

Trempealeau Mountain G.C. Hosts April Meeting



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

Superintendent Jeff Bahr hosted our first meeting of the new season on April 28th at Trempealeau Mountain Golf Club. With the wind blowing and a chill in the air, thirty-eight superintendents and affiliates enjoyed an educational session and golf. Jeff and his staff had the course in great condition and all their hard work was truly appreciated by everyone.

An enjoyable buffet was served before our guest speaker Elizabeth Scheef, a graduate student at UW-Madison. Elizabeth worked these past two seasons along with Dr. Jung identifying various types of *Typhula* spp., which is the causal pathogen of gray and speckled snow mold.

Over the past seasons Elizabeth has collected over 2,000 samples of *Typhula*. They extract DNA to identify the various species of *Typhula*, mainly *T. incarnata*, *T. ishkariensis* and *T. phacorrhiza*. Also, along with identifying the various species they are able to map and identify where these species of *Typhula* are mainly found through out the state.

Some things that their research has shown is *T. incarnata* is found through out the state, *T. phacorrhiza* was also found through out the state but is very rare, and *T. ishkariensis* was mainly found north of the tension zone. They will continue to collect data and hope to find what effects temperature, snow cover length, fungicide applications have on these species.

On behalf of the WGCSA, thank you Elizabeth and Dr. Jung for taking time out of your busy schedules and for your continued research, which in the end helps us all.

Golf followed Elizabeth's presentation. The event was a four-man scramble.

The event winners were:

- 1st place went to the team of Kevin Norby, Dave Newinski and Terry Ward with a sizzling 61.
- 2nd place went to the team of Brent Peterson, Tim Chapman, Jeremy Amosson and Jeff Townley with a score of 62.
- Flag event winners for the day were Dennis Dary, Bruce Schweiger(2), Fred Anderson, Bob Speltz and Jeff Bahr.

Again, thank you Jeff, Bill Pearse and your staff for hosting this event. I think everyone knows how hard it is to get the course ready early in the year, let alone having a group of superintendents smacking it around. Great job and thank you. ♣

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