

# COVER STORY

Past winners of the State Amateur include US Open Winner Andy North, and PGA Tour Players Steve Stricker, JP Hayes and Mark Wilson.

This year Jordan Niebrugge held the lead from start to finish and entered the 4th round with a 8 shot lead over Charlie Danielson but saw it dissipate through the final round. In the end Niebrugge finished with a 6 under par 282 (69-66-71-76) one shot ahead of Danielson with 283. (72-74-68-69)

Jordan plays out of the Bull at Pinhurst Farms and attends Oklahoma State has had quite a spring with wins at the WSGA match Play and the U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship. The latter win should garner Niebrugge a spot in the 2014 Masters Tournament.

The event had a youthful feel to it with the top 6 finishers current college players. In the top 12 the only "old guys" were a 25 year old and a 53 year old.

Jordan is not done for the year as he is scheduled to play Western Amateur and the U.S. Amateur.

In the Yule Cup team competition the Bull at Pinhurst Farms won for the first time in part



The 430 yard Par 4 18th hole with the clubhouse in the background makes for a perfect morning picture.

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## Member 9 With Anthony Gonzalez

1. **First Vehicle?** *Ford F250.*
2. **Favorite Piece of Golf Course Equipment?** *Field Scout moisture meter.*
3. **18 Hole Handicap?** *Too high to count, seriously!*
4. **Current Vehicle?** *2008 Chevy Silverado.*
5. **Favorite TV Show?** *48 Hours.*
6. **Favorite Pro Sports Team?** *Packers of Course.*
7. **Favorite Main Course Meal?** *Anything my Mom makes especially authentic Mexican.*
8. **Pets?** *I have a female Wemaraner named Chance.*
9. **Favorite Thing About Working In Golf Industry?** *Connecting with nature and the wide range of people encountered daily.*



The Bog's maintenance staff led by Golf Course Superintendent Anthony Gonzalez.



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due to Jordan Niebrugge's opening 69-66. Rounding out the tem competition was The Legends shooting 442 and Merrill Hills at 449.00

The Bull is owned by Terry Wakefield and was built on a 290 acre site and opened for play in 1995.

Superintendent Tony Gonzalez entered the golf business through a summer job in high school working at then Ville Du Parc CC under Mike Handrich (currently at Racine CC) and Steve Allen (currently at Songbird Hills GC). When Eric Jasin (currently at Lake Arrowhead GC) joined the staff as Assistant Superintendent Tony realized the golf industry could be a viable career option.

Gonzalez graduated Michigan State and interned at Ozaukee CC before a brief stint at Westmoor CC. Tony has been involved at The Bog pretty much since the beginning giving him knowledge of the infrastructure and location of irrigation and drainage systems. Tony took over as head superintendent at The Bog in 1999.

The soils of the rolling golf course are mainly glacial till but the fairways were sand capped with 4-6" of sand during construction. The sand cap turned out to be a benefit but caused some problems but overall the South Shore/ Putter/ Penlinks fairways and tees have done well over the years and the course has hosted a number of statewide tournaments in its young life.

Bordering the Cedarburg Bog forces Gonzalez to pay attention to the environmental sensitivity of the bog. With such a large property the irrigation system is expansive and has over 1500 sprinkler heads. Tony explained that just checking each head for proper operation can take three days of longer depending on play levels and fall blowout is a 4 day operation.

In my time on the course the maintenance staff worked as a well oiled machine working through the golf course in quick fashion. Tony was quick to give credit to them for the condition of the golf course and expressed his appreciation for the job they do.

The 112th Wisconsin State Amateur Championship is in the books and the players were quick to give thanks to Tony and the maintenance staff for providing great conditions for the event. Congratulations Team! 

