



Monroe S. Miller Literary Scholarship

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The WGCSA is proud to announce the Monroe S. Miller Literary Scholarship to be awarded to the top student written article published in *The Grass Roots*. This scholarship was created to honor the commitment made by Monroe and his family for the years of volunteer service as the editor of the award winning Grass Roots publication.

Raised on a dairy farm in Grant County, WI, Monroe was an undergrad at University of Wisconsin – Madison (turfgrass science major) from 1964 to 1968. He was drafted into the Army the day after graduation and spent two tours as a MP in Vietnam, at Long Binh Post about twenty miles north of Saigon. He returned home in late 1970 and spent two years in grad school under Dr. James R. Love at UW - Madison.

On 1/1/73 Monroe started his 36 years as golf course superintendent at Blackhawk Country Club in Madison. During that time Monroe served offices in the WGCSA, culminating as president in 1984 and 1985. He edited *The Grass Roots* from 1984 through 2007, and retired from BCC at the end of 2008 at the age of 62. Monroe received the WGCSA Distinguished Service Award in the late 1980s. He was involved in the startup of the Wisconsin Turfgrass Association and was the long time secretary.

Monroe served as president of the Wisconsin Agricultural and Life Sciences Alumni Association for two years in the late 1980s also, and received the CALS Honorary Recognition Award in 1988. Monroe spent three years on the CALS Board of Visitors, and served on a number of GCSAA committees over the course of his career. Monroe is a long time member of the USGA Green Section Committee and currently serves on the Green Section Award Committee as well. He was deeply honored to receive the 2004 USGA Green Section Award, and was elected to the Wisconsin Golf Hall of Fame in 2005. In 2008, he received the Col. John Morley Award from the GCSAA. Monroe currently is the part-time ambassador and executive director of the Wisconsin Turfgrass Association.

The Monroe S. Miller Literary Scholarship will be awarded annually to the top student written article, (graduate or undergraduate). The article has to be published in *The Grass Roots* in the calendar year to be eligible. The panel selecting the award recipient will be the current vice president of the WGCSA, Dr. John Stier, UW – Madison Department of Horticulture, and Monroe Miller. The article will be judged on innovativeness, creativity, impact, quantity and quality. The annual award in the amount of \$ 1000.00 will be presented at the WGCSA spring business meeting.

Coming Events

2010

- January 26Assistant Golf Course Superintendents Seminar, Whispering Springs Golf Course, Fond du Lac
- February 8-12GCSAA Educational Conference and Golf Industry Show, San Diego, CA
- February 10Wisconsin Hospitality Room in San Diego, CA
- March 1Spring Business Meeting, Fond du Lac
- April 19Abbey Springs GC Fontana, Host - David E Smith
- May 10Wild Rock GC, Wisconsin Dells, Host - Mike Blazich
- June 8WI Super/Pro Morningstar GC Waukesha (WI PGA Event) Host - Travis Krauklis
- July 12Watertown CC, Watertown, Host - Michael Upthegrove
- July 27Summer Field Day at OJ Noer Research Facility, Verona
- August 9Oneida Golf and CC, Green Bay, Host - Mark Storbj
- September 20Wee One Fundraiser Pine Hills C.C. Sheboygan, Host - Rod Johnson
- October 8 & 9Couples Weekend, Saddle Ridge GC, Portage, Host - Seth Brogen
- October (TBA)WTA Fundraiser for the Fellowship
- Nov 16-17Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium, Kohler, (tentative date)
- December 8WTA Winter EXPO, Boerner Botanical Gardens