

Nakoma Golf Club – September's Superintendent Meeting



By **Dustin Riley**, Golf Course Superintendent, Oconomowoc Golf Club

The annual WGCSA Superintendent Tournament was held at Nakoma Golf Club on September 22. With the assistance from Clark Rowles, golf course superintendent, and Skip Avery, general manager, nearly 90 attendees enjoyed a fantastic setup, which included lunch, education, hors d'oeuvres, golf and dinner. Bob Vavrek, Agronomist, USGA Green Section, provided the education. Bob presented his annual "Year in Review." Due to the cold, open winter of 2003-2003 there were many concerns with winter kill and spring healing. Bob also presented discussions and solutions for ant



Brian Zimmerman, former Nakoma golf course staff member, visits with assistant golf course superintendent at Nakoma, **Chuck Frazier**.

control, moss control, proper top-dressing and aeration. As expected, Bob's slide show supplied many impressive pictures of "do's and don'ts." All superintendents seemed relieved when his slide show ended

and their golf course wasn't selected for material in his presentation.

Clark Rowles, a Pennsylvania native, began his golf course career in 1975 at a club his parents belonged to. As a 1986 graduate of



Steven Scaville '85

"TIGHT BUDGET THIS YEAR,
WE CAN USE THESE 'FLOWERS' NEXT YEAR."

the Turfgrass Management Program at Penn Sate, Clark developed his skills and experiences at such courses as Congressional CC, Oglebay Resort, HarbourTowne Resort and other sites in Texas, Pennsylvania and Virginia. In 1993, Clark joined Wisconsin by assuming the Director of Golf Course Operations at the Geneva National Golf Club. Three years later, Clark was hired by the Nakoma Golf Club.

Besides managing his maintenance staff of 16, Clark seeks to set aside quality family time with his wife, Vicki, and their three sons. Since his two oldest boys are heavily active in sports, Clark keeps involved by coaching baseball during the summer months and also serves on the board of the Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association. Excluding his marriage and family, Clark's greatest moment was a result of a hole-in-one at Pebble Beach.

Eighty-six players registered to enter the annual Superintendent Tournament. Players are organized into flights based upon handicap and their association membership class.

The September meeting at Nakoma Golf Club was very suc-

cessful and enjoyable. The WGCSA meeting success has been attributed to those who attend and support the host clubs. We hope that this success will continue at the October Meeting to be held at Racine CC on October 14th. ♣

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Superintendents (Class A & B) with established handicap

Gross Winner: Steve Meyer

A Flight (0-16 hdcp)

1st: Mark Schwarting

2nd: Dan Shaw

B Flight (17-32 hdcp)

1st: Keith Nienow

2nd: Mike Werth

PEORIA: Superintendents without an established handicap, other classifications and affiliates

1st: Rick Weiterman

2nd: John Krutilla

Hole Events: Closest to the Pin

Dan Shaw

Jeff Wilson

Pat Staehler

Brett Grams

Longest Drive: Rick Weiterman

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