



# A Season Upon Us

By **Brett Grams**, Chapter Manager, Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association

The golf season came to an earlier than normal start with some warmer and very dry weather in April. So far May showers and cool weather make me think Mother Nature has her months confused. What would our great state be like without this consistently inconsistent weather?

While most of you have been busy preparing your golf courses and dealing with weather extremes, I have been able to make it through my busiest time of the year. Membership renewals, the improved Members Handbook, finalizing the last of our Industry Partnership agreements, website updates and completing our inaugural PAR4 Research auction have kept me very busy since the start of the year. I am happy to report that overall things are proceeding nicely. The hard working WGCSA Board of Directors has allowed me to focus on these time consuming items and I will soon have some time to begin some new projects continually trying to improve day to day functions while hopefully making sure all members needs are addressed in a timely fashion.

I hope you enjoy our new look and color additions to the Members Handbook. The improvements to our annual directory could not have been accomplished without the generous advertisers! I cannot thank our generous Affiliate Member Companies who have utilized this new advertising opportunity along with the ads now featured on our website. These improvements would simply not be affordable without the revenues the ads generate. Please remember all of our Industry Partners as you make purchasing decisions and let them know you appreciate their dedication to our industry and chapter.

It is important to thank the PAR4 Research Auction Committee. Chairman Dustin Riley was successful in forming a dedicated team to plan, implement and execute a major new fundraiser for the WTA and UW Turfgrass Program. Please see the list of Committee Members and the generous donors of the first annual auction that came to completion on May 9th. Although the final financial records are a few days away I am happy to report that we expect our revenues after expenses to be close to \$9000.00. It is interesting to note that approximately 60 facilities donated rounds of golf this year. Currently, our 425 members represent approximately 285 clubs/courses. If we can encourage our current 21% participation rate to grow, the amount of funding can easily be four times or more what we were able to raise this year! We have already started to plan and improve our efforts for next year and all involved hope that more of our members will consider taking part in the future. We would enjoy hearing your feedback, suggestions and ideas on how to improve our efforts!

As we head into the summer months we have a great lineup of events if you are able to find some time to get

away. The WIPGA will again organize and run our June event. The popular Super/Pro heads to Morningstar Golfers Club in Waukesha on June 8th. Superintendent Travis Krauklis and staff will be our hosts. Then on July 14th Mike Upthegrove will welcome us for a second meeting in recent years at Watertown CC. Hopefully rain will not be the major issue this time around. Also in July, you and your staffs are encouraged to attend the WTA Summer Field day on Tuesday July 27th. I have heard that the staff at the UW is planning some new changes for this year's event. Please be on the lookout for more information coming from the WTA in the promotion of the Field Day. Our participation has been up at our first two golf meetings compared to the past few years and I hope this momentum continues throughout the rest of the year.

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Do you have a question for me? Do you need access to the Members Only portion of the website? Please contact me as needed so I can be of assistance. I will promptly reply back to emails sent to bgrams@wgcsa.com or feel free to call me at 920-643-4888. 🌱

### 2010 PAR4Research Auction Committee Members

**Dustin Riley (Chair), Bryan Bergner, Jon Canavan, Brett Grams, Mark Grundman, Mark Kienert,  
Ben Pease, Jake Schneider, and Stacy Solberg**

<b>Course Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>Superintendent</b>
Abbey Springs GC	Fontana	WI	David Smith
American Legion GG	Wausau	WI	Todd Clendening
Autumn Ridge Golf Course	Valders	WI	Chad Harrington
Bass Lake CC	Deerbrook	WI	Dave VanAuken
Blackhawk Country Club	Madison	WI	Chad Grimm
Brown Deer Park GC	Milwaukee	WI	Jon Canavan
Bull's Eye CC	Wisconsin Rapids	WI	Mark Kienert
Butte Des Morts CC	Appleton	WI	Steve Schmidt
Chenequa Country Club	Hartland	WI	Jim Shaw
Destination Kohler	Kohler	WI	Mike Lee
Drugan's Castle Mound	Holmen	WI	Mike Drugan
Eau Claire Golf and CC	Altoona	WI	John Granholt
Edgewood Golf Course	Big Bend	WI	Jeff Millies
Evergreen Golf Course	Elkhorn	WI	Bill Rogers
Fox Hollow Golf Course	LaCrosse	WI	Tim Chapman
Fox Valley Golf Club	Kaukauna	WI	Scott Bushman
Geneval National Golf Club	Lake Geneva	WI	Kevin Knudtson
Green Bay CC	Green Bay	WI	Marc Davison
Greenwood Hills CC	Wausau	WI	Scott Sann
Hidden Glen Golf Club	Cedarburg	WI	Scott Conley
Lauderdale Lakes GC	Elkhorn	WI	Chris White
Luck Golf Course	Luck	WI	Seth Peterson
Mascoutin Golf Club	Berlin	WI	Bruce Livingston
Mid Vallee Golf Course	Depere	WI	Pete VandeHey
Nakoma Golf Club	Madison	WI	Craig Haltom
North Brook Country Club	Luxemburg	WI	Dave Marach
North Hills Country Club	Menomonee Falls	WI	Randy Dupont
North Shore Country Club	Mequon	WI	Garret Luck
Oconomowoc Golf Club	Oconomowoc	WI	Dustin Riley
Old Hickory Golf Club	Beaver Dam	WI	Mike Lyons
Oneida Golf and CC	Green Bay	WI	Mark Storby
Oshkosh Country Club	Oshkosh	WI	Kris Pinkerton
Ozaukee Country Club	Mequon	WI	Colin Seaberg
PGA Championship	Sheboygan	WI	Does Not Apply
Prairie Woods Golf Course	Avalon	WI	Bryan Harbison
Rhineland Country Club	Rhineland	WI	Eric Eggman
Rolling Meadows Golf Course	Fond du Lac	WI	David Brandenburg
Sentryworld GC	Stevens Point	WI	Gary Tanko
Shamrock Heights	New London	WI	Corey Kluge
South Hills CC	Fond du Lac	WI	Jim VanHerwynen
Spooner Golf Club	Spooner	WI	Eric Ritter
Spring Brook Golf Club	WI Dells	WI	Dar Mor
Stoughton Country Club	Stoughton	WI	Mark Livingston
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The Club at Strawberry Creek	Kenosha	WI	Matt Kregel
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Trappers Turn Golf Club	Wisconsin Dells	WI	Dale Morrison
Trout Lake Golf Club	Arbor Vitae	WI	Randy Swonger
Tuckaway Country Club	Franklin	WI	Jim Poitz
Two Oaks North	Wautoma	WI	Jim Ryerson
Utica Golf Club	Oshkosh	WI	Dick Lidtke
Waupaca Country Club	Waupaca	WI	Jeff Barlow
Westmoor Country Club	Brookfield	WI	Jerry Kershasky
Westridge Golf Course	Neenah	WI	Tom Bottensek
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