## Future WSGA Amateur Championship Sites

2014 - Ozaukee Country Club, Mequon - Host Superintendent - Brett Hosler

2015 - Erin Hills, Erin, Host Superintendent - Zachary Reineking

2016 - North Shore Golf Club, Menasha, Host Superintendent - Scott Schaller

2017 - Oconomowoc Club, Oconomowoc, Host Superintendent - Dustin Riley



**ABOVE: Keegan Drugan son of WGCSA member Mike Drugan hits his approach shot into hole 7. Keegan finished tied for 37th place.**

**LEFT: 396-yard Par-4 2nd hole plays downhill to a well protected green.**

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**LEFT:** Sandhill Cranes wander across the 7th Fairway.

**MIDDLE LEFT:** This bunkers serves both the 12th and 18th holes.

**MIDDLE RIGHT:** The green on the 348-yard par4 12th hole can provide agronomic challenge due to the lack of air movement.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** 528-yard par5 14th hole.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** The boulders on the 430-yard par 4 18th hole provide a dramatic view.



## Summer and Fall Events For You To Enjoy

By Brett Grams, Chapter Manager, Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association

I know many of us were wondering if the Spring would ever arrive this year but the warmer weather finally came even though it was far later than average. I hope the nicer weather brought golfers to your facility and that your operations are running as planned. As I write this message it is late July and we can already see over the hill of summer into fall. The WGCSA – NGL Joint meeting at Stevens Point CC (host Supt. John Femal) on Tues August 20th is a great opportunity to help plan for fall snow mold applications. Dr. Paul Koch's presentation topic of "Around the World of Snow Mold in 60 Minutes" should be informative and worth the trip to central Wisconsin.

The fall is a favorite season for many of us. Fall colors, cooler temps, and hopefully a little less stress for you and your operations. Please consider attending the great events that are being planned. The Wee One Foundation continues to grow thanks to the support of our industry. The 10th Annual WI Wee One Outing will again be hosted by Rod Johnson, CGCS at Pine Hills CC in Sheboygan on September 16th. The WTA leaders have been planning the annual WTA Golf Fundraiser. For the first time in many years we have the opportunity to play the historic and prestigious Maple Bluff CC

on Monday September 23rd. WGCSA Board Member Josh LePine will be our host. Please consider taking a short get away with your spouse/significant other and join us and host Supt. Mike Blazich at Wild Rock GC at the Wilderness Resort in the WI Dells for the Couples Event on Friday/Saturday Oct. 5th-6th. We have modified the event and received special pricing so you can bring the family along if you like and still attend the Saturday AM golf event and attend the hospitality gathering in the afternoon. If you want to come the evening before and bring the kids please do so as we will have child supervision available on Saturday for the golf and the hospitality events. The final details will be finalized and available on the WGCSA Website shortly.

The Assistant Superintendents of the WGCSA have been planning an exciting and generous project. They will be building a new practice green at Monona GC in Madison over a series of weekends this fall. This ambitious effort will be a donation to The First Tee Project. Any members that want to learn more about green construction, drainage, or irrigation installation are welcome to participate. The project is being managed by the Assistants Committee so please contact Joe Sell at joseph.sell@kohler.com

for more information.

Any Class A, SM, C, AA members who have children, or grandchildren in college please consider having them apply for one of our three Legacy Scholarships. Details and application for the scholarship can be found on the News and Articles Page of our Website. Deadline is October 1st with winners being announced at the Turfgrass Symposium in December.

The final plans are also being planned for the WI Golf Turf Symposium. We will again head to The American Club in Kohler on Tues and Wed December 10th and 11th. This year's topic will be Extreme Turf Management. Details for the event will be sent out this fall and will also be available on the WGCSA website as they become available.

Should the WGCSA offer a member service that we are currently not offering? Do you have a question about your membership status? Have you moved or have a new phone number? Do you have a good idea for an Education Topic? Interested in hosting a monthly meeting? Please contact me, I will do my best to help you as I can. Thanks for being a member of the WGCSA, I look forward to seeing you at the fall events. 

