

## Acceptance Speech

by Robert Williams

To all of you who represent Chicago's great golf family, it is my pleasure to accept this prestigious award on behalf of all golf course superintendents of Illinois.

This award really signifies that the Illinois golf professionals recognize and appreciate the important role of the superintendent in the great game of golf.

My sincerest thanks to PGA President John Cleland, members of the Illinois PGA and their selection committee for their progressive attitude by including a greenkeeping superintendent in their "Hall of Fame".

I am sure that tonite brings a great feeling of pride for those who have been so supportive of my professional career — most specifically:

- The staff and members of Bob O'Link Golf Club & Beverly C.C.
- The many student superintendents who interned with me,
- And most importantly my family.

You have already met our son, Bruce and his wife (Roxane). Also here, our son Robert, and my good wife and golfing partner these past 49 years, "Bobbie". I can never thank them all enough.

Surely our good friends Herb Graffis and Charlie Bartlett, both among last year's inductees, are smiling in paradise tonite as I recall how instrumental they both were in the early formation, development, and cooperation of the PGA and the Greenkeeper's associations. Hopefully, the contributions to golf by superintendents will continue to be appreciated by the great society of golfers everywhere.

Personally, I have really enjoyed my career in golf; however, I have suffered the occupational hazard of becoming addicted to the game.

Equally gratifying is the added bonus of all the wonderful friends I have made along the way. Many of them are here tonite, for which I am most grateful,

Again, thank you! Illinois PGA.

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Before Winter closes the Garden Gate.  
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How the delightful colors enchant Us all,  
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