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WAYNE OTTO: Certification Renewed

"THE GRASS ROOTS" has been informed by GCSAA headquarters that Wayne Otto, golf course superintendent at Ozaukee Country Club, Mequon; President of WGCSA recently completed the stringent certification renewal requirements of his national professional organization, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

Otto, superintendent of Ozaukee Country Club since 1967, was honored in a presentation at the West Bend Country Club, West Bend, during a meeting of the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association. Elwood Voigt superintendent of Ozaukee County Parks, Ozaukee, made the formal presentation.

To attain certification, Otto was required to meet eligibility requirements of tenure and experience and then successfully complete a six-hour written examination. Areas covered in the test included turf management, pesticide usage, business administration, leadership, the game of golf and knowledge of GCSAA. To be renewed Otto was required to gain points toward his renewal by attending seminars and/or by taking another written examination.

A level of proven competence achieved by few golf course superintendents in the United States, the certification program was initiated by GCSAA in 1971 to provide a means of verifying an individual's capabilities and qualifications on an objective basis.

Otto and his wife, Patricia reside at 11345 N. Valley Drive, Mequon.

National News: GCSAA to Sponsor Fall Seminars

According to Douglas H. Fender, GCSAA Director of Communications, golf course landscaping and personnel management will be the topics of two seminars sponsored by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America in coming months. The seminars, to be offered in a number of cities, are also open to non-GCSAA members.

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