



# Wait and See

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

As we all are well aware, the 2007 season is upon us and the slower pace of the winter months is a vague memory. I hope every one took advantage of those quieter times and spent a lot of time with your friends and family.

I am at a point in my life where my children are beginning to get involved in everything. Many of you have gone through this stage.




It truly is a great time. The kids are beginning to show an interest in other things than just mom and dad. We have a sporting event almost every weekend and their schedule during the week can be a little hectic. However, it is fun watching them develop. Our children are seven, nine and eleven. For the most part, they still listen to mom and dad. However, I know before too long they will be going through their teenage years and then on to adulthood. My seven year old already thinks he is the next answer to Michael Jordan. Boy if that was only true! Unfortunately, I think he has the leaping ability of his father and in that case he will be lucky to touch the net let alone dunk. I have heard the stories about the teenage years and honestly I am a little nervous about it. I guess we will just wait and see. It is somewhat like the question you hear over and over this time of year, "what's the course look like?" and "when do you think we will open?" I honestly don't know and we will just have to wait and see. Early indications are winter was kind, at least to the turf. It was not so kind for some of

you who had some real problems getting home from the GIS!

I was fortunate to attend the show this year and all in all it was good. Once again, the hospitality room was well attended and thank you to all who made that night possible. In this edition of the Grass Roots there is a list of those who helped sponsor this year's room. Please take some time and personally thank them. Without their continued support we would not be able to host such a nice event.

Along those same lines. I am glad to announce that Reinders has decided to let the WGCSA handle all proceeds from their Daconil program and allow us to use those monies collected for our association. Past years the WTA was given that responsibility. Thank you Craig and everyone at Reinders for giving us another great revenue source. It is still early and how the association will use these funds has not yet been determine. If anyone has a thought, please let one of the board members know and we can go from there. I do know this: it is truly appreciated and will go to good use.

Our spring business meeting was held on the 5th of March. Thank you to everyone who attended. The turnout was much higher than years past. I hope that trend can continue with our monthly meetings. The schedule of events looks to be very good and with something new this year. We are hosting a meeting along with the Northern Great Lakes Association and the Minnesota GCSA. The monthly meeting is being held at Big Fish GC, in Hayward, Wisconsin and will be a two-day event. Also, it was approved to change our wording of a Class B member to Superintendent Member. This brings us in compliance with the GCSAA. Finally, at the meeting, Rod Johnson presented us with how the Wee-One Foundation is doing and how they have been able to help nine members; they have reached \$100,000 in donations, which is incredible. But they need us to continue to help and they need more members. I am amazed at what they have done in just the two years the foundation has been formed. I have said it before; I hope and pray I never need their assistance but to know it is there is comforting. Please consider becoming a member. Your fifty dollars can and will go along way in helping one of our own.

I hope everyone has enjoyed their winter and hope all of us can enjoy a great 2007 season. We will just have to wait and see. Take care. 

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