

# EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

With the late spring and cool fall leaves seemed to hang on later than normal so we are hoping for a few decent days without snow to mulch leaves, mark drains but I am not sure this snow is ready to melt.

The days to spray winter fungicides in November were few and far between because of wind and rain or the masses of golfers trying to get in one more round on the couple nice days. I was glad we were able to finish before the snow fell.

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The days to play golf in 2013 were interfered with by Mother Nature. In Fond du Lac our season was 226 days. 41 less than 2012 and 20 less than the 4 year average.

Disappointingly we had only 163 golf playable days (45-105 degrees and less than .25" rain) which was 52 less than 2012 and 31 less than our 4 year average.

Not only did our season start later than normal on April 8th we basically tread water for 63 non-playable days.

It is likely payments from Imprellis herbicide damage have helped a lot of golf courses survive and make investments in their

properties over the past few years.

Nationally golf has a turned a corner economically but there are still areas that struggle due to less participation, rising costs and increased competition. In the past 12 months there have been at least 4 major courses throughout the state sold at a substantial discount after being foreclosed on by banks.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	Average
March	13	0	13	0	7
April	24	15	24	11	18
May	26	27	25	20	25
June	25	23	29	20	24
July	25	23	29	27	26
August	29	29	28	29	29
September	27	23	30	25	26
October	22	23	24	23	23
November	15	12	13	8	12
December	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>204.25</b>	<b>174.5</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>189</b>

<b>DAYS OPEN</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>246</b>
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## Coming Events!

Tues and Wed Dec 10th-11th, Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium, American Club, Kohler

Tuesday January 14th, WTA Turfgrass Research Day, Pyle Center, Madison

Feb 2-7, Golf Industry Show, GCSAA Conference, Orlando FL

Wednesday February 5th, Golf Industry Show Wisconsin Room 6-9pm, Brickhouse Tap, Orlando, FL

Wednesday February 17th, Assistants Seminar, Whispering Springs GC, Fond du Lac

Monday March 3rd, WGCSA Spring Business Meeting, South Hills CC, Fond du Lac

Wednesday March 5th, Northern Great Lakes Spring Symposium, Wausau (Hospitality on March 4th.)

Tuesday April 22nd, April Golf Meeting, Strawberry Creek, Kenosha

Monday May 12th, May Golf Meeting, West Bend CC, West Bend

Wednesday May 28th, Super/Pro, Fox Valley GC, Kaukauna

Monday June 23rd, WGCSA Tournament Meeting, Brown Deer GC, Milwaukee

Tuesday July 29th, UW - Summer Field Day, OJ Noer Facility, Verona

Tuesday August 11th, Joint meeting w/Northern Great Lakes Chapter, Brown County GC, Green Bay

Monday September 15th, Wee One Fundraiser, Pine Hills CC, Sheboygan

To Be Determined by WTA, WTA Fundraiser

Saturday October 4th, Couples Outing/Party, Wild Rock GC, WI Dells

Tues and Wed Dec 9th-10th, Turfgrass Symposium, American Club, Kohler