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Guest Editorial

"Ask a busy man to do something and it usually gets done" is an old axiom and, in my experience, a true one. No one is a busier person than Jim Belfield and for the past eight years he has quietly, effectively and efficiently gotten the job done for the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association. Nearly three years ago I was fortunate to be chosen Secretary of our Association. Jim was President for the two years I served as Secretary and I started, early on, to see what a capable leader he was. Even when viewed through a jeweler's eye, I could see that he always had in mind the best for our group and our profession and, without failure, represented us so well. He did not govern by force, as is done too frequently, but rather by more gentle and persuasive means and, more importantly, by setting a good example for officers and board members to follow.

The ability to properly assemble one's priorities is an important characteristic for any man and I have noted Jim's strong sense of concern for his children's welfare. That impresses me and many others, I'm sure. Further, he is as qualified as any Golf Course Superintendent in our organization and his efforts produce the consistent premier playing conditions Tripoli has come to be known for.

These few lines are about and for Jim Belfield. I am too often hesitant to offer up well deserved thanks, overdue credit and sincere compliments for a job well done. It is a pleasure to pass these thoughts along to our members because I admire his ability and success, as do all of you. Why not make Jim's day sometime and thank him when you get a chance?

Monroe S. Miller