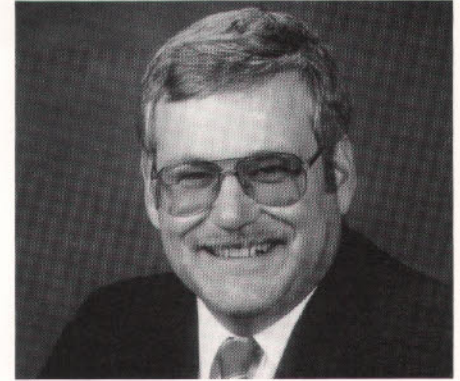




## Getting Your Nickel's Worth

By Roger Bell



Almost two years ago I was elected to be your president — an honor, a privilege, and a responsibility I shall not quickly forget. The job of president of WGCSA is an important one although it is largely a ceremonial one. The various chairmen, their committees, and the directors of WGCSA do much of the work to keep the machinery of our organization well-oiled. The president gets to sit up front.

I do get the opportunity, as president, to get philosophical with you here in this space in *The Grass Roots*. (I wonder if everyone who is reading this message gives me a nickel at the next

meeting, will I leave the meeting with enough to buy a cup of coffee?) Writing the "President's Message" has been a good opportunity for me to reflect on my own feelings on being a golf course superintendent and on the importance of the WGCSA. I have come to the conclusion that I am proud of both our association and our profession. There is no other profession that I would choose for myself. I like what I do for a living. In spite of the occasional frustrations on the job, I've never dreaded going to work. As for my feelings about WGCSA: the Association remains on course — still growing, still

stimulating its members with a variety of educational, political, and social programs. Serving as president these past two years has been a challenging and rewarding experience for me.

The future looks bright from where I can see. We have many capable and dedicated members waiting to carry on the work of WGCSA. I am confident that WGCSA will continue as a vital force in the turf industry in Wisconsin.

I thank you for the confidence you have shown in me by selecting me to serve as your president for these past two years. I'll be looking for your nickel's worth at the next meeting!



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