

Norsk News, April 13, 2016

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Absent: Bohl, Bollig, Fritz, Helvey, Johnson, Olson,
Rooney, Webber, Wedig, K., Witte, Klein
Students: Garrett Leis, Sarah Fetter & Gabriella Giler
Guest: Paul Rux

Jim Lookabaugh was officially welcomed into the club with plaque and pin. Brent told Jim that he could stick his pin wherever he wants.

Happy Bucks: Pakkala, Rux, Christian,

Paul Rux has rejoined the club.

Peter, financial report positive in all accounts. Dues are coming in, please pay.

Dixie Burns guest, Dr. Sean Schoville, spoke about what it means to be a professor at UW and his research in the Department of Entomology. He's an expert in genetics to address problems in agriculture and global change. Among others bugs, he studies the Colorado Potato Beetle. It came from the US and infested Europe during World War 2, which affected the food sources for Germany. It has developed resistance to many pesticides, which makes them interesting to study. Wisconsin is the 3rd largest potato growing state so studying the beetles is very relevant to us. If we have a better understanding we can manage the problem. His goal is to develop crops that resist the beetle without pesticides. Once learned, the



knowledge can be applied to other insects. Most recent pesticides are made to target specific genes. The research is not targeting people, animals or bees. Most of his financial support comes from tax dollars with the intention to make knowledge available to the public. He studies on mountain tops because he is curious how bugs specialize to survive in harsh environments. He is a research professor teaching courses on insects, genetics and laboratory work. 80% of his work is research and 20% is teaching. He writes many grant proposals looking for funding. This summer he will be travelling to the Cascade Mountains in California for research. Click [here](#) to learn more about Sean.

- ✓ Golf outing will be Friday, May 20th. We'll market to other clubs who will be coming to the District Conference, which is that weekend.
- ✓ District Conference will be Friday, Saturday & Sunday May 20th to 22nd. Union South, Madison
- ✓ Club Social, May 5th, Norsk Golf Bowl



Upcoming Meetings:

April 20th, Jim Burns: Aaron Whaley, Heritage

April 27th, Shawn Bollig

May 4th, Russ Christian: Mark Poca

No Greeter assigned for April

Greeter for June 2016: Wedig, K.