



# Wrapping Up

By **Marc Davison**, Golf Course Superintendent, Green Bay Country Club

Another golf season has rapidly come to an end, bringing a sigh of relief to all of us I'm sure. This year will be remembered by us all as the "year of all the dead grass." Lets hope we don't see a repeat of this year for a long, long time.

This is my last president's message. My two years as your president have gone by quite rapidly. I would like to thank all those who have served on the board in the last two years. Being a member of our board takes some commitment. It may be hard to see from the outside but there is a fair amount of work associated with each board member's position. It takes dedication. I would encourage all of you to consider sitting on our board at some time during your career. Even if it's only for a two-year term, it is good exposure and experience to see all that is involved in running an organization such as the WGCSA. We always struggle to find volunteers to join the board. If you are ever interested and willing to get involved, please contact any of the board members and express your desire. I am sure your willingness will quickly be accepted and your talents put to work.

I need to be honest; writing these messages has been the toughest part of my job as your president the last two years. Each issue of the Grass Roots I have struggled with what to write. Who cares what I have to say? How can I write an article and sound half intelligent and not bore all you that read it? I never feel I have much to offer that would interest any of you. Well, I have just about made it through twelve issues. Thank you for being patient and kind with your comments.

We have added a new position on our board of directors. This is a non-voting position for a vendor, appointed by the board to a two-year term. Our first person to fill this spot is David Oberle. Dave is our BASF representative. The position will interact with all our vendor members. We are treated very well by our vendor members and we feel they should have representation on the board. Congratulate David Oberle next time you see him.

Gene Haas has completed our 75th year anniversary book titled "Caring for the Green." The book is currently at the printers and we hope to have it available at the Symposium. Each member of the association will



receive a complimentary copy of this book. Additional books will be available to purchase. Some key people at your course may appreciate a copy, possibly your owner, green chairman, club president, your assistant or a variety of other possibilities. These will make nice Christmas gifts. We owe a huge amount of thanks to Gene Haas for taking his valuable time over the past two years to research our organization, accumulate information and pictures and then compile it all into what will be a keepsake for Wisconsin golf course personnel forever. I am anxiously awaiting my copy of this historical book. ♣

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