

OH, BY THE WAY...

By Monroe S. Miller

It is nearly ancient history now, but it should be recorded that *THE GRASS ROOTS* was selected winner as "Best Overall" in Category I competition of the 1993 GCSAA Chapter Editor's Contest. The judging was done during the GCSAA Conference and Show in Anaheim during the last week of January.

For this editor, the award is especially meaningful this year. The judges were my peers — chapter editors from all over the country. We were divided into three groups and no editor judged his or her own chapter publication.

There were three categories of judging: (1) publications edited and produced by practicing golf course superintendents who work without a salary; (2) publications edited and produced by practicing golf course superintendents who receive pay; and, (3) publications produced by professional editors/publishers.

Judging was based on originality, excellence in editorial content, and design. And I think it is fair to say that using editors as judges eliminates a lot of questions about the unseen judging process of years past.

The award is shared equally among all the marvelous writers whose words appeared in *THE GRASS ROOTS* during 1992. They are the ones who make our journal stand out. There is even greater appeal when you consider their work is done without compensation.

An enormous pleasure for me was gathering with these colleagues in the editing business, ink stained hands and all! As silly as it sounds, it was fun to put faces and names together. A number of us have visited over the phone, exchanged correspondence and read each other's editing efforts, but had never shared a handshake before this. Experiences like this one can often result in lifelong friendships.

So to all of them, good luck for next year. To all of our writers and contributors and advertisers (thanks to them for paying the bills) and printers (especially Sherri and Pam), let us keep up the good work and cross our fingers for next year. 🍀



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