

Sizzling Summer News

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

Well once again Mother Nature has challenged many Superintendents in WI and beyond over the past few months. Central WI is abnormally dry but as of late we have been receiving some much needed rain but the droughty weather combined with the above normal temperatures has made keeping turf growing and healthy a challenge. While most of you have been keeping your irrigation systems running and your staffs manning the hoses I have had some interaction with the GCSAA on two timely issues.

As I write this update I have been in conversations with GCSAA President Sandy Queen, CGCS regarding the GCSAA's Fall Board Meeting. These meetings are held throughout the country and Mr. Queen has chosen our great state for this fall's meeting. Plans are in place for the GCSAA Board of Directors and CEO Rhett Evans to meet in WI over the weekend of September 15-17th. The tentative plans are to have meetings in the Milwaukee area over the weekend and then the en-

tire GCSAA BOD will be joining us in Sheboygan for the Wee One Fundraiser in Sheboygan. The national leadership is a welcome addition to the event and I hope you will consider joining us on September 17th for the Wee One. A great cause, a great golf course, all in the spirit of one of our own late members... Please support the event!

As most of you have heard by now the GCSAA has decided to take over and manage the Rounds 4 Research golf auction that was started by the Carolinas GCSA several years ago. As you know we benchmarked our own online golf auction Play a Round for Research after the R4Research efforts. All affiliated chapters have been asked and encouraged to join in the new national effort which will be spearheaded through the Environmental Institute for Golf, better known as the EIFG. Presently the WGCSA Board of Directors along with the PAR4 Research Committee is considering our options. We must weigh the Pros and Cons of joining forces with the R4Research Auction or

continue on our own. We are looking at total overhead costs, amount of exposure, marketing efforts, and timing of the auction. We also want to make sure that the donors of our past auctions has a say in the matter. Without the generous donations of our member clubs NO auctions are possible. In the coming weeks I will be providing more information to our existing donor clubs to gain feedback and opinions on what our final decision will be. Do you have an opinion on this decision? IF so I would enjoy hearing from you. Please give me a call at 920.643.4888 or bgrams@wgcsa.com

I hope that seasonal weather and adequate moisture are in the future forecasts! Most of you REALLY deserve it!

September 17th, Wee One at Pine Hills CC, Sheboygan - Host Rod Johnson

October 5th and 6th, Couples Weekend at Edgewood GC, Big Bend - Host Jeff and Nicole Millies

December 4th and 5th, WI Golf Turf Symposium, American Club, Kohler 

