have time to attend the WTA Field Day at the O.J. Noer Turfgrass Research and Education Facility on Tuesday, August 14. ♣



With four lanes nearly all the way from the WI/IL border on north, St. Germain is close enough for a monthly meeting.

The big whitetail lets you know you are in the north woods!



Course superintendent Scott Spears had his course in top condition for WGCSA members.

What would a WGCSA meeting without O/J be? Hopefully, we will never know! Faithful members Wayne Otto and Rod Johnson at St. Germain.

