



Down Time!!!

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

I hope everyone has enjoyed their holidays and the much slower pace of late fall and the early winter. The Symposium was once again a great success



and the speakers and topic were outstanding. A big thank you to everyone at Milorganite and to the Symposium committee. Your hard work and dedication to our association is truly appreciated. As I mentioned at the symposium, through the continued support we receive from Milorganite, we are able to make a considerable donation to the O.J. Noer Foundation. In the past five years we have contributed over \$35,000 dollars. Wow! Again, thank you to everyone who makes this possible.

At the WGCSA fall meeting, two new Directors were elected to serve on the WGCSA Board of Directors. They are David Swift from Whistling Straits GC and Jim Van Herwynen from South Hills Golf & CC. Also elected to serve one year terms this coming year are myself as president, Dustin Riley as vice president, Brian Zimmerman as treasurer and Jeff Millies as secretary. I would like to thank all of these men for volunteering their time and commitment to our association. Also, thank you to current board members Chad Harrington, Matt Schmitz and past president Marc Davison for their continued commitment and contributions they make to our association. Thank you to our outgoing board members Eric Jasin and Randy Dupont for all that they have done

for our association these past couple of years. It truly has been a pleasure working with and getting to know you both.

For those of you that were unable to attend, I wanted to make you aware of a few changes. We will be enforcing a new policy at our monthly meetings. If you sign up and are a no-show, we will be charging you the cost of the meeting and you will be unable to attend the next one unless you have taken care of the previous meeting. The main reason is many clubs are no longer allowing us to give them a count the day of the meeting, especially if a meal is involved. So if we say there our 80 people signed up and only 70 show, we get charged the 10 that didn't show. If you sign up and are unable to attend, please give us some time to notify the host course.

Lastly, I would like to ask if there are any members who would like to help out on any committee or serve our association in any capacity, please feel free to contact any board member. We will always welcome your thoughts and inputs. I have served our association for the past ten years and

every year around this time the board hears how we should better serve our association. I don't like using the word "serve" because to me this is an association run by volunteers who are willing to give their time. Every one of us can and should help in one way or another. So if it is more education or "better education" or meeting sites, please step up. I won't speak for the other board members, but I know I would not be offended if you came to me with an idea on anything...just don't complain. Help out. We will and do have resources to help this association. Trust me, we have tried to use them in the past. Also, we need every one who is able to attend the Day on the Hill in Madison on February 14th to please do so. It is a great way to show our legislators how well organized and concerned we are. Look for the mailer some time in January and again, please make time for this important day. Again, I hope everyone takes advantage of this slow time and relax a little. Enjoy your family.

Hope to see many of you at the Golf Industry Show in February in Anaheim. Stay warm and take care. 🌿

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