



Quality Time

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As you read this message, the 70th annual GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show will be complete. Each year I look forward to attending the national convention. Always just before I am leaving for home, I am thinking about how all of this was put on for our professional improvement. It's amazing to participate in the educational opportunities, the trade show presentations,

the camaraderie among golf course superintendents and all the information that is shared at one of these conferences. Hopefully, all the WGCSA members who attended the conference this year benefited from it.

This year I took my family with me to the show and I extended the time away from home an extra week for a vacation in Orlando. It was great to spend some QUALITY TIME with my family. I use the words "quality time" because this is a term that I hear very often around the Schaller household. Probably too often.

What does it mean? For me personally, it means to

spend time, especially quality time, with the ones you care about the most. My children are seven, five and three years old. I confess, my family is young and this time spent made me realize I need to make much more time like this in the future. It is easier to do these types of things in the off season, but I need to do it more during the golf season. Before I know it, they will be grown up and gone and I will have missed my opportunity.

Speaking of quality, our "Grass Roots" magazine shares with all the WGCSA members quality information on a bimonthly basis. Editor Monroe Miller did it again, for the 15th consecutive year, the "Grass Roots" has won BEST in its category. This award is given annually by the GCSAA. Monroe, you continuously succeed with this publication and members of the WGCSA appreciate all you do to put out this outstanding product. Congratulations!

Well, the waiting game for spring will soon be over and the 1999 golf season will be upon us. I am hoping each and every member of the WGCSA gets off to a good start and ends with a great golf season. Take care and I hope to see you soon at one of our monthly meetings.

