



Spring Changes

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Spring is here I think. By the time you're reading the latest issue of *The Grass Roots* I am hopeful that all of the snow has cleared and the grass is up and growing. The greater Milwaukee area has experienced many different types of weather over this winter season. Having talked with local superintendents there is some fear of ice damage on the playing surfaces. If this is indeed true, I wish all good luck bringing the courses back into top shape. I shutter thinking about what the courses and superintendents went thru just a few years ago. No course was more prominent than Brown Deer. Tim Wegner and the staff did an amazing job getting the course ready for the regular patrons and the PGA tour players. Here's to crossing our fingers and hoping the grass comes out alive and kicking.

Please consider the association's newest initiative PAR4Research. This new fundraising program is designed to fund sustainable turfgrass research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. All auction proceeds

will be donated to the Wisconsin Turfgrass Association for turfgrass and environmental research funding. To make this auction a success, we are asking all WGCSA members to secure a donation from your employer for the online auction. Golf rounds w/Carts will have the greatest value and should yield the greatest attention within the auction. Please consider donating for the future of turfgrass research at one of the finest universities in the nation. For more information visit the chapters web site at wgcsa.com or par4research.com. Items will be available starting April 21st, bidding begins May 2nd. Consider writing an article for you courses newsletter or local paper to explain the benefits of the program.

By the time you are reading this I will have started a new chapter in my families life and mine by taking the executive directors position of the Cleveland Metroparks. The system maintains and operates 7 golf courses with an Audubon certified First Tee Program. The Metroparks manages close to 22,000 acres most around riparian corridors. This park system places a high value on conservation, education and recreation.

I look forward to a great golf season wherever you are. 🌱

WGCSA Mission Statement

The Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association is committed to serve each member by promoting the profession and enhancing the growth of the game of golf through education, communication and research.

WGCSA Vision Statement

The Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendent Association is dedicated to increase the value provided to its members and to the profession by:

- Enhancing the professionalism of its members by strengthening our role as a leading golf organization in the state.
- Growing and recognizing the benefits of a diverse membership throughout Wisconsin.
- Educating and promoting our members as leaders in environmental stewardship.
- Offering affordable, high value educational programs at the forefront of technology and service.
- Being key to enjoyment and the economic success of the game of golf.