



# Thank You

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

I would like to start by saying thank you to all of you for allowing me to serve as president of our association. It has been truly a fascinating and very rewarding time. It will be over twelve years when my time is completed and it has gone by quickly.

I have seen the association go through some very good growth and also some slow times, not unlike the growth and slow down in golf. Our association is doing very well at this time and the gentleman succeeding me will only improve the well being of our association.

There are many areas that will be looked at in the future. It is only a matter of time when we will be fully automated with many of our association's activities, things like monthly meeting notices, job posting, etc. I also think in the near future we may have an executive director to help run the association. There will always be change and most of the time change can be very good. The membership I have gotten to know over the years is very passionate and respectful of what we do and would grasp change with open arms.

I also know there are many in this association that will step up and help out when needed.

Speaking of change, many of you may or may not know Monroe Miller is soon stepping down as editor of




*The Grass Roots*. We all know these shoes will be difficult to fill. Monroe has done more for us than anyone I know. He has always been very passionate at what he does and how he feels about our association. I always got the feeling he would do anything for us, and he has. The awards and respect he has earned over the years are too much for me to put into writing. Wish I was more capable to

give Monroe a proper send off but I am sure someone will step up. Thank you so much, Monroe.

The new editor of *The Grass Roots* will be David Brandenburg. Though like I said Monroe's shoes would be hard to fill, David is one man I know who is up to the task. He has done many things for our association and this is just another time he has stepped up and volunteered his time and energy to our association. I am sure he will do everything possible to continue the great tradition *The Grass Roots* has received over the years, one more reason why David is one of the few who have received our Distinguished Service Award.

Once again, thank you and I hope everyone has a great year-end and a great 2008. I look forward to seeing many of you at our monthly meetings, seminars and all the other offerings our great association has to offer.

Take care. 



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