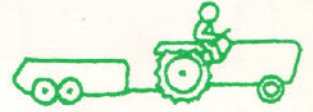




SPREADING THE BREEZE



By Rod Johnson & Mike Semler

We're back on the back page after a one issue absence. The summer months do get hectic and we were just too busy to write and all of you were probably too busy to read it anyway. We'll make up for it this issue with lots of breeze and a couple of shots straight from the hip.

Our monthly meeting schedule keeps rolling along. Seems only a couple of weeks ago that we were freezing our rasters off at Tumblebrook.

Our July meeting was held at Waupaca Country Club with a small but enthusiastic group. Where the Hank was everyone! For those who were not there, **Don Peterson** who was our host for the day provided super weather and an excellent golf course. Maybe some of you didn't know there was a golf course in Waupaca, its only been there for 73 years! Quality? Waupaca C.C. was recently voted in the top 5 nine hole courses in the Great Lakes Region. Enough said. Thanks Donny for a great day!

A side story on one WGCSA member's trip home from Waupaca. Member's name has been left out to protect the innocent and the writer. I keep getting myself in trouble.

It seems the fore-unnamed member was on his way home from Waupaca when a bolt of lightning jarred his memory, reminding him that it was his wedding anniversary. He knew that if he returned home without a card and gift, it was all over. Luckily just ahead was a Cheese and Gift Shop, so our name-less member pulled his full sized green pick-up truck over.

Frantically browsing, No-Name came across a nice selection of music boxes. Mrs. No-Name had always had a soft spot for music boxes so the search had ended. A quick try of a pretty little blue box really sold the deal. When the lid was opened a perfect rendition of "the Anniversary Waltz" played happily. Perfect? Yes, but remembering Mrs. No-Name hated the color blue, our pal grabbed the red music box next to the blue one and headed for home and marital Bliss. I

would have loved to see the look on the Mrs.' face when she opened the lid of the red music box to hear the old favorite "The Old Gray Mare, She Ain't What She Used To Be."

It sure is good to see **Admiral Jeff Bottensek** back up and around after a nasty boating accident. Jeff seems to be playing a little more golf these days which is bad news for **Bill Roberts'** billfold.

Congratulations to **Bruce Worzella** and his staff on superb conditions for the WSGA Amateur Championship. Nothing but rave reviews for West Bend Country Club. Former West Bender, **Skip Willms** is host of this year's State Open (History by the time you read this). Mercy in the form of rain may save Wisconsin's so-called "finest golfers."

Our August meeting was held at Watertown C.C. Great weather, great golf course, more people in attendance. **Ron Gruenwald** was our host for the day. The hospitable people at Watertown C.C. put their best foot forward for our group and it showed. Gene Frank and his Pro Shop staff were the best and the restaurant staff provided meals second to none. Robert Huppertz was our speaker and was exceptional. Yes, the whole thing was put together perfectly. Too bad our entire memberships' behavior doesn't deserve the same acclamations. You know who you are and you've got this coming. It is the utmost in disrespect to leave the meeting before the speaker has finished and spend your time at the bar. Believe me, our speakers don't do it for the money. We send them home with a small token and hopefully a newly formed respect for our profession. Some people who stayed in the room need a 2 X 4 to the back of the head. If you're so tired that you can't stop nodding off, go sleep on the hood of your car and if your fingernails need trimming please do it elsewhere. It seems the planned casual atmosphere of some meetings leads to the behavior of first graders. Enough said.

Our September meeting is set for Thursday the 25th at the country club of Beloit. Watch the day of the week here guys, that's **Thursday** not Mon-

day. I'll bet someone will show up (without pre-registering) on Monday.

Donny Feger has graciously accepted hosting this meeting on short notice. Donny has been around C.C. of Beloit for 17 years and is one of those WGCSA regulars. We look forward to the trip, and remind everyone to wish Donny a happy birthday; it will be Donny's 34th that day. Our evening speaker will be **Dr. Wayne Kussow**, Department of Soil Science, UW—Madison, speaking on Fall Fertilization.

Two other WGCSA golf events will be left for October. **Pat Norton** will be hosting his second meeting in three years. This time we will be at Cherokee in Madison. Pat seems to have taken up permanent resident at Cherokee, having recently purchased a home. For a guy who used to have roots as deep as *Poa annua* in August, this is quite a step! **Bob Lohmann** will be our speaker, addressing the topic of Bunker Design and Construction.

Pat Norton and Mike Semler are the ones to thank for organizing and running this year's meetings to perfection. Let's all thank them by showing up at Cherokee, pre-registered and prepaid!

Dinner Dance is set for October 17th and 18th at the Mead Inn, Wisconsin Rapids. Details will be out soon. Couples golf event will be held at Bulls Eye, **Mark Kienert** hosting.

Enough is enough. My poison pen is running dry.

