

Summer and Fall Events For You To Enjoy

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

I know many of us were wondering if the Spring would ever arrive this year but the warmer weather finally came even though it was far later than average. I hope the nicer weather brought golfers to your facility and that your operations are running as planned. As I write this message it is late July and we can already see over the hill of summer into fall. The WGCSA – NGL Joint meeting at Stevens Point CC (host Supt. John Femal) on Tues August 20th is a great opportunity to help plan for fall snow mold applications. Dr. Paul Koch's presentation topic of "Around the World of Snow Mold in 60 Minutes" should be informative and worth the trip to central Wisconsin.

The fall is a favorite season for many of us. Fall colors, cooler temps, and hopefully a little less stress for you and your operations. Please consider attending the great events that are being planned. The Wee One Foundation continues to grow thanks to the support of our industry. The 10th Annual WI Wee One Outing will again be hosted by Rod Johnson, CGCS at Pine Hills CC in Sheboygan on September 16th. The WTA leaders have been planning the annual WTA Golf Fundraiser. For the first time in many years we have the opportunity to play the historic and prestigious Maple Bluff CC


on Monday September 23rd. WGCSA Board Member Josh LePine will be our host. Please consider taking a short get away with your spouse/significant other and join us and host Supt. Mike Blazich at Wild Rock GC at the Wilderness Resort in the WI Dells for the Couples Event on Friday/Saturday Oct. 5th-6th. We have modified the event and received special pricing so you can bring the family along if you like and still attend the Saturday AM golf event and attend the hospitality gathering in the afternoon. If you want to come the evening before and bring the kids please do so as we will have child supervision available on Saturday for the golf and the hospitality events. The final details will be finalized and available on the WGCSA Website shortly.

The Assistant Superintendents of the WGCSA have been planning an exciting and generous project. They will be building a new practice green at Monona GC in Madison over a series of weekends this fall. This ambitious effort will be a donation to The First Tee Project. Any members that want to learn more about green construction, drainage, or irrigation installation are welcome to participate. The project is being managed by the Assistants Committee so please contact Joe Sell at joseph.sell@kohler.com

for more information.

Any Class A, SM, C, AA members who have children, or grandchildren in college please consider having them apply for one of our three Legacy Scholarships. Details and application for the scholarship can be found on the News and Articles Page of our Website. Deadline is October 1st with winners being announced at the Turfgrass Symposium in December.

The final plans are also being planned for the WI Golf Turf Symposium. We will again head to The American Club in Kohler on Tues and Wed December 10th and 11th. This year's topic will be Extreme Turf Management. Details for the event will be sent out this fall and will also be available on the WGCSA website as they become available.

Should the WGCSA offer a member service that we are currently not offering? Do you have a question about your membership status? Have you moved or have a new phone number? Do you have a good idea for an Education Topic? Interested in hosting a monthly meeting? Please contact me, I will do my best to help you as I can. Thanks for being a member of the WGCSA, I look forward to seeing you at the fall events. 

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Eric Bucholz SM	Waushara Country Club	John Meyer E	Koch Agronomic Services
Bruce Buckert D	JW Turf Inc.	Jack Meyers C	North Shore Country Club
John Femal SM	Stevens Point Country Club	Scott Pace E	Rain Bird Services Corp.
Craig Filley SM	Nakoma Golf Club	Ted Reiersen C	Geneva National GC
Ryan Fritsch C	Northbrook CC	Josh Smith C	Milwaukee Country Club
Brad Gilbertson D	River Run Golf Club	Nicholas Strain D	Barenburg Seed
Chris Goeben D		Matthew Sullivan SM	Currie Golf Course, Milwaukee County Parks
Brennen Herther C	Oconomowoc Country Club	Eric Swenson D	
Brian Holz SM	Crystal Springs Golf Club	Andrew Thompson D	Davenport Country Club
Benjamin LaBarre SM	Legends at Bristlecone Pines	Mark Wallace D	Western Lakes Golf Course
Joel Larsen C	Milwaukee Country Club	Brett Ziegler E	ProGro-Solutions
James McAdam SM	Rolling Hills Golf Club		