

Summer Has Gone Again

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Some summers go fast and others go really fast. This one I would say went really really fast. This is probably tied into the spring we never had followed by a wet and cool beginning to summer. The weather maps on page 40 show most of us were cooler and wetter for the past 30 days.

Beyond that summer provided some great grass growing conditions along with dollar spot growing conditions. We achieved good disease control where we treated but in our rough and especially the "first cut" of rough we have dollar spot on our dollar spot. Temperatures and dew points were just perfect to start leaf wetness at dusk and extend it late into the morning allowing the pathogen to thrive.



Tom Schaller, Retired Superintendent of Northbrook Count Club in June, 2003 as host of a WGC-SA meeting. (The Grass Roots File Photo)

Sadly we have to pass along longtime WGCSA member Tom Schaller passed away at the age of 76 on June 13th. Tom was the Golf Course Superintendent of Northbrook Country Club for 37 years retiring in 2007.

Tom got his start in the golf business working with his dad Hans and brother Fritz at Shorewood Country Club. Readers can look up Tom's history in Volume XXX Issue 3, May/June 2001 of *The Grass Roots* at the Turfgrass Information File.

When Hans and Fritz built Northbrook Country Club in Luxemburg in 1969 Tom stayed on as Golf Course Superintendent until his retirement.

Tom's nephew (Fritz son) Scott Schaller is the current superintendent at North Shore Country Club in Menasha.

Grants including a \$1,500 grant to Jacob Schaller, son of Scott and Joan Schaller. Jacob will attend UW Madison and major in business.

The grant was established in honor of Garske the founder of Par Aide company and is funded by Par Aide and administered by the Environmental Institute For Golf, the philanthropic organization of the GCSAA.

The program assists children of GCSAA members to fund their educations. The grants are based on community service, leadership, academic performance and a written essay. Congratulations Jacob!



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