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President's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association Board of Directors, committees and everyone who was involved

in the activities of the Association in 1978. The efforts and valuable time of everyone involved are appreciated.

We would not be able to enjoy

the continued success of "THE GRASS ROOTS" without the tremendous support of the advertisers. Bill Roberts, the editor, has done an excellent job with the paper even without articles and information from members that should have been contributed but wasn't. Two WGCSA newsletters that I have seen before "THE GRASS ROOTS" both failed simply because they did not get input from the members. Let's not have history repeat itself, please. Members must contribute articles and "put the bite" on others to give information about methods, programs and techniques that have helped their operations.

1979 GCSAA GOLF COURSE TOUR

Georgia's golfing season never ends, but despite the demand this places on golf course superintendents in the state, three of them will take time to host 300 visiting members of their profession, Friday morning, Feb. 9, on a tour of their courses. The traditional tour is the final event of the GCSAA 50th International Turfgrass Conference and Show to be held Feb. 4-9, 1979, in Atlanta.

The courses and their respective superintendents are: Northwood Golf & Country Club, Lawrenceville, Charlie P. Underwood, CGCS; Atlanta Athletic Club, Duluth, Bobby D. McGee, CGCS; Horseshoe Bend Country Club, Roswell, Johnny B. Johnson.

Each stop will last 30-40 minutes which will allow time for the host superintendent to point out the unique features of his course and answer questions.

Northwood Golf & Country Club, an 18-hole, 200-acre course will feature overseeded bermudagrass greens.

The Atlanta Athletic Club, is famous for its unsurpassed clubhouse and athletic facilities. The 36-hole, 400-acre course, with its lightening-fast greens and fine fairways and tees, was the site of the 1976 United States Open. It has been chosen as the site of the 1981 PGA Championship.

Horseshoe Bend Country Club is an 18-hole, 140-acre course which has a unique blend of housing and golf course. It is locally famous as a course on which many players qualify for major tournaments.

The Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association needs meeting sites for 1979. Anyone interested in hosting a meeting next year, please contact Bill Douglas at 414-242-1020. The value of the comradery and friendship created among fellow members is priceless.

Thank you for your support these past two years.

WAYNE OTTO

