

## May Meeting At West Bend Country Club

By David Brandenburg, Golf Course Manager, Rolling Meadows Golf Course

Jeff Gibson of Water Well Solutions was on hand to present “Maximizing Efficiency Of Wells, Pumps and Controls. Jeff provided a informative talk on regular maintenance to allow pumps and motors to run efficiently to allow for a longer life. Just like cars pumps and motors need regular service to avoid catastrophic untimely failure.

When a minor loss of flow is detected a bowl and impeller can easily be restored to “like” new specifications. However if the parts are allowed to deteriorate beyond repair, replacement can be costly.

Well maintenance can be hard to get grasp of as we operators never see the actual well. A well should be rehabilitated before it has a 20% loss in specific capacity.

Gibson also discussed the causes and cures of decreasing water flow including new technology in Air Bursting.

As Jeff was finishing up and our thoughts were turning to lunch and golf the skies turned black and opened up a 3/4” deluge of rain in a short time. As we looked out the

clubhouse windows we saw a course white with rain water. Rivers flowed down the 9th and 18th holes during the storm.

As attendees were making plans for early returns home after lunch host superintendent Bruce Worzella announced we would wait an hour re-group and play 9 holes. I for one did not believe him, but I was proven wrong.

As the rain stopped we loaded our clubs and headed out to a amazingly dry golf course. In our 9 holes I saw one puddle in the grass and one in a bunker.

With 30 plus years of service at West Bend Country Club Worzella showed he knew the property and how well it drains.

Set on Kettle Moraine glacial till soils West Bend Country Club was designed by Langford and Moreau in 1930 with a second 9 designed by David Gill in 1960. Given the limited ability to move soil in the 1930’s West Bend is a incredible layout with steep banks and deep bunkering.


According to the West Bend Country Club website William Langford would

build greens with a steam shovel to make a big pile of dirt on the green pad. Then he simply scraped off the top. He let the dirt fall at its natural angle of repose, creating those steep sides.

Then workers would rake out the banks and hazards by hand giving his courses a very natural flowing look.

Bruce Worzella started at West Bend CC in 1979 after time spent at The Ridges and Bulls Eye both near his hometown of Wisconsin Rapids. Not only has Bruce worked at the club for going on 35 years he has lived on the course with his wife Mary raising their three children Beth, Marci and Michael.

Bruce served on the WGCSA board starting in 1984 and as Chapter President in 1992 and 1993. After his presidency he did not disappear but stayed active in the industry serving on the Golf Turf Symposium Committee and Wee One Foundation.

Bruce is looking forward to retirement at the end of the season and moving north a bit to relax and enjoy life with Mary. 



**Host Superintendent Bruce Worzella with GCSAA Director John Fulling. Fulling was on hand to congratulate Bruce on his years of service to the industry and West Bend Country Club.**



**The Par 3 eighth hole shows some of the slopes and banks Langford’s design features.**

Thank you to our hosts Rick Weiterman, Burce Worzella and Brian Bonlander



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**Above: The Par 5 Third Hole Has A Challenging Green**

**Middle: Mark Robel Hits His Approach Shot**

**Below: Jeremy Dahl Drives On Hole 9**



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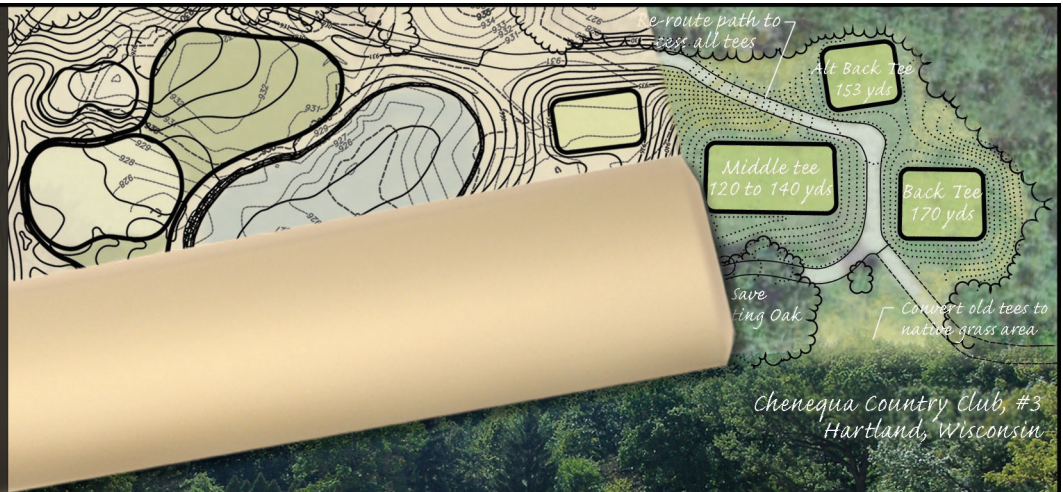
Above: Speaker Jeff Gibson Presented Information On Maximizing Efficiency Of Our Pumpstations.

Right: "Partners" Donated By The Family of Dr. Robert Dunlop welcomes players to the first and tenth tees.



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