

WILL THE WGCSA EVER LEARN

By Dennis Willms
West Bend Country Club

I have been a member of the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association for four years and cannot believe the lack of professionalism or lack of self pride that this association projects.

The displays of knit picking and harassment that goes on at our meetings is unbelievable. I have been a member of three different state organizations and ours is a poor example.

We have come a long way from caretakers and green-keepers to golf course superintendents. We have worked hard to make ourselves professionals and to upgrade our profession.

Some of the members believe that we are trying to be progressive, that's not so! We're trying to get out of the 1950's, for times have changed. Our profession is constantly being looked upon by club officials and members, the news media and the public. If our organization continues down it's present road, soon we will find it extremely hard to use some club facilities for a meeting.

Bluemound Country Club hospitality was outstanding, as was the clubhouse and golf course.

However, I had the misfortune, along with many others,

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of having club officials as guest to witness the proceedings of our meeting.

The display of unprofessionalism showed us as being backwards and ignorant. We're not! We are professionals and need to act like ones.

I was very embarrassed as I am sure were others. So, are we going to allow it to happen again?

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TURF MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

- 8:00 A.M. -
- 9:00 A.M. - Registration and Coffee
- 9:00 A.M. - Welcome -
Wayne D. Otto, CGCS, President
Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association
- 9:15 A.M. - Keeping Your Head on Straight During Stress
Carl D. Koutsky, M.D.
Klamath Falls, Oregon
- 10:15 A.M. - Professionalism at Its Best
George M. Kozelnicky, Professor
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- 11:00 A.M. - Pride in Our Profession



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11:45 A.M. - Lunch and Special Presentations

AFTERNOON SESSION - OCTOBER 26

2:00 P.M. - Personnel and Budget Management
Hobart T. Burgan, CGCS, Superintendent
Quail Creek Country Club
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

3:00 P.M. - Break

3:30 P.M. - Preplanning Club Dues Structure
Jerry Soape, Green Committee Chairman
Old Hickory Golf and Country Club
Hermitage, Tennessee

4:00 P.M. - Operations Management on a Preplanned Income
Harold Eller, General Manager
Old Hickory Golf and Country Club
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4:30 P.M. - Questions, Comments and Discussion

5:00 P.M. - Cocktails and Conversation

MORNING SESSION - OCTOBER 27

- 9:00 A.M. - International Golf Promotion at the Grass Roots
P.J. Boatwright, Jr., Executive Director
United States Golf Association
Far Hills, New Jersey
- 10:00 A.M. - Break
- 10:30 A.M. - Promoting Public Golf My Way
Dan Uzelac, Owner
Dominion Golf Club
Windsor, Ontario
- 11:00 A.M. - The Superintendent as a Public Relations Expert
Robert M. Williams, Superintendent
Bob O'Link Golf Club
Highland Park, Illinois
- 11:45 A.M. - Questions, Comments and Discussion
- Adjournment at End of Discussion Period



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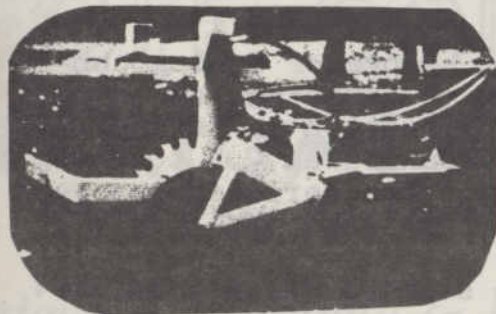
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PROBLEMS OF A NEW JOB

By Harry Schuemann
Racine Country Club

In 1972 the Racine Country Club decided upon a master improvement plan of the golf course, which included building of six complete new golf holes, six water hazards, and automatic irrigation (on the new holes). Packard Inc., of LaGrange, Illinois was called upon for the design.

The spring of 1973 construction was started. The greens were constructed from 70% sand, 10% best available topsoil from the site, and 20% of approved peat. The tees were constructed the same. Fairways are clay, topsoil was brought in but was lost due to river flooding. C-15 stolons were obtained from Warren's Nursery for the greens. The tees were seeded to Penncross, fairways were



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seeded to Highland and Astoria Bent. The roughs were seeded to a mixture of Common, Park, Fylking Kentucky Bluegrass, and Pennlawn Red Fescue.

The irrigation system installed was Toro Hydraulic, normally open.

Toward the end of the construction things were being rushed, the reason was that the contractor was going bankrupt, thus leaving the new area in an undesirable state. The maintenance staff had to maintain the existing golf course plus repair and finish what was left in the aftermath, without increasing the staff. The new area was not open for play until the spring of 1976. This new development sat for one year after completion hoping for maturing and more rough edges to be smoothed out.

I arrived in April, 1976, to sick greens, heavily thatched tees and thin fairways, also in time to open new holes May 15th.

A soil test had not been taken before or during construction. This was the first step my assistant and I did. The tests came back revealing the information we needed. Soil ph on the greens were 7.9, tee range was 7.5 to 7.9, the fairways ranged from 7.2 to 7.5. The deficiencies were P, K, Mn, and Mg.

To amend our problems we have started these programs:

To bring the ph down to our desired level we have applied Sulfur - 5 lbs. to a 1000 sq.ft. spring and fall and fairways 200 lbs. to the acre once in the spring.

P. - 1 lb. of P_2O_5 to 1000 sq.ft. once a year and 200 lbs. to the acre for fairways in the spring.

K. - 5 lbs. of K_2SO_4 to 1000 sq.ft. spring and fall on greens and 100 lbs. to the acre for fairways.

Mg. - Spring 2 applications of $MgSO_4$ 2.5 lbs. same application in the fall for greens.

Mn. - 4 applications of Nitrogen Plus for correction, May, June, August and September at 1.5 lbs. to 1000 sq.ft. each application.

We will continue to take soil tests every year until we have obtained the balance I feel is correct. Then tests will be taken as needed.

In one full growing season and half of this one, our programs are working very successfully. With continued regular maintenance programs we are heading in the right direction for pleasurable conditions for our membership.

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FROM THE GOLF COMMITTEE:

Our July meeting at Bluemound was the largest of the year. Large numbers for our meetings are great; but it's even better when the host club can anticipate and prepare properly for our members. This was not the case at Bluemound. Over 70 played golf when 47 were signed up in advance, and nearly 90 people had dinner when we had reservations for 64. A situation such as that is an embarrass-

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