

## **Wisconsin BMP Photo Call:**

The WGCSA is currently working with Kingsbury Consulting to complete a Best Management Practices (BMP) manual for Golf Course Management. When the rough draft is complete and editing begins we would like to incorporate photos from our great state, specifically, your golf courses. Although we are not asking you to send in any photos yet, we would please ask that you start to review and organize your photo library and, more importantly, while the weather is still good, please consider taking photos of anything relating to the outline below. We will be following up this offseason to instruct you on how and where to send the photos. For now, please simply review this outline and snap away, file and save.

When the time comes this offseason, submissions should include the name of the course, who gets photo credit, and any additional information on the photo itself that might be helpful.

### **1. Planning, Design and Construction**

- Construction:
  - Photos of construction activities in progress
  - Erosion & sedimentation control measures, such as fencing, erosion socks, hydro-mulching, etc.
  - Grow-in photos of seeding or sprigging, newly planted turf, hydro-seeding, sodding etc.
  - Photos of a renovation project – before and after would be great
- Habitat/wildlife-related photos, including:
  - Bluebird boxes, bat houses, Martin houses, wildlife on the golf course etc.
  - Removal of nuisance/exotic/invasive plants
  - Native species plantings, such as grasses, prairies, wildflowers

### **2. Irrigation**

- Irrigation system maintenance activities, such as inspecting the system, irrigation audits, photos of leaks, broken or misaligned heads, etc.
- Catch can/uniformity coefficient testing/calculation
- Weather station, soil moisture meter use
- Hand watering, wetting agent use
- Hydrophobic turf

### **3. Groundwater/Surface Water Management**

- Vegetated buffers, filtration strips, bioswales,
- Lakes/ponds – ideas include showing aeration devices, emergent vegetation, dredging of a lake/pond, etc.

### **4. Water Quality Management and Monitoring**

- Collecting a water quality monitoring sample
- In-stream microbenthic invertebrate survey
- Rain garden

## **5. Nutrient Management**

- Fertilizer application
- Photo of a person calibrating
- Covering drain covers during application
- Blowing off fert granulars from hard surfaces
- Soil/Tissue testing

## **6. Cultural Practices**

- Photo of any cultural practice, such as mowing, rolling, seeding, topdressing, cultivating, etc.
- If you have an example of a cultural practice done as part of an IPM program, such as tree thinning to reduce pest pressure, removing morning dew, etc.
- Clipping management (such as a pile of composting clippings; sorting clippings from washwater, spreading clippings)
- Soil profile testing

## **7. Integrated Pest Management**

- Scouting, monitoring
- Soap drench for cutworms
- Biocontrol measures

## **8. Pesticide Management**

- Pesticide applications in progress
- Someone mixing/loading pesticides
- Safe transporting, updated storage facility, premix tanks for efficiency and safety.
- Building/pesticide storage placards.

## **9. Pollinator Protection**

- Photo of any pollinators
- Wildflower areas planted specifically for pollinators – before/after photos for renovation projects with pollinators in mind would be great
- Nest boxes for wild pollinators
- Managed bee hives

## **10. Maintenance Operations**

- Equipment washing
- Blowing clippings off a mower before washing

## **11. Landscape**

- Landscaped beds
- Native plant landscaping

**12. Safety**

- MSDS/ Right to Know area
- Safety training at your facility

**13. Golf and the Community**

- Golfers enjoying your course
- Photos of charity outing
- hosting boy scouts, school groups, course tour
- course being used for other approved purposes: Cross country meet, cross country skiing, foot golf....