President's Message





This greeting seems to be used often by friends, relatives, and others who are wondering if there have been any changes in your life. Sometimes I find myself searching for a title, but this term came to mind for my president's message. It will explain what is forthcoming on the WGSCA calendar.

As of August 18th, the 10th annual Wisconsin Turfgrass Association Field Day will have been held at the new O.J. Noer Turfgrass Research Facility. We, as an association, should feel proud that we had an important role financing a portion of this magnificent research center. Wisconsin turfgrass managers can now feel confident that turf related problems can be analyzed and solutions or alternatives can be given based on home state soil and climactic conditions. Our continued support can only improve such a tremendous facility.

What else is new? On October 28 and 29, the 27th Annual Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium will be held at the Hyatt, rather than the Pfister. A trial of different surroundings has been agreed upon by the committee, to see if past persistent problems can be rectified, and an even better Symposium may result. Finally, the WGSCA fall business meeting is going to be held at 5:00 p.m. on November 9th, rather than in the morning, as in years past. Education and member participation have always been a concern, and holding our meeting in conjunction with a GCSAA regional seminar should offer a possible solution. Also at 5:00 p.m., individuals not attending the GCSAA seminar should have most of their daily work schedule complete.

Learning by trial and error can only improve future decisions. As the old saying goes, "You'll never know unless you try."

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