

name was not mentioned she asked me if I stopped in Denver because I didn't call her until I got to San Francisco. She didn't believe me when I told her I suggested to Angie to list the names and talked to you about publishing them in the Newsletter. If my picture had not been in "The Golf Supt." I would have had some explaining to do.

Anyway, I know I was there and that's what counts.

All in Fun,
Bob

Geoge Gumm checked in with a nice note from Indiana and things are quite the same as they are here. He says it has been cold and dry, the same story everywhere. The bluegrass there is in good shape, the bent slow and the Zoysia, well forget it. There is a lot of leafspot coming on now and there was quite a lack of snow cover last winter there also. Oh yes — he mentioned a trip east in July too. It will be good to see the old transplant.

And lastly, Craig Spottswood, the new super at Manor Club, got a nice play in their club's newsletter. It looks from the article as though he and his greens chairman are working well together. That's a nice budget figure too.

Following is an excerpt from the Manor Club Newsletter.

GREENS COMMITTEE REPORT By George Ellerton

The board of governors has approved an operating budget for 1971 of \$120,000. In addition \$28,000 has been approved to purchase much needed capital equipment for golf course maintenance. Among the items to be procured is a back hoe for work in preparing the fairway drainage system.

You are no doubt aware of the soggy conditions of fairways 7 and 18. These are good examples of the results of inadequate drainage.

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Craig Spottswood plans to start his drainage project before the year is out.

Proper fairway drainage is necessary for the healthy growth of grass, particularly bermuda. Speaking of bermuda; Craig will start the propagation of sprigs in June on the back nine. Complete bermuda grass coverage for the nine fairways may take about five years. But be patient. A good five-year plan is better than no plan at all.

The front nine is too shady for good bermuda growth, so the emphasis here will be on blue grass. Major reseeding will be accomplished this fall. In the meantime we will try to keep the fairways playable with what we have.

Greens will be aerated and top dressed again in May. Then they should be good enough through the summer.

So much for what the board and the greens superintendent are doing. Now, what can you do?

(a) Be understanding when the course is closed to carts on wet days.

(b) Pick up your tees and throw the broken ones into the rough. They raise cain with mower blades.

(c) Repair at least two ball marks when you reach the green.

(d) Educate the kids to respect the course. Maybe even set a good example.

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