



Rain Please!!!

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



Summer is in full swing. I'm not sure how everyone else is doing, but here in Dodge County the first part of summer has been really dry although for the most part the temperatures have been relatively comfortable. We have pulled hoses and hand watered more this season than all of last year and we still have the dog days of August to deal with.

Thank you to everyone who has been able to attend our monthly meetings. The turnouts have been good. Big Fish Golf Course in Hayward was a long travel but well worth the trip. Tod Blankenship had the place looking and playing great. It was interesting to play with a gentleman from the U.P. and hear how on the 9th of June he was just getting it going. Unfortunately he and others in some northern parts of the midwest had some winter damage this past year. Interesting how one guy's June is another guy's April. Not sure if I could contend with such a short season.


Thank you also to Matt Kregel and his staff at The Club at Strawberry Creek for hosting our Superintendent's Tournament. We had over a hundred golfers and the course was in incredible shape. We had a little rain delay but were able to finish our round. Then Reinders

put on a great spread of tenderloin sandwiches and all the fixings. Thank you Craig and everyone at Reinders.

From what I have heard, and saw, congratulations are due to Mike Lee and Dave Swift for hosting this year's U.S. Senior Open. I took the kids to a practice round and it was a real treat for them and myself. Also, congratulations to Brian Zimmerman and Tim Wegner for another great job at this year U.S. Bank Championship at Brown Deer. I heard the place looked and played great. All of you and your staff should truly be proud.

I hope those who had to complete their renewal process for Class A status did so and 2008 will be the final year of the five year cycle. I am up next year and just by attending the Symposium, Expo and a few other educational or monthly meetings, my requirements are met. It has been pretty painless.

I am looking forward to upcoming events; Member Guest at Brynwood CC and the Wee One at Pine Hills. I hope everyone tries to get away and attend one or all of these events. But most of all I am really, really looking forward to a little rain.

Take Care. 

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