

WGCSA is only as good as the people that get involved in it. Let's start the involvement by attending the next meeting at West Bend Country Club.

Al Vrana,
President

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The next article was written by one of our members who wishes to remain anonymous.

I'm sure that each of you is aware that this year we are celebrating our country's 200th birthday. During the past few months and for the remaining months of 1976, you will be constantly reminded of this fact. So much so that it may seem like the "Buy"-centennial instead of Bicentennial. This is the type of negativism that we must conquer in this country. It is almost assured that none of us will be around for our Tricentennial, so I say we should all be made aware of this 200th birthday every day of the year. We should be proud and thankful to live in a country where we are free. Therefore, each time you see a Bicentennial item, ad, etc., and think they are commercializing our nation's 200th birthday, you are thinking negatively. Each time I'm reminded of the Bicentennial I think with pride of what the past 200 years have given us and how it has made this the "land of the free and the home of the brave". Pride is patriotism and patriotism is not old fashion; it should be the "new" fashion for this year and all the years to come. Pride should give us the

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courage to do what is necessary to make the great country even greater. I want my children to look back on this year and the celebration with fond memories so they can tell their children and grandchildren what a grand birthday party this country had in 1976. This was the year that America turned the corner toward a great future. What is America to you? This is the year to determine the answer and work to make sure it stays that way.

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Editorial - The Organizations

People sometimes today approach organizations with a negative view. Everyone wants to know what personally will I gain if I join this organization. Our profession is no different.

I have recently come back from the GCSAA Conference and Show in Minneapolis, Minn. Those that attended felt the show was professionally gratifying as I did.

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The exhibitors were satisfied as to the amount of exposure their product had on the exhibit floor. The educational sessions in the most part were held to a standing room only crowd.

The annual meeting was also attended heavily, obviously because of a dues increase proposal. The proposal past after a lengthy discussion. The Dues increased \$25.00. The last dues increase was 7 years ago, so under the circumstance did not seem to be an unreasonable jump when you consider the rising cost of everything else.

Where does Wisconsin stand in the national picture, and where do you stand? There are 230 copies of this publication sent out every issue. We now have 42 national members, that means only 18% of the people reading this right now are national members. Why? We owe it to ourselves and to our profession to get involved. Wisconsin GCSA has the potential to be one of the stronger chapters in the national picture. Wisconsin is a sleeping giant who can step in and help shape our professional futures.

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The money you spend on dues is deductible on your income tax. Maybe your club will sponsor you into the GCSAA. You'll never know if you don't ask.

Let's stop sitting around finding reasons for not joining, lets look for a few reasons to join. Maybe you like other people making our decisions for us but I don't. Its time Wisconsin took its place as a leader instead of as a follower. The Superintendents in Wisconsin are not only competent agrostologist but also business men. Our board is a professional group, with the capability to step in and fight for our needs. It is our turn to give them ammunition to fight with. How? by giving them the power of our vote. you have a responsibility to yourself and to your colleagues to get involved. Lets get involved by joining the national and lets get involved by being doers in the local organization. Next year when the nominating committee ask you to run for office of director, feel honored, not hounded. If they thought as much of you to ask, then you should think enough of yourself to accept.

I was elected president of the Midwest Turf Foundation at the annual conference held at Purdue, and very proud of the honor given to me. I admit that my opinion may be bias but feel I would be amiss if I did not write a few words about the Midwest Turf Foundation, in particular and turf foundations in general.

Research done at Purdue and other universities is

vital to our business. They are constantly looking into new products and inovations, that will help us to survive in a business that keeps offering us ever increasing problems.

Research does not produce a miracle a day and it takes time, dedication and money. But lets look at the track record. If not for research we may still be crawling around digging weeds.

Turf foundations are constantly going to bat for us in environmental problems, fighting for our professional needs. Turf foundations offer technical help which is not influenced by any self interest.

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their course. Local turf foundations support research on local problems. A clubs membership in the Midwest Turf Foundation is a small investment in their continual enjoyment of fine Golf Turf.

The Educational Program that is presented each year at Purdue is worth the donation alone. Anyone who has attended must admit to this.

On the chance that I could stir up a hornets nest, I am going to express my thoughts on the U.S.G.A. Greens Section.

It is obvious that the Greens Section has not enjoyed the success that it once had in earlier years. I feel that the reason for this is that superintendents feel that as their knowledge has increased their personal

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Club Boards are more aware each year of the ability of their superintendents and are placing 100% confidence in his decision which is only right and proper.

When two agronomists get together, their is usually a mutual exchange of ideas which are beneficial to both persons. This spirit must persist in this professional relationship or it will most certainly perish.

I have no doubt that the U.S.G.A. Greens Section puts the game of golf foremost. The U.S.G.A. Greens Section has started many clubs in a positive direction. The good they do varies from circumstance to circumstance. At some clubs the U.S.G.A. Greens Section fees may be a donation to the betterment of golf in general, to others it may be a rewarding investment to their existence. This service is many different things to many different people.

I am pleased to announce that Carl Schwartzkopf has been appointed Mid-Continent Director and I am sure we wish him success in his new post. Mr. Holman Griffin, Mid-Atlantic Director has resigned to accept a position with the National Golf Foundation staff in Texas.

I feel that a closer relationship with the GCSAA is imparative when it comes to the perpetuation of this

U.S.G.A. service. A closer relationship will strengthen both organizations. A mutual understanding of each one's goals and purposes will eventually bannish any mistrust or doubt that may presently exist.

Danny H. Quast,
Editor

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Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association Meetings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Site/Location</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Speaker/Topic</u>
March 24	West Bend C.C. West Bend	Dennis Willms	James Latham, Jr., Milw. Sew. Comm., Round Table Discussion.
April 19	Tuscumbia C.C. Green Lake	Deke Decramer	Duane Hashian, Dupont Co., Disease Control
May 10	Oconomowoc C.C. Oconomowoc	Harvey Miller	Roy Henderson, R&S Parts, Auto- Matic Irrigation, Irrig. Planning & Design.
June 7	Alpine Valley G.C., East Troy	Harry Holt	Donald Pfeiderer, Lebanon Chemical Corp.
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| Sept. 13 | Milwaukee C.C.
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Quast | Frank Hannigan,
Asst. Ex. Director,
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| Sept. | Joint Meeting w/Midwest
Date & Site to be announced | | |
| Oct. 11 | Brightondale
G.C., Kenosha | John
Murphy | Tournament,
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| Oct. 27
& 28 | Symposium at the Pfister Hotel | | |
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