

THE BULL SHEET, official monthly publication of THE MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS. Editor, William H. Stupple, 543 Michigan Ave., Highland Park, Ill. Associate Editor, Joe Dinelli.

### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Most of the Superintendents are back from their well earned vacations and are anxiously waiting for the warm weather.

I am certainly pleased at the nice turnout we had from our Association at the Purdue Conference. It seems like every year we have an increase in our attendance. It was a very good meeting and I want to thank Dr. Daniels for a job well done.

The annual Spring Dinner Dance will be held on May 3rd at the River Forest Golf Club. Norm Kramer and his wife have planned another enjoyable evening for us, so please set that date aside and plan to come for an evening of fun.

We had a nice attendance at our last meeting at Villa Olivia Country Club and I want to thank the Management for the wonderful dinner we had.

Our next meeting will be held April 7th at the Mohawk Country Club and Al Hintz will be our host. Get those golf clubs out and shined up because if the weather is good we will have an afternoon of golf. Dinner will be served at 6:30 with a Business Meeting after.

ED STEWART, PRESIDENT

### OUR APRIL MEETING

Our April meeting will be held at Mohawk Country Club, Bensenville, Ill. on Monday, April 7. Al Hintz will be our host. It could be that the weather might be favorable for golf that day, so you had better look up your clubs and bring them with you. We doubt whether there will be a tournament scheduled so early in the season, but if the conditions are right, there will surely be some golfers. For others, there will be a social meeting in the afternoon. Dinner will be at 6:30 P.M. and the business meeting will follow. We are sure that Educational Chairman Wes Updegraff will have something interesting in that line following the business meeting. Let's have a good turnout for this meeting.

### THE MARCH MEETING

There was a good turnout for our meeting at Villa Olivia Country Club on March 10. We did not get an accurate account, but there must have been close to 70 at the dinner. A number of superintendents arrived early in the afternoon and a social meeting was enjoyed by all. The dinner that evening received the approval of all. It was chicken and beef served family style and that always seems to go over big with our members, who all seem to have healthy appetites. President Stewart announced that our Spring Dance would be held at River Forest Country Club on Saturday evening, May 3. Norman Kramer is planning a wonderful evening for us. President Stewart also announced that the Fall Dance would be held at Elmhurst Country Club on Saturday, November 8.

It was announced at the meeting that Walter Killmer and Gabriel Rosset were in the hospital, and that George Roloff would be in the hospital in Elmhurst for quite some time.

Dave Mastroleo held a drawing of door prizes.

### DOOR PRIZES

1. Joe Canale, 2. Adolph Bertucci, 3. Don Stewart, 4. Dave Mastroleo, 5. Gordon Brinkworth.

### ON THE AILING LIST

Gabriel Rosset was taken ill while attending the Conference at Purdue and since he arrived home has been confined to the Medical Pavillion in Highwood. Gabe says that the doctor has advised him to rest there until about April 1.

George Roloff is still in the DuPage Memorial Hospital at Elmhurst. George has been there since January 6, and will be there for a number of weeks yet.

Walter Killmer was reported as being in St. Luke's Hospital at our March meeting, but has returned home since. It is expected that Walter will soon have to return to the hospital for another operation.

We are happy to report that Gordon Brinkworth's son who required heart surgery this winter, is getting along fine. In fact, he was at Washington with Gordon.

### SNOW MOLD NEWS

Snow mold in the Chicago area this Spring has been about as severe as many of us can remember. Snow lay on unfrozen ground from the first of January until the middle of March in some parts of the District (notably the north side) and when it started to melt, snow mold was all over the place. Greens and tees that had been treated in the fall, came thru very well, but even on treated turf there was some signs of the fungus. On a number of courses, this was the first year in many that there was any sign of either the Pink or Gray Snow Mold on treated turf. It may have been that the heavy rains late in December had much to do with lessening the effectiveness of the fungicides used earlier. Poa Annua and Bent fairways were hard hit, but we are relieved to note that 99 percent of the damage is superficial, that is, just the leaves were affected and the stems and roots are still living and starting to show new growth. We try to find an explanation for things that we note, and think that the turf is recovering faster this year, not because of any unusual weather conditions, but because there was practically no frost in the ground where it was covered by snow and that the grass has had a chance to develop new roots much sooner than is usually the case. This may be wrong, but it seems logical to us. Untreated greens are hard hit and most of the Superintendents have treated the turf since the snow went. Pink snow mold seems to be the most aggressive of the two. It seems to cover more of the turf, one patch practically overlapping another, and the fungus keeps on working longer, after the snow is gone.

Henry Lange volunteers some interesting information on his well at Glen View. The casing in the well collapsed last summer, making it necessary to redrill it. The original well, drilled in 1926 was a depth of 2058 feet and the deep well pump was set at 200 feet. The new well is only 1550 feet deep and the pump is set between 4 and 500 feet down. Henry says that the capacity of the wells will be the same. With the receding water table and the necessity of deeper wells in some sections, we think this is something of interest.