

GCSAA Recognizes *The Grass Roots*

For the sixth consecutive year, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America has awarded our WGCSA newsletter in their chapter newsletter contest. The letter notifying us of this award is reproduced here for your enjoyment and satisfaction.

The editor gets the letter telling of the award; scores of others deserve and get the credit.

One of the great strengths of our chapter publication is the stable of writers whose bylines appear every issue. Those people, notably Worf, Kussow, Schultz, Johnson, the UW students in the turf program, the "Prez" (whoever has the title at any given time), Latham and Miller.

Then there is the special group sharing their talents in a couple of issues each year — Koval and Pellitterri, Cookson, Erdahl, Kienert, Schwab and Newman.

Finally, all of those who contribute on an annual basis add enormously to what is really a wealth of information over the course of a year.

One of the great things, to the editor at least, is that WGCSA members receive *The Grass Roots* for free. No charge. We owe a lot to those who pay for its publication. Our advertisers keep the flow of information going. I think of that and thank them when each issue hits the newsstand.

Not enough people are aware of how much care is given to each issue by the staff at Kramer Printing. Their shop has a lot of craftsmen (and women) from Ben Franklin's mold, ink stains and all. They are as proud of each issue as I am. Their work is greatly appreciated by this editor.

Many question the need for contests and awards, but I don't. I think they are fun. This one in particular inspires me to do my part the best I'm able. Peer recognition for all of us is something special. And winning is especially nice. We don't enter with the thought of losing; contests inspire a winning attitude.

And again this year past, Wisconsin was a winner.

December 18, 1989

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Dear Monroe,

It gives me pleasure to formally advise you that the publication you edit has won the Best Original Editorial Content category in the 1989 GCSAA Chapter Editor's Contest.

The announcement will be made in the January issue of GCM and Newsline, and at the opening session of the 61st GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show on February 22, 1990, in Orlando, Florida. Plaques will be presented at the Chapter Editor's Seminar March 29-30 in Lawrence, Kansas, or they will be sent to editors who are not in attendance. Details on the seminar are forthcoming.

Again, congratulations, and keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

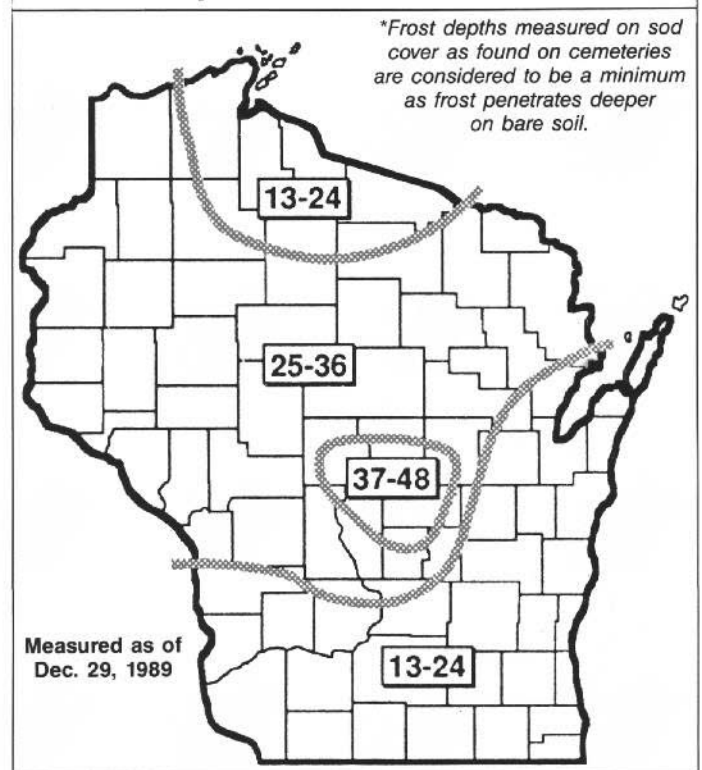
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P.S. If you requested an evaluation of your publication by the judges, that, too, will be along shortly.

Frost Penetrates To Record Depth

Frost Depth In Inches*



Source: Wisconsin Department of Agriculture

For the second month in a row, bitter cold weather has produced record depth frost.

Surveys collected by the Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service indicate the average frost depth in the state is 24.3 inches, nearly 10 inches deeper than the previous record of 14.6 inches set in 1980-81.

The reports are collected from gravediggers who report not only record frost depths, but abnormally dry soils.

The deep frost means that water will have more difficulty seeping into the ground this spring when the snow melts, said Roger Stewart, an agricultural statistician.

The average snowfall in the state was 4.3 inches. But before the snow will provide insulation for the earth and prevent the frost from plunging deeper, the snow depth needs to be about one foot, Stewart said.

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