



REFLECTIONS

By Michael Semler



The 1994 Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium appeared to be another large success. The topic "Golf in 2010" was insightful enough and inspirational enough to keep all golf course superintendents thinking about what our future as professional managers of turfgrass may hold. Sometimes in our jobs and personal lives we may forget to look beyond the day-to-day activities and into our futures. I hope the Symposium answered some of the questions you may have had about our profession and its future.

However, with the new year upon us, it made me realize that in addition to looking into the future, we must also pause and reflect upon our past, not just the past year, but maybe the past 15 or 20 years. For

as important as it is to plan for the future, it is just as important to look at the past to gain an understanding of our accomplishments both as individuals and as an industry.

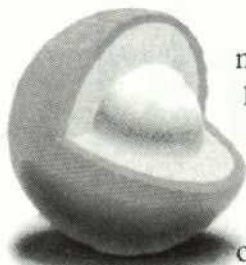
All too often (and I am as guilty as the next person) we tend to feel like the donkey chasing the carrot at the end of his nose. We tend to concentrate so much on setting and achieving goals, that we forget to realize how many goals we may have met or accomplished in the past. Or in other words, in our effort to keep up with the Joneses, we forget to realize all that we have accomplished.

I think it is important for all of us to take a look back at our accomplishments in both our work and our personal lives. It can put many things in perspective, and may even

provide some surprises as well. And this time of year, with the end of the golfing season and the New Year upon us, seems to be a good time to pause and reflect.

I would be mistaken if I did not take a few moments to say thanks to a pair of departing WGCSA board members. Both Tom Schwab and Bill Knight have departed the board after donating so much time and effort to advance our association. We should all be thankful for individuals like Tom and Bill, who generously donate so much to the members of the WGCSA with little or no reward other than personal satisfaction. It is people like them, and the countless others before them, who have made our association what it is today. 🍀

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