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ROBERTS RE-ELECTED: GARNERS RECORD VOTE TOTAL IN HOUSTON

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Wisconsin's Bill Roberts was overwhelmingly re-elected to a two-year term on the GCSAA Board of Directors at the recently completed 1988 GCSAA Conference in Houston. Rod Johnson, the WGCSA voting delegate and chairman of Bill's re-election effort, said it was the largest vote total for a single candidate in the history of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. Longtime observers noted that Roberts most certainly will preside over the GCSAA in the early 1990s.

They were invited by Bob Liles of the Ciba-Geigy company to dinner with NFL Hall of Fame member (and PGA Senior Tour Player) John Brodie. For those who love football as much as golf, it was a rare opportunity. Also, the members of the "Golden Tee Club" were invited to a private reception with Robert Trent Jones. Jones, last year's OLD TOM MORRIS award winner, has endowed scholarship program monies for golf course professionals and was in Houston to present the OLD TOM MORRIS award to this year's recipient, Gene Sarazan.

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Mark Kienert (L) with Robert Trent Jones (C).



WGCSA friends Berry Faubel, Ken Sakai and Bruce Cadenelli.

It seemed to some that the Wisconsin delegation to the 1988 Conference was up in numbers. Those who were in Houston took advantage of the many educational events and professional opportunities available. The seminars were well attended by WGCSA members. The various educational sessions covered every topic pertinent to our business; the "Black Layer" Forum, chaired by Roberts, was filled to capacity again this year. An interesting addition to the program was a "PGA Professional" Forum that featured Don Hearn and John Schilling from the GCSAA with the PGA president and executive director.

The "Golden Tee Club" founders, which includes six WGCSA members, were treated to a couple of special events.

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