

## BY-LAW CHANGES

### ARTICLE 11 MEMBERSHIP

#### SECTION 1.

There shall be six classes of members as follows:

(a) Charter Members. Those persons who become members of this Association prior to the date of the first Annual Meeting in 1927.

(b) Honorary Members. Those persons whose outstanding work in our profession or in related fields, entitles them to special recognition. Honorary Members may be dismissed from business meetings at the discretion of the President, but may attend all Educational and social Meetings and are entitled to all benefits of the Association, except they shall not have the right to vote and they shall not be required to pay any dues.

(c) Class A Members. Those persons presently employed as Superintendents of the Golf Courses who shall have held such a position for not less than three years prior to the time of application for membership is made herein, provided however, that effective, January 1, 1957, any persons making application for Class A Membership, if not already a regular member in good standing of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America must do so at that time.

(d) Class B Members. Association Superintendents who are employed in Golf Course Maintenance Work as qualified Superintendents, but who are not eligible for admission as Class A Members. Class B Members may attend all meetings and are entitled to all benefits of the Association, except however, they shall not have the right to vote.

(e) Class C Members. Those persons who are employed as trainees in Golf Course Maintenance Work. Class C Members may attend all meetings and are entitled to all benefits of the Association, except however, they shall not have the right to vote.

(f) Class D Members. Commercial Members who are sufficiently interested in our profession to attend meetings and work for the advancement of this Association, but who are not eligible for admission as Class A Members. Commercial Members may be dismissed from business meetings at the discretion of the President but may attend all Educational or Social Meetings and are entitled to all benefits of the Association except however, they shall not have the right to vote.

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The Turf Maintenance Equipment Service Clinic held at Elmhurst Country Club under the sponsorship of Frandsen Brothers and Illinois Lawn Equipment, Inc., on November 13, had an attendance of 125 and much valuable information was presented for the Superintendents.

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**WE NEED YOUR VOTE!** According to membership figures, slightly more than half of our class A members of the National Association. In order for us to be represented by a delegate at the National meeting, it is necessary that 60% of our Class A members also be Regular members of the National Association. So you see if we do not make our quota we will have to vote by proxy which we would like to avoid if possible. So, if you are a Class A member and are not a member of the National also, why don't you contact our Secretary and get him to send you an application blank, or contact the National Secretary, Agar Brown, at St. Charles. We would appreciate your cooperation.

## SPREADING IT THIN

Paul Burdett Jr. left for army service on December 5. Paul said he was headed for Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. We know Paul will make a good soldier and wish him all the luck in the world.

At last report, Stan Arendt was still in the hospital. We sincerely hope that Stan will soon be home again.

Bob Strand, son of Don Strand of Westmoreland C.C., is the new Superintendent of Barrington Hills C.C.

We received a letter from our old friend Harry S. (Bill) Bailey who said that he had made a trip to Florida in November and visited Harold Reed and Bob Duguid. Bill says that Bob is very pleased with the way Poa Annua reacts to Florida weather and conditions.

Mary Gruening has built five new greens and tees at Midwest Country Club and is now busy constructing nine additional holes. Marv is a busy boy. The Superintendents who attended the December meeting at Midwest were very much interested in the heavy machinery which Marv is using for his new construction.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Matthies, who formerly ran the Sod Nursery at Bloomingdale, Illinois are making a trip around the world. They were scheduled to go thru the Suez Canal but will have to go around Africa instead.

Barney Wendt who now is Head Gardener for the Olson Rug Company at Pulaski, reported that this fall he planted 6000 tulip bulbs, 500 hyacinth, 500 narcissis and 600 crocus, to provide a Rainbow Garden next spring. Be sure and visit Barney when the tulips bloom next spring.

The annual Fall Clinic for Golf Course Management was opened by President Williams in the great Ball room at the Olympia Fields Country Club. The attendance was unusually good, and over 102 registered during the session.

The crowd did not come only from our own membership, but from all over the middlewest. Ward Cornwall, President of the National Association, gave a talk as did several others from different associations. Our own speakers gave their reports in a splendid manner and it was a good and instructive meeting.

The food was especially good, and the course included two luncheons and a banquet. Frank Dinelli as Chairman of the Research Committee and Gordon Brinkworth as Chairman of the Educational Committee were both excellent.

We had a good meeting at The Midwest C. C. on the 4th. The dinner was delicious, roast beef, the servings were more than adequate and the service was good and the surroundings gracious. Our Hosts were Marv Gruening and John Polocavic and they did their best to show us a good time.

Mel Johnson, who has been a member for many years and really an old timer in the district, came to this meeting. Mel sells Pro shop supplies and every fall lays out and builds one or more golf courses. Lately he has been specializing in the par three 9 hole layouts.

Gosh, Folks, it is Christmas time now, as I write this our hearts are filled with thanks for the many delightful things that have filled the past year and slightly dismayed at the multitude of activities that present themselves for fulfillment during 1957. The year past has flown with a speed never before equaled in our life time, with one day crowding another, filled to the overflowing with activity, till the time when one looks back to see only a jumble of good and fruitful activities. It has been a good year.

It is too late to wish you all a Merry Christmas but it is never too late to wish you all a **HAPPY NEW YEAR.**