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Eric Bucholz SM	Waushara Country Club	John Meyer E	Koch Agronomic Services
Bruce Buckert D	JW Turf Inc.	Jack Meyers C	North Shore Country Club
John Femal SM	Stevens Point Country Club	Scott Pace E	Rain Bird Services Corp.
Craig Filley SM	Nakoma Golf Club	Ted Reierson C	Geneva National GC
Ryan Fritsch C	Northbrook CC	Josh Smith C	Milwaukee Country Club
Brad Gilbertson D	River Run Golf Club	Nicholas Strain D	Barenburg Seed
Chris Goeben D		Matthew Sullivan SM	Currie Golf Course, Milwaukee County Parks
Brennen Herther C	Oconomowoc Country Club		
Brian Holz SM	Crystal Springs Golf Club	Eric Swenson D	
Benjamin LaBarre SM	Legends at Bristlecone Pines	Andrew Thompson D	Davenport Country Club
Joel Larsen C	Milwaukee Country Club	Mark Wallace D	Western Lakes Golf Course
James McAdam SM	Rolling Hills Golf Club	Brett Ziegler E	ProGro-Solutions

## A Thousand Words

By Tom Schwab, Manager, O.J. Noer Turfgrass Research and Education Facility, University of Wisconsin-Madison

You've all heard the saying, "A picture tells a thousand words". Those pictures are how I'm going to describe this year's Wisconsin Turfgrass Association Summer Field Day. The event was so educational and fun with great camaraderie and perfect weather that I wish you all could have been there to experience it. The crowds were down with only 186 attendees, but the trade show was well staffed with 27 companies and an additional 65 knowledgeable sales staff there

to answer all your commercial questions.

Many highlights took place during the day. One was the presentation by the Wisconsin Green Industry Federation (WGIF) of their 2013 Hall of Fame Award to the late Dr. Charles Koval. Dr. Koval's wife Patricia and son Mike were present to accept the award. Then there was a surprise visit by Dr. Jim Love, who started the Turf and Grounds Management Program at the UW-Madison in 1961 at the suggestion of world renowned golf turf agronomist and UW-Madison alumni O.J. Noer.

His many former students were so happy to visit with him. Another highlight was to witness a grass court tennis demonstration by U.S. Tennis Hall of Famer, and U.S. senior Player of the Millennium John Powless. A number of attendees took the opportunity to hit some balls with John on the grass. The whole day could not have been any more perfect with temperatures in the low 70s, slight breeze and overcast skies. 

### Summer Field Day Exhibitors

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ProGro Solutions  
Purple Cow Organics  
Reinders  
Spring Valley  
Syngenta  
The Andersons  
Waupaca Sand & Solutions



Three generations of advising Turf and Grounds Management students in the Department of Soil Science were all present including Drs. Doug Soldat, Wayne Kussow, and Jim Love.

# NOTES FROM THE NOER

**Top Left:** Dr. Paul Koch talks about the UW's latest initiatives in turfgrass rust research.

**Top Right:** Dr. Chris Williamson talks about management of mound building ants in turf.

**Bottom Left:** UW-Madison Turfgrass Diagnostic Lab manager Bruce Schweiger talks about managing fine fescues in various landscapes.

**Bottom Right:** Former UW-Madison graduate student and soon-to-be assistant professor at the University of Nebraska Bill Kreuser talks about his latest research findings on applying colorants for turf management.



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Six past or present WTA presidents visited Field Day including Wayne Horman, Dan Biddick, Paul Huggett, Dan Barrett, Chris Wendorf, and Curt Larson.

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**Top Left: 1951 Toro tractor being driven by O.J. Noer staff members Nate and Ryan Kruser.**

**Top Right: PhD student Brad DeBels talks about drought tolerance and management of different turf species and cultivars.**

**Middle Left: Master artist Paul Zwaska from Beacon Ballfields helping beautify the grounds for Field Day by painting Bucky Badger.**

**Middle Right: WTA ambassador Monroe Miller, WTA president Paul Huggett, and WGIF past president Tom Halter.**

**Bottom Left: Patricia Koval and son Mike accepting the WGIF Hall of Fame Award for her late husband Dr. Charles Koval from past president Tom Halter.**

**Bottom Right: U.S. Senior Tennis Player of the Millenium John Powless posing with Spencer Grams.**