

THE BULL SHEET, official monthly publication of the MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS.

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#### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many of us are just back from the National Conference at Atlantic City where there was much entertainment and two solid days of talks. This year the program was well organized, full of meat, and easy to listen to. The hall was always well filled and the last speaker of each day had a full audience. We feel that the trip was well worth while and we look forward to the 1954 Conference which will be held in Miami, Florida. The dates which we have at this time start on January 3. It would be well for all of us to try to get there and to lay our plans now.

The next educational event is the Conference or short course at Purdue on March 2-4. Dr. Daniel has arranged a most interesting program and you cannot afford to miss this one.

We, of the Midwest, are, this year sponsoring our own Turf Conference which we plan to make an annual event. It will be a one day meeting at the Drug and Horticultural Experiment Station of the University of Illinois at Downers Grove, Illinois and at the Morton Arboretum at Lisle, Illinois. Don't let the two towns confuse you, the two towns are adjoining and the two places within very short distance of each other. The meeting will be on Saturday, March 14 and there will be no fee. It is especially urged that the members of the Association make a special effort to get club officials and other interested parties to attend. Let's make it a big event.

So keep these dates in mind. The programs for both events are in this issue of THE BULL SHEET.

Ray Davis, President

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#### 1953 MIDWEST REGIONAL TURF CONFERENCE, MARCH 2-4

A new part of the Midwest Turf Conference in 1953 will be the sections divided according to interest with each group having subject matter of specific interest to it being handled by different discussion panels.

Members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents participating include Ray Gerber, Don Strand, William Smith, Bob Williams, Al Johnson and Andrew Dunn.

The panel discussion has been tried in two other conferences with excellent success, and the program committee feels sure that the midwest group can make the most of such an arrangement. A possible feature on the program also includes Mr. Tom Walsh of Westgate Valley Golf Course.

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#### GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA ELECTION RESULTS

The following were elected officers of the Association for 1953.

President — Leonard Strong; Vice President — Norman Johnson; Directors — Andrew Bertoni, Robt. Williams, Colin Smith.

#### PETER M. STEWART

Peter M. Stewart, Superintendent at Butterfield Country Club since 1943, died on February 2nd, age fifty-five. Previously, he served in that capacity at Lake Shore Country Club, Highland Park, Illinois, for nineteen years.

He came to the United States from Scotland via Canada in 1921. He was born in Auchterarder, Perthshire, Scotland on November 27, 1897. During the first world war he served for three years in the Black Watch. His entire life here was spent in golf course construction and maintenance work.

Peter Stewart will be sorely missed by his many friends in the golf fraternity. For exuberance and energy in numerous lines of work and sports activities, he will long be remembered. He excelled in such diverse activities as golf, bowling, hunting, and less strenuous games. With his Scotch accent he could never hide his light under a bushel very long.

Surviving are his wife Alma, Edward (a fellow member of Midwest and Superintendent at River Forest Country Club), Faye and Donnie, and one Grandchild.

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#### THE ILLINOIS TURF CONFERENCE

The conference at Downers Grove on March 14, will be the result of years of effort on the part of our association to interest the University of Illinois in helping to solve our turf problems. The persistence of our Research Committee headed by Bert Rost and in other years by Ray Gerber and Don Strand, has won the enthusiastic cooperation of Dr. Ralph Voigt, and it is mainly thru his work that we have been able to win over the University to let us have this conference. It is a great step forward for our organization to sponsor its own educational conference and we hope this initial effort will lead to bigger and better meetings of the kind in this district. The facilities of the Morton Arboretum are wonderful and we are indeed fortunate that we have such a place which will be useful for our purpose. The Drug and Horticultural Experiment Station is new and is not yet fully developed, but that also offers us an ideal spot for our turf plots and greenhouse work on turf research. We, are indeed, very fortunate in having such an able and willing man as Dr. Voigt to help us in our educational work.

We hope we will have a full turnout and only from this and the enthusiasm in which the program will be received will we be able to continue our plans to make this an annual event.

The speakers on the program are all top men in their fields and we consider ourselves extremely fortunate that they have expressed a willingness to be with us and to help in every way possible to put the conference over.

Plans have been made to have lunch at Woodridge Country Club, where Association members, Ted Hammerschmidt and Peter Bild will be our hosts. Lunch is the only thing you will have to pay for and the price will be \$1.75. However, reservations must be in by March 10 and you will receive a card to be mailed in for that purpose.

Your fullest cooperation will be appreciated in interesting your club officials to attend this conference with you.

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