

Another Year!

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Another year is coming to an end, bringing a sigh of relief to many of us. This year has certainly had its challenges. It has been one of the coldest springs on record, followed by one of the hottest July's, and then one of the driest Augusts, these extremes always seem to average each other out; however, I'm not sure what an average year is anymore especially with the unseasonal weather we seem to always experience.

WGCSA has also had a busy year. Between golf meetings, Par 4 Research Auction, Symposium, Hospitality Room, environmental regulation meetings, GCSAA leadership conference and delegates meeting, scholarship and research, all of the board members have been busy. I would encourage all of you to consider serving on the board at some point of your career, even if it is only for a two-year term. It is an exciting and rewarding experience to be involved in running a successful chapter such as the WGCSA.

At the fall business meeting, WGCSA announced it was able to contribute \$45,925 to scholarship and research for 2011. The Par 4 Research Auction raised \$10,350. Please help support the effort by donating now for the 2012 Par 4 Research Online Auction. Additional information and donation forms can be found on the website, www.wgcsa.com

The Legacy Scholars Program was developed to recognize outstanding students and offer educational aid to children, stepchildren and grandchildren of WGCSA members. Congratulations to this year's winners of a \$500 scholarship: Eden Schaller daughter of Scott Schaller from North Shore Golf Course, Kayla Brandenburg daughter of David Brandenburg from Rolling Meadow Golf Course, and Danielle Schuld daughter of Daniel Schuld from Por-

tage Country Club.

I would like to thank Mark Storby for his time served on the WGCSA board. Mark has served on the board for the last 4 years and has been a valuable asset. Mark was the secretary this year and served on the environmental and governmental regulations committees. I would also like to welcome our newest board member Aaron Hodges from University Ridge Golf Course. I am looking forward to hearing Aaron's perspective on upcoming events.

This years Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium (A.K.A. the Milorganite Symposium) was outstanding. I would like to thank Milorganite Division-MMSD for their years of support. Since the conception of the Symposium in 1966 Milorganite has always been the title sponsor. They aimed their sights high at providing WGCSA members with a quality, thought provoking event that adds value in helping Superintendents not only advance practices on their courses, but in the industry as a whole. Back in 1966, no one ever imagined that this conference would grow into the event that it has become, attracting notable speakers in golf and turf science from all over the world. They were instrumental in making the Symposium into what it is today.

If you were unable to attend this year Symposium, we would still like to hear your suggestions for next years event. Please contact me or one of the board members. Someone once said, "You can't be better at anything without something changing," and I believe this also holds true for events as well as organizations.

As the year comes to an end, take some to enjoy the holidays with family and friends. Relax, reflect, and recharge for it won't be long before spring is here!

