



## Congratulations and Hosannas...

By Monroe S. Miller

It is right to express thanks to those who have made extraordinary contributions to our business in the last while.

**JEFF BOTTENSEK AND JOHN KRUTILLA:** Once again, the Wisconsin Turfgrass Association golf outing was a winner last fall, enriching the research coffers in a major way. Jeff, a WTA director, planned the event. John served as host for the event, offering a chance to play Geneva National.

A tip of the hat to these guys for a job very well done.

**BILL ROBERTS:** You have to admire a person who puts as much time and effort into an organization as Bill has put into the GCSAA. It's been impressive. One can only hope he takes some time this year to rest up!

**ROD JOHNSON:** Always the innovator, Rodney's idea of providing the signage now required by law is turning into a bonanza for the medical study on the health of golf course superintendents. To see such an unselfish act in an era of greed and self-gratification is more refreshing than words can express. Thanks to our immediate past

president. He continues his good work and leadership.

**RISE:** This is an acronym for *Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment*. They produced a publication that makes for good reading and explains the many benefits from sensible use of pesticides. Those who attended our spring business meeting received a copy.

Give credit to RISE for assembling such a good piece. We each need to share it with as many outside of our business as possible - green committee members, players, neighbors, extended family, etc. It will help with the endless task of education.

**WGCSA O & D:** Now THAT was a spring business meeting! Best ever? Could have been. That's high praise from an unbashful observer.

The panel of Professors Harkin and Rossi and P.I. Dawson was excellent, despite the absence of Ms. Terrell. Mike Semler was a perfect moderator, the questions were superb and the discussion among panel members was civil and intelligent, reasonable and very interesting. It was a brilliantly

planned event that nobody should have missed.

The meeting itself was organized and focused on the business we needed to conduct. President Worzella rapped the gavel at 1:00 p.m., promised an hour and a half of business and then adjourned at 2:30 p.m. sharp!

Only Pat Norton got home late for supper!

**WGCSA MEMBERS:** At least those who attended the spring business meeting.

Many of us were very distressed to see the GCSAA stop its contribution to the USGA Green Section research program last year.

We read volumes from Lawrence about how strong GCSAA is financially, raising questions then why the \$50,000 was stopped.

As an expression of disgust and disagreement, we in Wisconsin will give \$1,000 to the USGA Green Section research program **INSTEAD OF THE GCSAA S & R FUND.**

It only makes sense. 🌱

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