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The artwork so skillfully portrayed on our cover by Jennifer Samerdyke is from a WGCSA sport coat crest given to me by Bill Sell many years ago to preserve for posterity. I have done so faithfully.

The symbolism is clear: the crest from the past is on the cover of the first issue of THE GRASS ROOTS with its updated format. Change most often is a good thing, and that is how we feel about the changes to this journal. They were designed to give it a more contemporary look without being trendy.

Emphasis is now placed on article titles rather than on icons. And the icons are new. So is the masthead. The copy should be more readable with a new font; each issue will be more formally organized and offer an improved professional appearance.

The constants will be the superb writing by our excellent volunteer staff. Cover artwork like you never see anywhere else in golf, humor, and news about those who are the WGCSA are all still here.

Responsibility for the new design fell to Ms.

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Samerdyke and, like always, she came through like a champion. We both hope you like the results.

*Shut in from all the world without,
We sat the clean-winged hearth about,
Content to let the north-wind roar
In baffled rage at pane and door;
While the red logs before us beat
The frost-line back with tropic heat;...
Snow-Bound
by John Greenleaf Whittier*