

# "LET'S TEE IT UP" — WGCSA OPENING DAY!

By Mark Kienert

Ives Grove Superintendent Mark Hjortness rolled open the doors to a new season of events and business meetings by hosting our annual April golf day scramble. Forty-one golfers took part in a "Potluck" scramble that had teams evenly matched based on total team handicaps. The Ives Grove Course, having four golf holes starting at the club house, helped keep many of the participants dry as last Summer as a light rain interrupted play for about thirty minutes (dry on the outside at least!).

At the completion of play, the event winners were:

**1st Place Team: 3rd Place Team:**

Ed Devinger	Joe Wollner
Skip Wilms	Chuck Wollner
Mike Halverson	Steve Bailey
Tom Van Valin	Greg Youngs

**2nd Place Team: Event Winners:**

Jim Johnson	Closest to the Pin on—
Gary Sorenson	# 3 Ed Devenger
Paul Feldhake	# 5 Mike Handrich
Pat Shaw	#17 Mike McCavitt
Jim Shaw	Longest Putt Made
	on #13 —
	Chuck Wollner

Mr. Ed Bergman, from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection, addressed our assemblage with an overall review of the new pesticide training and certification regulations as it defined the licensing standards. The direct supervision requirement as it now stands in committee has been eliminated from the language of the law. Unknown to many is the requirement of a Business Location License for any establishment who uses Restricted Use Pesticides. This is a \$100 annual fee.

Of particular and major interest to our association is the pending legislation on AG-29. As you should know by now, Wisconsin's pesticide rules are currently up for revision. What the law will contain will be some form of the seven items listed below:

- 1.) There will be reorganization and clarification of existing rules.
- 2.) It will require providing consumers with information on the pesticide used, dates, rates, etc.
- 3.) Will require the increased record keeping for the distribution and use of all restricted use pesticides.
- 4.) The law will establish "Harvest Time" windows before a certain

food crop is brought to market.

- 5.) Will require loading pads and mixing sites with overflow containment systems for any business using more than 1500 pounds of pesticide Active Ingredient per year.
- 6.) It will establish rules on Chemigation. Legislation on fertigation is still being reviewed.
- 7.) Will clarify that Veterinarians are not required to be licensed.

Furthermore, the revised rules will update and expand the list of prohibited pesticides and will define certain words, practices and equipment. Posting is not required at this time. Loading pads pertain to commercial and private applications. Construction requirements are identified in AG-163. This portion of the law will require the person doing the pesticide mixing must be certified as well. Chemigation will define equipment parameters, will require containment systems and on-site mixing with some form of posting.

Many thanks to Mark Hjortness and all of those who welcomed us to Ives Grove in Racine. Hartford Country Club is our next stop. We will see you there.

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# Hartford, Kuta Host May's WGCSA Meeting

By Tom Schwab

Hartford Country Club superintendent, Joseph Kuta, sure knows how to pick the day to show off his golf course. Anyone who missed the peak bloom of flowering fruit trees and lilac blossoms and the interesting layout of Hartford at our May 22nd meeting surely missed a great one. Joe, his wife Lila, assistant Ray Bensler and the rest of his staff had the course in as good a shape as possible. It was a wonderful overcast day and the hospitality and fine dinner couldn't be beat.

We could all tell from the lively discussions and barrage of questions that arose that the evening speaker, Mr. Ray Pena of Dane County Emergency Management, hit on an important subject. His subject was SARA (Superfund Amendment Reauthorization Act) reporting requirements. This federal law requires that anyone who uses, stores, or manufactures a hazardous material in excess of a specified weight limit must report it. Some materials which are regulated by SARA that may be of interest to us on the golf course are gasoline, chlorine for our swimming pools, mercury products, and storage of large quantities of Milorganite. Through Ray's talk and through subsequent phone calls to Dane County Emergency Management, I've been able to find out the following: gasoline only needs to be reported if at any one time you have over 10,000 pounds stored. This is about a full 1500 gallon storage tank. If your storage tank is smaller you don't have to report it to SARA. Don't worry, since there are lots of other agencies that are going to want your report on the underground storage tanks.

Reporting the chlorine you use in your pools depends on the form it comes in. If it's gas chlorine, 100 pounds or greater needs to be reported. If it's calcium hypochlorite (not on the extremely hazardous substance list) you have to store over 10,000 pounds before reporting is required.

Whether or not to report mercury products also depends on the form it is in. According to Mike Elder of Dane County Emergency Management, mercury products like mercurous and mercuric chloride of Calo Clor and Calo-



May's speaker, Ray Pena, and WGCSA Director Mike Semler.

Gran only need to be reported if you have over 500 pounds.

There was a lot of concern about the storage of Milorganite since many of us use it in such large tonnage. Milorganite should be reported through SARA if you have stored over 10,000 pounds. The reason for reporting Milorganite is that it carries trace amounts of benzene, a hazardous material. If you have any questions on whether any other products you handle are on the suspect list and should be reported in SARA, you are encouraged to call Ray Pena (608) 267-2542; or Mile Elder (608) 266-9051.

Although the reporting law seems



Host, Joe Kuta.

complicated, it does have a very good basis. In case your building catches on fire or you have an accidental spill, your community has the right to know what kind of chemicals they may be encountering. The superintendents present at the Hartford C.C. meeting appreciated Mr. Pena's attempts to clarify the SARA requirements.

Back to the fun part of the day. The winners of the days' golf events were Chuck Wollner, Wayne Otto, Don Steinmetz, Lee Merkel, Bob Kelzenberg, Rod Johnson, and Tony Watson. It was really a fun and informative day for everyone. Joe hosted a fine meeting.

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