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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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Management II: Leadership, Motivation and Employee Relations, will be taught by Ron Frame, management training consultant from Oklahoma City. Management II seminars will be conducted Oct. 18-19 in Baltimore, Oct. 25-26 in Minneapolis; Nov. 8-9 in East Lansing, Mich.; Nov. 14-15 in Hyannis, Mass.; and Dec. 6-7 in Biloxi, Miss. Registration is \$80.00 for GCSAA members, \$115.00 for others.

Landscape I: Principles of Landscape, will offer participants insight into the unique landscaping requirements of golf courses. Dr. Charles M. Sacamano, professor and extension specialist in landscape horticulture, University of Arizona, Tucson, and William R. Nelson Jr., professor and extension landscape architect, University of Illinois, Urbana, will be the instructors for this seminar, offered Nov. 1 - 2 in Indianapolis and Nov. 9-10 in Tucson. Registration is \$90 for GCSAA members, \$125 for others.

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Management II and Landscape I will also be offered Feb. 3-4, just prior to GCSAA's 50th International Turfgrass Conference and Show in Atlanta. Also offered at that time will be Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, Turf Disease Identification, Nutrition I, Pesticide III (insects), Pesticide IV (weeds) and Irrigation I.

Further information and registration forms for Management II and Landscape I may be obtained by writing to GCSAA Headquarters, 1617 St. Andrews Drive, Lawrence, Kansas 66044. Please specify seminar and city. Registration information about preconference seminars will be available in October.



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