



By Bill Roberts

## A Great Experience

Two years ago, in the January-February, 1986 issue of "THE GRASS ROOTS", I submitted my first "President's Message" for your consideration. I wrote that I felt a re-examination of the age-old question of "What is the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association doing for me" might be in order.

It was, and is, obvious that one could, and can, avail oneself to any number of excellent educational opportunities at monthly meetings and to an outstanding golf turf management event at our annual WCGSA Symposium. Further, there was, and is, an informative, timely publication in "THE GRASS ROOTS" and support of two outstanding golf turf management organizations, the Wisconsin Turfgrass Association and the O.J. Noer Research Foundation. The list goes on of course.

The underlying answer, however, that makes the aforementioned possible, at least for me, continues to be that what the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents association really does for me is that it "provides me the opportunity to participate, to share, to question, to answer, to pursue and to grow with any number of individuals who, choosing to do likewise, help me, in an orderly, directed fashion, to achieve my, and our goals."

It has been my privilege and pleasure to serve for the past two years as President of the Wisconsin GCSA. It has been an opportunity to serve in a unique capacity in which all perspectives must be considered and an honest attempt at such a process can be a lesson in itself. It becomes obvious quickly that if an organization is to be successful it will be because of a "number of individuals". I know

this from the experience of my predecessors. I have reinforced the notion in my mind through my own experiences. I offer it to my successors and their successors.

Quite simply, without the Miller's, the Bell's the Johnson's the Worzella's, the Smith's, the Semler's, the Marach's, the Grassl's, the Norton's, the Belfield's, the Kienert's, the Quasts, the Harrison's and all the others, this opportunity for me to participate would not have been possible. Without the support of a membership that is spe-

cifically directed to the advancement, on all levels, of the Golf Course Superintendent, mutual progress would not have been possible.

I believe we are making such progress and will continue to do so. I am grateful, again, to the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association and I will continue to participate, as appropriate, because by "getting involved" and by "staying involved" one can "enjoy the benefits". That has been my experience and for that I thank you.

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