



PRIDE AND TRADITION

By Scott Schaller

The day has come. I have to put together my first "President's Message." For most of you who may know me, I am never really short of words in conversation, but when I have to put them together on paper it becomes more of a challenge.

I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to become the 34th president of this fine association. Being president of the WGCSA is truly an honor and a privilege. We all know that this association carries much pride and tradition. The past presidents of Mark Kienert, Mike Semler, Bruce Worzella, Rod Johnson, Roger Bell, Bill Roberts, Monroe S. Miller, Jim Belfield and

Wayne Otto are just a few of the gentlemen who have established this pride and tradition. I know that I have a very hard act to follow. I realize the next year will bring new challenges and expectations to the chapter, but I feel confident that the present WGCSA Board of Directors will meet those challenges and expectations through their hard work of serving the membership.

Speaking of hard work, the 1997 Turf Symposium Committee should be commended for all their efforts in putting together probably one of the best Symposiums ever. The speakers and topic information on *Putting Green Construction* was outstanding.

I'm sure the record attendance of 232 are anxiously looking forward to the follow up topic of *Grow In* next year.

The winter season is a relatively quiet time on a golf course in Wisconsin, but there is still plenty for golf course superintendents to do. This is a time to stay current with our profession and industry through educational offerings. I look forward to seeing you at the WTA's EXPO '98 held in Madison on January 13th and 14, at the GCSAA Conference and Show in Anaheim in early February, and the WGCSA Spring Business and Educational meeting held in Fond du Lac on March 3rd. 🏌️

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