

A New Beginning

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The end of the golf season as well as the calendar year brings changes and opportunities in many ways. It is a time to reflect on the past, give thanks for its gifts and plan for the future. Our lives and careers are multifaceted. Our activities range from the simple living of our daily lives to volunteer activities to recreation.

One big change in WGCSA's life is the retirement of Monroe Miller as *The Grass Roots* Editor. For 24 years Monroe has nurtured a simple newsletter into an award winning, nationally recognized publication. There are not enough words in the dictionary, or room in this magazine to express the gratitude and appreciation for the skill and time Monroe gave *The Grass Roots*. For now we can simply say, Thanks Monroe, You and Cheryl enjoy your extra time! P.S. The deadline for submitting your next article is March 1.

Monroe's change brings an opportunity and challenge to me as your new editor. I thank all of you who have wished me good luck and offered help. In my



President elect Dustin Riley offers past president Mike Lyons congratulations and thanks for his service to WGCSA.

reflection of this responsibility, I have come to realize I cannot and should not fill Monroe's shoes.

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only strive to produce a valuable publication for the members of WGCSA. What rings in my mind is a comment from Randy Witt when I first got involved with *The Grass Roots* as business manager a few years ago. Randy said *The Grass Roots* is important because it is the only contact many of our members ever have with the association. My goal is provide timely news, interesting reading and great education.

Of course, I will not work alone. First, Beverly and the staff at Kramer printing do an excellent job for us in producing and printing *The Grass Roots*. Beverly is also entering her second year as cover artist, for which Monroe and I are extremely grateful. With any trade publication, the articles are the most important, and we have great group of contributors from the University and statewide. We even have one flatlander who contributes on a regular basis.

Of course, you our readers are welcome to contribute articles that will be valuable to the other members. Topics are many as we all do so many different things.

The WGCSA Fall Business meeting also brings change and new opportunities. It was nice to see a good number of members on hand at the American Club to decide the association's most important issues.

Highlighting the reports of Officers and Directors was congratulation from GCSAA regarding the amount of educational opportunities WGCSA provides its members. Your chapter is among the leaders in the number and quality of educational sessions. With many of us coming due to renew our Class A or CGCS standings under the PDI requirements, we appreciate the efforts of many to provide opportunities to learn.


Chapter hosted GCSAA seminars, and local speakers at monthly

meetings, WTA EXPO, Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium, and vendor sponsored education all contribute

to our education. It is important we do not take these opportunities for granted, as many other parts of the

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WGCSA Legacy Scholarship	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
JR Love Scholarship	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
TDL	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
USGA Foundation	\$500	\$500	\$500
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TGIF Subscription	\$1,000	completed	
John Stier, Velvet Bentgrass for Shaded greens	\$10,000	\$11,000	complete
Williamson, Sod webworm	\$6,000	\$6,000	complete
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country do not have them.

WGCSA members can be proud of the support they give to university research and support of the Wisconsin golf industry. The members in attendance approved the scholarship and research donations for 2008 shown on page 39.

The meeting finished with the election of officers and the passing of the presidential gavel. Past President Marc Davison's last duty as a board member was to run the election process. Elected as officers for one-year terms were President Dustin Riley, Oconomowoc CC, Vice President Brian Zimmerman, Milwaukee Count Parks, Treasurer Jeff Millies, Edgewood GC, Secretary Matt Schmitz, The Bruce Company. Chad Harrington, Autumn Ridge GC, was re-elected to a two-year term as director while Mark Storby, Oneida Golf & CC was elected to his first two-year term. Other board members include Past President Mike Lyons, Old Hickory CC, Director Jim Van Herwynen, South Hills Golf & CC and Director David Swift, Whistling Straights GC.

President Riley's first official act was to appoint Brett Grams, Waupaca Sand and Solutions as Industry Liaison replacing David Oberele, BASF who served two years. Thank you to Marc Davison and David Oberele for your service.

The WGCSA Legacy Scholarship Program started in 2005 to award three \$500 scholarships. The winners for 2007 are.

- Maggie Janzen, daughter of Roy Jansen, superintendent at High Cliff GC in Sherwood, WI. Studying Business at UW-Oshkosh.
- Melissa Kehoss, daughter of Bill Kehoss, superintendent at Timberstone Golf Course in Kingsford, Michigan. Studying to be a Medical Office Specialist at Bay West.
- Lydia Stuebs, daughter of Gregory Stuebs, superinten-

dent at Branch River CC in Two Rivers, WI. Studying Athletic Training/Pre-Physical Therapy. Congratulations to the students and their parents.

While we are on the theme of change, let's talk weather. The old saying goes, "in Wisconsin if you don't like the weather, just wait a minute and it will change. A cold snowy December ended the golf season for all of us in a quick way. I for one appreciated the opportunity to close without receiving any complaints.

Just when it looked like we were in for an old fashioned winter a quick warm up the in early January melted the snow for the southern half of Wisconsin. Temperatures near 70 for many by the southern border led to rare January tornadoes on Jan 7. Fortunately, no one

was killed in the eight reported touchdowns although a great deal of damage was done. This is only the second time since 1844 Wisconsin has seen a January touchdown, with the other time being 1967.

The freeze thaw patterns have left some ice on golf course through the middle of the state, where the snow partially melted. Fortunately, the turf had time to harder off again before the deep freeze we had the third week of January. Time will tell if the ice will cause damage but one thing is for sure; the weather will change again before spring.

Change and the opportunity for change are all around us as the short days of winter start making way for the longer days of spring. Make the most of what remains of our "slow time."

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