

## Summer Burnout

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This summer sure has been hot and dry for many of us. June was the 5th hottest and 6th driest on record, with July, August and September having a long range forecast that is very similar. Irrigation systems have been running at full capacity, providing you have enough water. Many irrigation ponds are no longer recovering and are very low. Non-irrigated turfgrass has become a fire hazard, while trees are also starting to show signs of stress along with the rest of us.

It's this time of the year we begin to wonder what else is going to go wrong and begin to question why did we become Superintendents? It becomes mentally difficult to stay focus, you start to feel a little burnt out and become less productive than you should be. We've all been there. Hang in there, for it won't be long before

Fall is here. And remember, your ability to adjust when things go wrong will often determine how far you can advance when things go right.

Upcoming events that are beneficial for curing summer burnout are, August 20th Golf Meeting with NGLGCSA at Lake Arrowhead in Nekoosa, September 17th The Wee One Fundraiser at Pine Hills CC in Sheboygan, October 1st the WTA Golf Fundraiser at Ozaukee CC in Mequon, and October 5th + 6th the Couples Weekend at Edgwood GC in Big Bend.

This year the GCSAA Board of Directors will be having their fall meeting here in Milwaukee. They will also be meeting with the WGCSA Board of Directors as well as playing golf in the Wee One Fundraiser. This is an exciting honor for our Chapter that GCSAA wants to meet here

in Wisconsin. I am looking forward to this event.

I would also like to thank Aron Hogden for his time served on the WGCSA Board of Directors. Aron had to resign since he is moving to South Dakota and will be pursuing his law degree. We wish Aron the best.

I would like to welcome Josh LePine from Maple Bluff CC to the Board. He will be serving out the remainder of Aron's term. Josh is a graduate of UW Madison and has been a member of WGCSA since 1993. Please congratulate Josh the next time you see him.

Good luck to everyone through the remainder of the summer and I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming events. But most of all, I am looking forward to our next rain day.



## WGCSA MISSION STATEMENT

The Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association is committed to serve each member by promoting the profession and enhancing the growth of the game of golf through education, communication and research.

## WGCSA VISION STATEMENT

The Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association is dedicated to increase the value provided to its members and to the profession by:

- Enhancing the professionalism of its members by strengthening our role as a leading golf organization in the state.
- Growing and recognizing the benefits of a diverse membership throughout Wisconsin.
- Educating and promoting our members as leaders in environmental stewardship.
- Offering affordable, high value educational programs at the forefront of technology and service.
- Being key to enjoyment and the economic success of the game of golf.