

# EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Bremmer took home the consolation prize along with William Brown from Hartefeld National in Avondale, Pa. The winner of the contest was Chris Vincent, CGCS, The Reserve at Lake Keowee in South Carolina.

Bremmer and his staff produced a creative 5 minute video on the benefits of Daconil Action. The video is on You Tube and can easily found by simply searching for Mike's name at You Tube.

## Miscellany

I was a little skeptical when I received two articles on alternatives to the traditional game of golf. My first thought was our readers have no interest in that crazy stuff. I told myself we manage golf courses not funlands or miniature golf courses.

But when I thought about it I considered many country clubs offer tennis and pool along with par 3 layouts or putting only courses so is frisbee golf or foot golf that far fetched?

For some operators foot golf or frisbee golf may be a alternative revenue source or a alternative activity they can offer members or especially the children of members. It would be difficult to fit on the golf course itself but if extra space were avail-

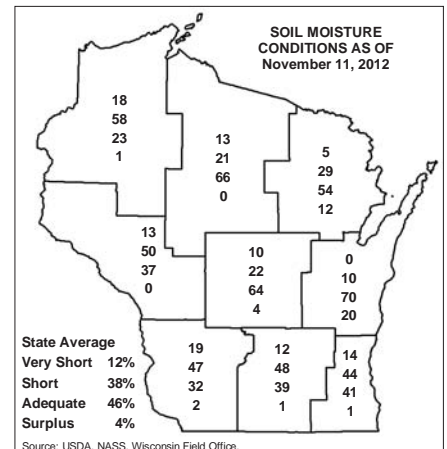
able it may be something you can implement at little cost for your members and customers.

If you have a TB200 Grooming Brush from SGM Industries or On Course check your serial numbers. The manufacture has lost contact with the local sales representative and would like to find out who has serial numbers 640, 647, 659, and 663, 664 in our area. There is not a recall the company just wants to know who has the units for future updates. If you have one of these units you can contact Jeff Scott of SGM at 630-688-5192.

From the United States Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service their latest labor report shows farm workers in the "lakes" region of Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota averaged \$12.01 per hour. It is hard for some golf courses to compete with that wage for regular laborers and equipment operators.

The service also reports that as of November 11th half the state has adequate soil moisture but the rest is either dry or very dry even after some of the fall rains.

Hopefully we will see some more soaking rains before the ground freezes and then a nice snow cover for the winter.



I hope many of you take advantage of the new format for the WTA Winter Expo and attend in person or through the webcast. Dr. Soldat covers that in a article on page 18.

The offseason or at least a slower season is upon us. A time to step away from the daily grind and plan for next year while looking back at the positives and negatives of 2012. Be sure to take time to give thanks to those important people in your life.

I offer thanks to all of you for reading this magazine and wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. 🌿

## Coming Events!

**Tue January 15th, Wisconsin Turfgrass Winter Expo at Pyle Center, Madison and Online.**

**Wed January 16th, Assistant Seminar at Whispering Springs GC, Fond du Lac**

**Wed February 6th, Wisconsin Hospitality Room at GIS 6-9 PM, Bootlegger, 804 Market St, San Diego, CA**

**Mon February 25th, Spring Business Meeting, Ramada Inn, Fond du Lac**

**Tue April 23rd, April Golf Meeting, Strawberry Creek, Kenosha**

**Mon May 6th, May Golf Meeting, North Hills CC, Mequon**

**Wed May 29th, Super/Pro, Fox Valley Golf Club, Kaukauna**

**Mon June 17th, WGCSA Tournament Meeting, South Hills CC, Fond du Lac**

**Tue July 30th, UW - Summer Field Day, OJ Noer Facility, Verona**

**Tue August 20th, Joint meeting w/NGL, Stevens Point CC, St. Point**

**Mon September 16th, Wee One, Pine Hills CC, Sheboygan**

**Sat October 5th, Couples Outing/Party, Wild Rock GC, WI Dells**

**Tues and Wed Dec 3rd-4th, Turfgrass Symposium, Location TBD**