



# HAVE TIMES CHANGED?

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We find ourselves in a much more relaxed (normal) state, this time of the season (despite the lack of grounds staff, the guessing game when to schedule irrigation winterizing, and chasing those darn leaves around). I thought I would reminisce a little by going through my past issues of *The Grass Roots* to see what other presidents reflected on this time of the year.

Rod Johnson wrote about the importance of research and how we convey this back to the end user, the golfer (1990).

Roger Bell encouraged everyone to get involved. As a member of WGCSA, we are only as strong as the effort we put forth (1988).

Bill Roberts expressed his gratitude to the membership for all the hard work that went into the Symposium, recruiting new members, and the excellent

award winning publication (1986).

Monroe Miller, standing next to Arnold Palmer (photo) informed us that when you say "Arnie" you say Golf. I hope you have the negative and had it blown up, you lucky person (1984).

Bob Boltz told us that we have to be business orientated, and good personnel can only make our future brighter (1983).

Jim Belfield indicated that "our association is growing and a central office at Wisconsin State Golf Association will make us function more efficiently" (1981, thank you Jim and WSGA).

Woody Voight talked about how important it is to attend the WGCSA fall annual meeting and the GCSAA convention in St Louis (1979; it still has not registered. Hopefully this year it will).

Wayne Otto in March of 1978, my oldest issue, hopes everyone is plan-

ning to complete the pesticide certification process given by the state so we are in compliance.

The past fifteen years we have been lead by great individuals who have said, "give back to the profession, get involved, hard work pays off, seek and you shall achieve, and fulfill your obligations so that you can be called a professional. It is amazing how our previous leaders had insights on how to make our association and profession continually progress and function proficiently. I commend all of you mentioned and the many others who have made this a successful association. I hope, as my first term as your president comes to an end, that your expectations as a member of Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association have been fulfilled.

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