



BALANCE

By **Marc Davison**, Golf Course Superintendent, Green Bay Country Club



Summer is in full swing and we are now being tested to our fullest. How are you holding up? Full crews are busy carrying out our directives, hopefully in the proper

way. The weather has been a real concern lately; as usual, it's either too hot, too humid and in many parts of the state too dry. How often do you feel like you don't know which way to turn first? So often we are pulled in so many directions it makes your head spin. It's not only this way in our profession. Most people feel the same way. It almost seems like this is the "American way" these days. Never say "no" and always take on too much and then try and figure out a way to accomplish all we have committed to.

Sometimes it feels as if we are jugglers and we have too many balls in the air all the time. How do you balance all the demands placed on you? Priorities must be made, which is obvious, but that can be difficult in itself. What are your priorities in life? Have you ever sat down and thought about this? Do you have your priorities in the proper order? How do we know?

In my life I am afraid I put too much priority on my job. This is probably typical of most males. We tend to work too much. Then when we arrive at home we are fairly exhausted. So even when we are at home, we are not always able to give 100% of ourselves to our family and, more specifically, our spouse. There never seems to be much time left over for anything else, especially during the

"summer" golf season which, as you know, runs mid-April through October, a very long "summer."

Take some time to review your priorities. Don't be afraid to make some adjustments if things are a bit out of whack in your life. Our jobs are just that, jobs. There are other areas in our lives that require our attention just as much as our employers do. Don't get out of balance. We must balance our energies. Stay focused and be sure your priorities are in order.

Monroe Miller has once again been recognized for his outstanding contributions to the game of golf. The Wisconsin State Golf Association has inducted Monroe into their Hall of Fame. Monroe is the first golf course superintendent to be elected into this elite group of individuals who have contributed to the game of golf in our state. Please congratulate Monroe next time you see him.

The June meeting of our association was held at Green Bay Country Club. We hosted a new event called

People vs. Pro, which was sponsored by BASF. It was a very nice event with the winner advancing to compete against other regional winners for a chance to play against a professional golfer at Barton Creek Resort in Texas. Superintendent Mike Werth from Monroe CC won the event and will now play at Barton Creek in September. Congratulations and good luck Mike! A big thank you to David Oberle from BASF for organizing this event with our association. BASF donated \$2,000 to WGCSA for hosting the event and donated all the prizes that day.

GCSAA is offering more and more educational programs via their web site. These programs are typically one to two hours in length and can be taken right at your desk. Check out the selection and try one out some time. Even if you cannot commit the time when it airs, you can always view the program at a later date. The programs are available up to one year after the presentation date. ♣



Dave Oberle of BASF presents WGCSA president Marc Davison a check to the chapter for \$2,000, a donation for hosting the People vs. Pro event on June 13th.