



WINTER...SAYS WHO?

By Mike Lyons, Golf Course Superintendent, Old Hickory Country Club

As I sit down and begin to write my message, it's 50 degrees outside. There is no snow to speak off, and the golf course has never looked better. There is only one problem — it's January! Some courses have even opened up for play.

The WTA Winter Expo has come and gone. The speakers and topics were very good and well presented. The superintendent panel was once again outstanding. Thank you gentleman for volunteering your time and thoughts. Their presentations were so good that we have included them in this issue of the *Grass Roots*.

The last issue of the *Grass Roots* had the late Wayne Otto on the cover. What Wayne meant to this profession is hard to put into words. Mike Handrich did a wonderful job in describing what Wayne meant to him. I feel the Wee-One Foundation is doing important work in Wayne's name. We'd like everyone to become members and help with this very worthy cause. It was mentioned at the Expo that the Wee-One Foundation has made donations totaling \$81,000. Well, just recently, another member and his family have been helped through the Wee-One. The total now is nearing \$100,000. That is incredible. Please consider joining. I hope and pray I never need assistance, but it is truly comforting to know help is there if needed.

The GIS was recently held in Atlanta. I have not been able to attend many, but I am always amazed at the trade show; and the education is outstanding. My only complaint was that my hotel was too far away; we are a little slow here in Beaver Dam, but when did



taxis stop having a meter? I was just told how much. At least I think I was in a taxi.

Finally, I hope those who attended the Wisconsin Room this

year enjoyed themselves. This year's and last would not have been possible without the generosity and support of our local vendors. In this issue of the *Grass Roots* there is a list of all those who made it possible. When you are making decisions on a purchase, please keep those vendors in mind. Without their continued support, the Wisconsin Room would not be possible. Once again, thank you all!

Well, the golfing season is almost here. I hope everyone came through winter okay. I look forward to seeing many of you at our monthly meetings. Take care. ♣

