

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Fall is Finally Here

By Jeff Millies, Certified Golf Course Superintendent, Edgwood Golf Course

It is official, as of September 22nd summer is over and fall has begun. This year has certainly had its challenges. With the mild winter, early spring, and a dry summer we all face many challenges thanks to Mother Nature. Irrigation systems were running at maximum capacity providing you had enough water and localized dry spots just kept popping up and wouldn't seem to end. At least rounds were up and mosquitoes were down.

WGCSA Board of Directors has also been busy. We had the honor of having The GC-SAA Board of Directors fall business meeting here in Milwaukee in conjunction with The WEE One. One of the meetings they facilitated was with our allied partners, GCOW, Wisconsin PGA, American Society of Golf Course Architects, and other special guests discussed the various industry efforts to grow, market, and advocate the game of golf here in Wisconsin. I believe industry leaders need to have joint meetings to collectively work together to help shape the future of golf. We are all faced with new challenges, and we can't solve new problems while using old ideas. GC-SAA recognizes the need for the industry as a whole to collaborate as our roles continue to expand.

GCSAA also meet with the WGCSA Board of Directors to discuss what they could do to help with our chapter needs. GCSAA re-

alizes that their success is dependent on our success. Their willingness to listen and help our chapter is truly appreciated.

As many of you have heard by now, Dr. Jim Kerns has accepted an offer to become the Turfgrass Pathologist at NC State which allows him to be closer to family. Dr. Kerns has been a tremendous asset to the UW Turfgrass Program and gifted speaker at many of our meetings. His talents will be missed here in Wisconsin, we wish him

well in his new adventure.

Upcoming events include the 47th Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium, December 4th-5th at the American Club in Kohler. This year's topic is, What's in Your Tank? Please plan on attending this year end event and network with fellow Superintendents.

It's been a long year and I hope everyone is having a great fall. See you at the Symposium.



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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.