

Thank You To Our Supporters!

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

Well I admit I have been spoiled by the recent warmer and longer falls of the past few years. So far the end of October and all of November have been quite cold, windy and wet. Every time I had plans to get away to woods for some hunting or in the yard to do some leaf clean up I was faced with less than ideal weather conditions. I hope all you had better luck with getting your fall projects completed than I did!

As most of you are winding down your golf maintenance season now is the time to start preparing for next year. The 2014 WGCSA Calendar has been completed. (Page 44) I am excited about our meeting sites for the season. We have a combination of familiar venues and other courses that we have not been to for quite a few years. I want to extend a big thank you to Scott Bushman who works diligently to confirm these sites many months in advance. The Education Committee is now working on bringing in speakers and identifying timely topics for our monthly speakers. I am happy to report


that Education Chair Kevin Knudtson has confirmed Dr. Nick Christians from Iowa State for our March 3rd Spring Business Meeting. This will be a great way to start off the education sessions for next year. In the coming weeks we will have the complete education topics and offerings for the upcoming year completed.

I am also happy to report that the 2014 WI Room at the GIS in Orlando, FL will be held Wednesday evening February 5th. Thanks to the continued and generous support of our Industry Partners we will again be hosting a complimentary evening for WGCSA members from 6 to 9 PM at the Brickhouse Tavern and Tap right on International Drive (down the street from the Convention Center).

This time of year is always a good time to review the past season and the WGCSA Leaders would like to thank all of the membership who attended our monthly meetings and educational events. We also would like to give special thanks to the vendor companies and Industry Partners who graciously support our association

and efforts. We simply could not provide all the meetings, educational events and of course this great magazine without their input and support! Please consider the sponsors of our association in your purchasing decisions. Please take the time to thank the companies that support us, let them know you are aware of this support when you can!

Good things continue happen throughout the state including UW Madison where we have just received a request for funding some new research. The WGCSA Board of Directors will be addressing these and other funding requests as we prepare our annual budget. I hope all of you will be able to attend the Fall Business Meeting that precedes our Turf Symposium in Kohler. Elections, budget approval, and other important chapter decisions are decided at this meeting. I hope you can attend and add ideas and provide feedback.

In closing I hope each member can spend some quality time with family and friends during the holidays. Take a break, you deserve it! 

WGCSA MISSION STATEMENT

The Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association is committed to serve each member by promoting the profession and enhancing the growth of the game of golf through education, communication and research.

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.