



*This issue IS the Bill Roberts issue.
But turn the pages and read stories about shops
and shows, the EPA and the USGA, winter
and spring, werewolves and fertilizers.
And more! And more!*



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ROBERTS RULES!

By Monroe S. Miller

William R. Roberts, past president of the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association, was elected president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America on February 17, 1992. The election was held at the GCSAA's conference in New Orleans.

Roberts' long trek to the presidency started in 1984 when he first appeared on the GCSAA ballot for director at the annual meeting in Washington, D.C. in early 1985. That effort ended up only a few votes short of victory.

He ran again the following year and was elected to the board. That meeting was held in San Francisco in early 1986.

From the time he first notified the officers, directors and members of the WGCSA that he was running for office in the GCSAA, support for his effort has been total and steadfast. Campaign brochures, hospitality rooms, hundreds of phone calls and moral support from everybody in the Wisconsin organiza-

tion certainly contributed to his advancement through the GCSAA offices.

Roberts himself, however, is the reason he was elected to the prestigious position he now holds. His work ethic, his vision for the profession, his sense of what the critical issues of the day are, his superb communication skills, and his outstanding leadership ability have gotten him to where he is today. He was able to take control, when he needed to, of his own fate and move forward.

Five nominees for director at that Washington, D.C. meeting have moved through the GCSAA presidency. Roberts, Cadenelli, Faubel, Lyon and Segui were candidates that year. Roberts and Cadenelli were not elected. Roberts was elected the next year and Cadenelli was appointed. Roberts is the last of the five to serve as president.

Roberts has the most widespread respect and support among the GCSAA membership I have seen in twenty years as a member. Past presidents, current board members and voting delegates

have an especially high regard for Roberts and his ability. One current board member shared with me his opinion that "Bill might be the best president the GCSAA has ever had."

So we wish him well for the next year. We will be there to help when we can, offer suggestions when we must and applaud like never before when we meet in California.

A Sketch of the 1992 GCSAA Conference

You might want to call this "a look at the National through awards". Many have told me this kind of a vehicle is more interesting than paragraph after paragraph of narrative that accomplishes little more. So here goes for 1992.

BEST QUOTE

"I spent my career touching another man's butt." Terry Bradshaw at the Opening Session.

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The president-elect's wife is far better looking than the president-elect!



Erin, Jennifer, Bill's mom and Megan Roberts arrived at the banquet early for a front row seat.