



## Strawberry Creek and Matt Kregal Welcome WGCSA Superintendents Tourney

By **Jim VanHerwynen**, Golf Course Superintendent, South Hills Golf and Country Club

The WGCSA hosted its annual Superintendent Tournament at The Club at Strawberry Creek in Kenosha, July 9, 2007. The event drew 107 players from Wisconsin and Illinois. Matt Kregal and his staff did an outstanding job conditioning this very challenging golf course. The day began with a presentation on master plans by Richard Jacobson and Doug Myslinski from Jacobson Golf Design based out of Libertyville IL. Jacobson Golf Design designed and built The Club at Strawberry Creek which opened in 2006, and have also done numerous other golf courses and renovations all over the Midwest. The turf used on this prop-

erty was exceptional. The A-1 greens, Seaside fairways and Penncross tees were all in perfect health and fun to play. The discussion was very informative and we thank them for this opportunity.

I believe they have broken ground to build the clubhouse, which will be open next year. Due to a lack of clubhouse they provided one of, if not the best, box lunches I have ever had. After the presentation and lunch with practice on the practice facility, the players headed out to this very challenging course. The sky was ripe for a thunderstorm, and as one would expect, the storm did arrive approximately at

2:15! Wow, did it come down! After the delay most of the attendees went back out on the course to finish the round. Immediately afterwards we were treated to a wonderful cookout provided by Reinders Inc.

The winners of the event included: in first place flight A with a 68, Mike Lyons (Old Hickory GC); second place flight A with a 70, Rod Johnson (Pine Hills CC); flight B with a first place win with a 64 was Steve VanAcker (Crystal Lake CC), followed by Paul Schaefer (Prairie Isle GC) with an even 70. Flight C winners using the Peoria System, were as follows: first place with a 55



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was Jeff Danner (Golf Creations); second place with a 67 was Phil Zastrow (Reinders Inc.); and in third place Greg Stoeger (E-Z-Go Golf Cars) with a very close 67.2. Matt Kregal suggested doing the putting contest on the putting green with the money generated going to the Wee One Foundation. This side event raised \$280.00 for the foundation – what a great idea! Raffle tickets were awarded to participants with Jim Knulty (Big Foot CC) winning a very nice Strawberry Creek logo golf bag! Thanks again for all who attended and the tee and hole event sponsors who helped make this a successful event.

As you can clearly see the first half of 2007 has been very well attended. The remainder of the year appears to be as eventful as ever with four great events on the horizon. On August 20, 2007 Brynwood CC is hosting the Superintendent/Guest golf tournament with speaker David Swift of Whistling Straits enlightening us as to the U.S. Senior Open. On Monday September 24, 2007 Rod Johnson once again will be the host for the annual Wee One Foundation golf outing at Pine Hills CC in

Sheboygan. October will be a busy month with the Dinner Dance at Minocqua CC on October 5 and 6, 2007 followed by the WTA Fundraiser on October 11, 2007 at the Meadow Valley course at Blackwolf Run.

Once again, thank all of you who have participated and if you have not,

please consider, as these are great events to support the WGCSA, receive some valuable education and relieve some stress from the every day grind. I look forward to seeing all of you in the near future and thank you for your patience with me as I am quickly learning the protocol with my responsibilities on the board. 



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