

to come up with some ideas to improve the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Al Vrana, CGCS
President

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FROM THE GOLF COMMITTEE:

A 1976 record turnout of 56 golfers were on hand for our August meeting at North Shore-Menasha. Host superintendent Ralph Heckel had his golf course in fine shape for our members.

Ray Mertens won the long drive contest, Mack Meidam and Gil Bergdoll were the closest to the pins on two par 3's. President Al Vrana wins low gross honors with a 79.

To date I have received only 20 cards for our joint meeting on September 20 at McHenry Country Club. The September 1 deadline is quickly approaching. Let's get with it!

Handicaps have been completed and will be posted at our next meeting at Milwaukee Country Club on September 13.

A great day has been planned by Host superintendent Dan Quast. Please fill out the enclosed form and return it as soon as possible. See you at Milwaukee.

Bill Douglass,
Chairman

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Editorial By Dan Quast

Professionalism was the topic discussed by Charle Tadge the speaker at the August meeting, but did we show it?

Going to a club without tee times and cart reservations in advance is about as unprofessional as it comes. At the rate we are going, we will not be welcome at any club in a few years.

If you walked out of your shop and saw 60 people standing on the first tee, you just know that you have some hay shakers on your hands and probably at that very instant move all tee markers 40 feet off the front of the tees. Is this not what the circumstances at our last meeting were?

We want people to respect our profession, but how can they when we come on the way we came on at North Shore-Menasha.

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so should the people who play there. Guest owe it to their host and people in our profession, so closely related to country club ways should know better. If you do not think this is a real problem, then you are just fooling yourselves.

I wish solutions to all problems were as easy as this one. We should do away with lunch and have only dinner. See if we can have a time blocked off and then have the member of our association call and reserve a tee time or at least have enough time blocked off as not to have everyone teeing off at the same time.

Realizing there are alot of resort courses in our state, I feel good judgement must be exercised in dining room apparel.

When attending any country club, coats and ties should be worn. This can only help the image we give the host clubs. If we do not show professionalism at the country club it may come back to haunt all of us.

It's time to wake up. Professionals we are and we

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should come on that way to all who come in contact with us and our organization.

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SYMPOSIUM UPDATE By Jim Latham

To Be or Not to Be
(or Poa Annua)

The unmentioned name above has brought more grief to Golf Course Superintendents than all the bugs, weeds, disease and yes, Jim Holmes nematodes, man has ever considered.

But the 11th Annual Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium will propose that you, pet, pamper and promote the beast. Some feel that more good turf has been damaged trying to get rid of Poa Annua than saved by killing it.

So here is the program. Management of Poa Annua. Not necessarily to promote it - just keep it under control. At this writing, all the speakers have not been contacted but we have an excellent beginning. Here are the speakers already committed.

Bill Burdick: Golf Course Superintendent, Canterbury Golf Club, Cleveland, Ohio.

Bill is involved in a long range program of cultural operations to aid in promotion of the strongest and best

turf without kill and/or cure management.

Dr. Ralph Engel: Rutgers University

Dr. Engel is one of the most experienced researchers anywhere in Poa Annua Control methods. For instance, he was field testing Endothal 20 years ago. He knows of the successes and failures of control programs and reasons for the preservation and prevention of cruelty to Poa Annua.

Anthony L Grasso: Hawthorne, N. Y.

Tony has been in the turf field longer than he likes to remember in Metro New York. He's been watching the Hyperodes weevil kill Poa Annua and the price New Yorkers paid to kill the weevil. He also has watched poa annua die from

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bad programs of fertilizing, fungicides and herbicides. It will be a delight to have him share all this with us on the up coming program.

Dr. Vaughan Holyoke: University of Maine

Dr. Holyoke is from the Rutgers program and is working in home country for Poa Annua. The weather, acid soils and budget problems make care of Poa Annua necessary. He has done a great deal of research on the subject and will discuss the many varieties of Poa Annua.

Milton Wiley: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Milt has worked at almost every job in golf turf management - from peddler to superintendent. He's going

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to disclose some of the problem our neighbors to the North incurred last Spring in a Poa Goa happening and some guesses as to how, why and how to prevent a recurrence.

Bob Williams: Golf Course Superintendent, Bob O' Link Club, Highland Park, Ill.

Bob has probably tries more management programs on golf courses than anyone in the Mid West. Bob is the one that has cut into the Poa Annuia population the most. He will share his successes and failures on his road to an apparent victory.

There are more prominent people on our list but no finalization has yet been made although the subject is a little odd the out come will be as always, producing the best playing conditions for the most people for the longest period of time.

(More To Come)

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Our next meeting is at the Milwaukee Country Club on Monday, September 13, 1976. Due to the potential amount of people that could show up for this meeting, we find it necessary to limit golf to 72 people and dinner to 90. Those members who have been in regular attendance at all our meetings this year will receive top priority, then A and B members in that order. The largest golf attendance to date has been 56 so hopefully there will not be any problems with this.

Promptly at 1 o'clock there will be a Shot Gun Start. You must have a foursome. Please mail enclosed form with cart money (\$4.68 per person) \$18.72 for two carts in the enclosed envelope. Drinks will be available for purchase in the locker room from 5 to 6PM. Cocktails and Hors D'oeuvres from 6 to 7PM and dinner at 7PM.

Coats and ties are a must in the dining room. Anyone not compling to this club rule will not be admitted.

Our speaker is Frank Hannigan, Assistant Director of the United States Golf Association. Mr. Hannigan holds the second highest position in the largest golf organization in the world. His presentation will be re-warding and it is a rare honor to have Mr. Hannigan as a speaker.

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