

Spreading the Breeze

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October's cooler than normal temperatures (and the ground covered with not so fluffy stuff) has brought to realization that the year most of us would like to forget is coming to an end. There is a contrast in personal feelings as the air compressor pushes the last spurts of water out of the pipes for the year. How truly amazing it is that the same heads "stick on" during the draining process were guaranteed "hang ups" during Phythium time. The temptation is to take a sledge hammer to the buzzards and order a new valve for spring installation. Damn Frost!

Before the golfing season becomes nothing more than a blank in our S.T.M., it is appropriate to acknowledge and thank our 1987 WGCSA monthly meeting hosts; Mana Tak to **Bruce Schweiger**, Janesville Riverside — **Ric Lange** Reedsburg Country Club — **Paul Delfosse**, Brown County — **Bill Rogers**, Lake Wisconsin Country Club, (where've you been since you got married?) — **Mark Kienert**, Bulls Eye Country Club — **Glen Gerth**, Mascoutin Golf Club — and **Woody and Gary Huenerberg**, Deer Run Golf Club. Thanks also to the **West Bend Worzella's** for hosting the Couple's Golf Event during the Dinner Dance Weekend and congratulations on your successful defense of the Mr. & Mrs. Moe Title.

With an average attendance of 80 or so "Bud's" at this year's meetings, a descriptive phrase would be "Quality Time".

We still need sites for our 1988 meetings or it will be Quality Time on a Bi-monthly basis. The months of May, July, and September are up for grabs. If you haven't hosted a meeting in a while, (it's been 10 years plus for some of our frequent attendees), please consider next year. If you are part of the Tenure Group, please don't even think of complaining about the geographic distribution of our meetings.

Hats off and salutations to WGCSA members **Tom Harrison**, **Jerry Kershasky** and **Ray Knapp** for their roles in hosting Wisconsin's "Big Three" golf tournaments: The State Amateur, The State Open and The Greater Milwaukee Open, respectively. These events were held on courses that were in perfect playing condition despite less than perfect weather conditions. Furthermore, hats off to each and

everyone of us who prepared our courses for an event or even day to day play working with or against Mother Nature. I'm not sure if it was more against or with a lot of both.

Gary Monfre, WGCSA Associate Member, and no stranger to the Winner's Circle, scored a "Hole-In-One" while participating in the State Amateur at Maple Bluff. The "Ace" allowed Monfre to survive the 36 hole cut by one stroke. Rather than the traditional round of free drinks associated with a Hole-In-One, Gary has suggested a free E-Z Go utility vehicle for all WGCSA members.

Two highly successful Wisconsin Turfgrass Association Golf Outings were held this fall. Over \$10,000 was raised at outings hosted by **Mike Semler**, Cherokee Country Club and **A. Jeff Bottensek**, Stevens Point Country Club. Monies from these events will be directed towards the O.J. Noer Center for Turfgrass Research. In the words of Bottensek, "It has been and remains to be our intention to be able to do something about the future of the game of golf and the turfgrass industry specifically by raising funds for the O.J. Noer Center. As you know, we need this facility in order to secure the integrity of our industry and its related services and functions". Well done, Jeff and Mike. We share your enthusiasm.

Enough Golf!

At last writing we reported that two WGCSA couples were still awaiting their visit from the stork. Well the stork never showed, but alternatives brought the desired results. **Ed and Mary Witowski** had the pleasant surprise of finding a little girl in their backyard cabbage patch. I guess the use of Lesco Elite fertilizer on the garden paid off. In the second happy ending, **Megan Norton** arrived to **Pat and Sue** after a short 47 minute Northwest flight and thankfully landed flaps-up. Pat further reports that his Uncle Ralph is so pleased that he has set up a Trust Account for Megan's honeymoon.

Speaking of honeymoons, **Scott Schaller** will be spending his in Cancun during the second week of November. This writer only hopes that Scott can handle the Mexican food better than he handles Quit Qui Oc chili.

Just a few blocks away from home, change is the name of the game over in Kohler. Formally referred to as River Run, the Kohler Company has officially named its golf course Blackwolf Run. Blackwolf is the name of an Indian Chief whose tribe inhabited the area that the golf course is built on. The tribe has been gone quite some time, but Chief Blackwolf was quite a golfer legend has it, carrying a 7 handicap at a nearby private club. **Don Clemans** has left Blackwolf and is selling Scotts Fertilizer in Portland, Oregon. **Marc Davison** has assumed the duties of Golf Course Superintendent. Marc reports that all seed is in the ground and the first 18 holes are scheduled for an opening in early June. Additional holes are planned for the complex with the rough grading of nine more holes already well on its way.

Not only has Marc taken over as Golf Course Superintendent, but the recent addition to the family has led to their purchase of a station wagon. Laurie reports that she has every intention of filling every seat in the nine passenger vehicle.

This edition marks the end of our fearless leader's term in office. We are all indebted to **Bill Roberts** for the strides we have all made on a State and National level during the last two years. The intelligence, leadership abilities and professionalism that are Bill's will lead him to all of his future goals. We're lucky to have him!

If it sounds like I'm campaigning again, I am. On the National scene, it's election year again for Bill. He will receive my best personal efforts and I am sure he can count on each and every WGCSA member for the same. "Here we go again Buddy, let's go get 'em!"

John Krutilla, who always has his fingers on the pulse of GCSAA, has asked me to relay to everyone who is going to Houston that the N.B.A.'s Houston Rockets will be in town three times while we're there. Opponents are: February 2 — Phoenix, February 4 — New Jersey, and February 9 — Boston. Call John if you are interested in tickets for any of these games.

Well, it's Miller Time. (No pun intended) Stay loose, have fun, drive safely, and stay warm.