

Fall News and Updates

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

As I am writing it is late September, the weather is seasonal, and the colors of fall are coming on very strong. This might be my favorite time of the year and I hope you can take advantage of the awesome weather in getting the many fall to do's completed before winter sets in.

I am also hopeful that you were able to attend some of the great golf events that our industry hosts. The last of the WGCSA Education/Golf meetings was in August at newly renovated Brown County Golf Course. Rain was a factor for that meeting and also the annual Wee One outing at Pine Hills. The always fun WTA outing at University Ridge and the Couples Event at the Wild Rock GC in the WI Dells rounded out the busy end to our golf events for the year. Please continue to support or consider supporting all of these events as they are only successful with good attendance!

September and October are the months when I begin working diligently with the WGCSA Board of Directors and leaders in planning for next year. This year's planning is again important as we have several

significant and important things that will that will impact our decisions will be addressing. Current President Chad Harrington is concluding his second year of leadership. Thankfully Chad will remain on the board as Immediate Past President


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but Vice President Jim VanHerwynen is already focusing on the future as the gavel is passed to him. Along with the leadership change at the board level we will also be implementing the long range master planning session that all WGCSA Board members conducted in March of this year. Revisions to the Mission and Vision Statement along with continued focus on member services is leading us to conduct an important member survey. If you have not already received the online survey you soon will. It is very important for you as a valued member to take a few minutes and

provide feedback and your input to the survey. This data will allow the board and committees to focus on issues and conduct events and meetings that the membership wants. Please help your association and its leaders by providing your feedback. I assure you that the data you provide will be used to make the WGCSA offerings and service better for the members. It is also important to note the 2015 will mark our 85th anniversary as the association representing and educating our states hard working superintendents.

The other important news that some of you may not yet know is that our current Immediate Past President Jeff Millies has decided to run for the GCSAA Board of Directors. The WGCSA has had a number of members participate with various national committees but it has been decades since we have had a member run for the GCSAA Board. Jeff has spent considerable time and service with his leadership to our chapter and several national committees. He is also involved with his local area government as his township supervisor. Please join me in supporting Jeff's ambition in taking his leadership to the GCSAA Board. I had the pleasure of working with Jeff on the board since I became Chapter Manager and I can assure all members that if Jeff is afforded this opportunity he will make us all proud and represent our diverse membership at the national level.

Do you have ideas for meeting sites? Are you willing to take a turn to host a meeting in 2015? Do you have a request for a certain speaker or topic for one of our meetings? Please feel to contact me or any board members if you have ideas, suggestions, or want to provide any and all feedback.

Please enjoy the fall and the conclusion of the 2014 golf season and I look forward to seeing many of you at our 49th Annual Golf Symposium at the American Club on Dec. 3rd and 4th in Kohler. 



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