



# “BRUTE” -IFUL APRIL MEETING

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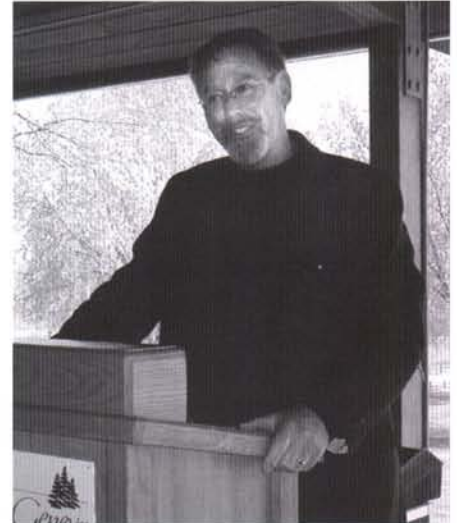
The Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association’s April meeting was held at the Links at Grand Lake Geneva. Nearly 90 participants had the pleasure of playing the “Brute” which, as its name suggests, provided quite a challenge.

Mr. Peter Leuzinger from Audubon International got things started with his talk on “selling your environmental programs to your club and the public”. Peter mentioned that superintendents have a moral obligation to protect the environment. At the very least, we should all be recycling our containers. Little things like recycling

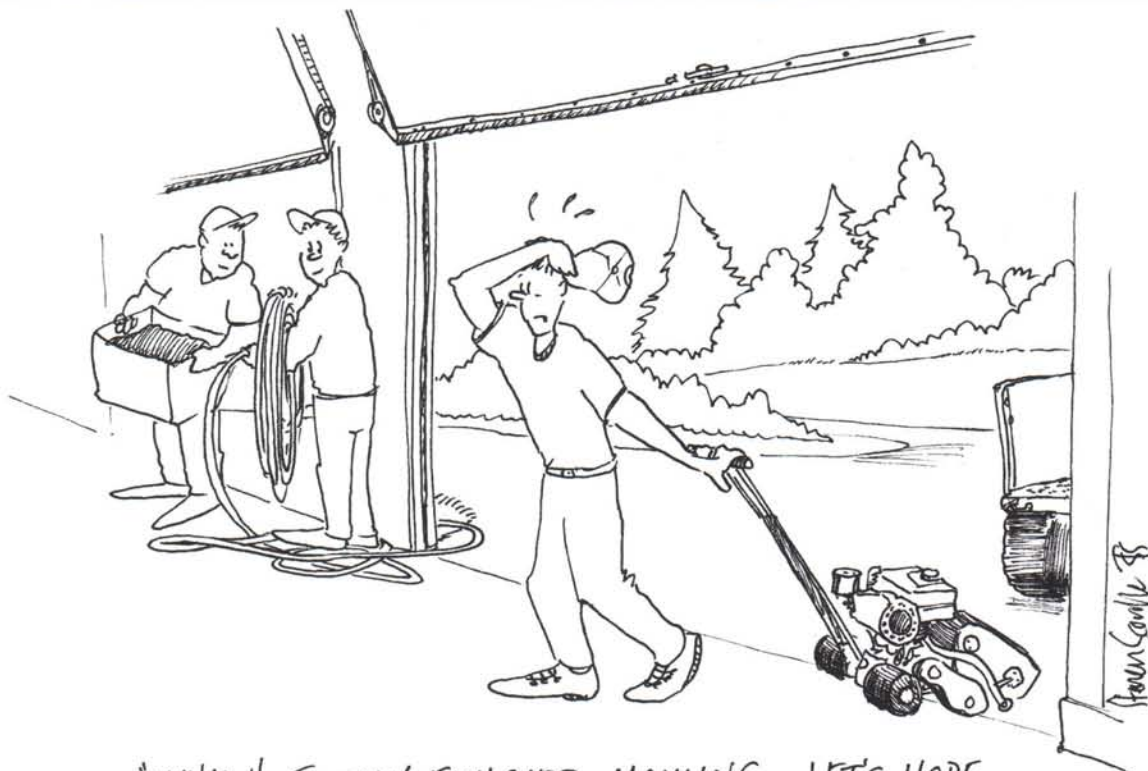
can add up to a better environment.

The preservation of green space is the main reason for becoming involved with Audubon International. Peter pointed out that a good way to get the program started at your course is to create a color brochure highlighting the environmental aspects of your course. In it, talk about public involvement such as school tours, use environmental catch phrases, and include a mission statement. It is also beneficial to reach out to the local media and tell them your story.

In closing, Peter discussed two important components to a successful environmental program:



Guest speaker Pete Leuzinger.



“WHEW! FINALLY FINISHED MOWING. LET’S HOPE WE DON’T HAVE TO DO **THAT** AGAIN!”

commitment and delegation. Implementing environmental programs at your course takes commitment. It cannot be a part-time program. It requires a year-round commitment to the environment to be successful. Selling and implementing your programs can be time consuming. Form an environmental committee and don't be afraid to delegate duties to each member.

If anyone would like information on how to get started with an environmental program at your course, you can e-mail Peter at [pv\\_leuzinger@yahoo.com](mailto:pv_leuzinger@yahoo.com).

After lunch everyone headed out to test their skills against the Brute. Having never stepped foot on the property before, I was truly impressed with the many elevation changes and spectacular vistas the course provided. Probably the best way to describe the golf course is "huge". Huge bunkers, huge greens, and huge length (462 yd par 4, 603 yd par 5), made for quite a challenge. A heartfelt thanks goes out to host superintendent Jim Crothers and his staff for providing us with a wonderful venue.

The event for the day was one bestball per foursome, both net and gross divisions. Winning the net division with a score of 61 was the group of: Dan Shaw, Gordie Waddington, Peter Leuzinger, and Randy DuPont. Second place with a score of 63 was the group of: Jake Renner, Dave Hills, Travis Krauklis, and Mike Schmieden. The winners of the gross event with a score of 68 were Mike Werth, Todd Fregien, John Hegge, and Joe Knudtson. Five flag events were awarded. The winner for long drive was Ed Witkowski. (There will be steroid testing before the next meeting!) Closest to the pin winners were Dave Smith, Tim Christiens, Ken Robers, and our host Jim Crothers. Jim's shot, by the way, looked like it almost went in the hole. Congratulations to all!



Lunch time at Grand Geneva.

In closing, I would like to thank Scott Lindbloom for his help in organizing this event. Thanks also to Dave Hallenbeck and the staff at Grand Geneva for their hospitality and efficiency in running the event. It was a good turnout, and I hope to see many of you who par-

ticipated in April's meeting, along with some new faces, at the June meeting at Green Bay County Club. Just a reminder, the June meeting will be hosting the People vs. Pro event for superintendents; however all WGCSA members are welcome and encouraged to participate. ♻️

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