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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This month's issue of the Bull Sheet is being edited and published without an official editor. As you know, at our meeting last month, Bert Rost tendered his resignation as Editor. I am sorry that Bert Rost will no longer be with us — he will surely be missed by all. There is a great deal of time and effort required in the editing of our monthly publication, and we appreciate the job he has done during the past few years. I would like to thank Bert in behalf of our Association for all he has done. Thanks Bert!

We are still attempting to find a new editor in time to publish our March issue. Mr. Joe Dennelli, Superintendent of the Evanston Country Club has all the qualifications necessary for the job, and we have approached him about it, and certainly hope he will accept. As you will recall, Joe was the Assistant Editor under the able guidance of Bill Stupple a few years ago, and he is fully aware of the problems that would be confronting him.

Our thanks to the George A. Davis Company for the very nice meeting held there last month. We all enjoyed the wonderful lunch and the enlightening speaker — the Countess Maria Pulaski. You must admit her stories and experiences during World War II were both thrilling and suspenseful, and at times most amusing. I am sure you will all agree that her finish was quite dramatic and unsuspecting. Thanks again to Oscar Borgmeier for the invitation, and to his staff for such a wonderful time.

I noticed a large number of new faces at this last meeting, and I sincerely hope that these people will continue to attend our local meetings. We have a great deal to offer them this year in our educational programs, as well as a good friendly atmosphere conducive to a good time.

During the past few months there have been articles in various trade publications on several of our members. This is favorable publicity for our organization, and we surely welcome it. Those who have had articles written about them are Ed Stewart of the River Forest Country Club on 'Budgets' in GOLFDOM Magazine. Peter and Paul Voykin were featured in the REPORTER as one of the brother teams in our profession. Peter is Superintendent of Idelwild Country Club, and Paul is Superintendent at Calumet Country Club. You will remember that Emil Cassier's daughter, Mary wrote an article on 'Pests' which appeared in our October 1960 issue of the Bull Sheet. This same article was printed in the REPORTER recently.

Should any of you have some interesting news item to tell, about yourself, or someone else in our field, I would like to urge you to write it up and send it to one of our magazines. In this same line, I would also like our members to supply us with news articles for publication in the Bull Sheet, personal or otherwise. By doing this, you will make the editor's job much easier and the magazine more interesting. The main purpose of this publication is to keep our members informed on subjects pertaining to our profession. In the past we have supplemented this with personal news items, as well as news from various clubs, and we will continue to do this in the future.

Here's wishing you a happy and safe vacation, and I hope you all enjoyed the Conference in Toronto. I will see you in March at our next meeting.

Sincerely yours, Ted Woehrle, President

BY THE BOARD

At the Board of Directors meeting held prior to the general meeting January 9, 1961, the following members were appointed as Chairmen of the various committees.

Education Committee — Co-Chairmen:

John Ebel - Ed Burke

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Entertainment Committee: Don Stewart

Membership Committee: Marv Gruening

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Golf Committee: Bill Saielli

At this meeting, it was decided that we would place an ad in the P.G.A. Program for the National Tournament July 27 through July 30th, 1961, at Olympia Fields Country Club. The members of the Board felt this would be one more step in the direction of promoting better relationship between our profession and the P.G.A. In the past we have had to purchase tickets for the P.G.A. tournaments, and I am glad to say that this year we have been advised by them that our membership card would be sufficient identification for admittance to the tournament.

It was also decided that we would have a new Membership Directory and By Laws printed for our association this year, which would include names of our members, their addresses and also the club with which they are associated. As you know, the last one we had printed was in 1957, and since then there have been many changes.

GOLF CARTS

On Saturday, January 21st, 1961 the Chicago District Golf Association held a meeting on various phases of golf cart operations at Chicago Country Clubs. There were fifty three clubs represented, and twenty seven Superintendents present at this meeting. Mr. Charles Eckstein presided as Program Chairman. The following subjects were discussed and analyzed.

Club Income

Tam O'Shanter reported that in 1960 it was completely mechanized — they have no caddies. One hundred and twenty two cars were used last year, with 15,311 rounds of golf played, using electric cars. The course is definitely showing wear in channeled areas, but they are overcoming this by building asphalt paths where needed. Other clubs are using smaller numbers of cars, and all agree that there is a nice income from the cars, and which in most cases, offsets the damage.

Effects on Turf

Damage can be controlled to some extent by educating the car users and advising them why certain rules are necessary. Low pressure tires will also help to control damage. On this point it was brought out that a 170 lb. man walking on the turf would exert more pressure per square inch than properly inflated tires.

Another way to control damage would be to use roadways and parking areas, especially around tees and greens. It was pointed out that these paths should be of sufficient width so as to allow them to also be used for golf course equipment; preferably eight feet wide.

It was also brought out that it is preferable to remove several inches of soil prior to installing these paths, so that they will be flush with the ground. The use of signs is another means of controlling damage to turf. This sign appears in one locker room: "The use of cars can be assured even on wet days, if the car operators will adhere to 'Rough Only' signs on these days."

Tires

There was considerable discussion on the proper size of tires for golf cars in regards to amount of turf damage. There was no definite decision made as to whether the Terra Tire, or the 6 inch Fairway Balloon Tire was less damaging to turf. Many good and bad points were mentioned about both types.

Caddies

It was felt by some present that caddies are a necessary part of the game and everything possible should be done to preserve the use of caddies. Several clubs mentioned that a caddy is required to go out with every playing member, regardless of whether or not care are used. Some clubs require only one caddy per car be used, while others require no caddy at all.

Service Problems

Three manufacturing companies were represented, and in all cases it was agreed that a man, not a boy should be

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used to maintain these cars. This usually proves to be more expensive as far as labor is concerned, but the operational efficiency of the cars is greatly improved.

Gasoline vs. Electric Cars

More and more improvements are being made each year on the gas car, and it appears that in the near future a gasoline car will be available that will be satisfactory to most clubs. Comparisons between the two were discussed in regards to maintenance and performance. One club reported that they insist that only gasoline cars be operated and they are very happy with the outcome. One member used his gasoline car 309 times during 1960, without apparent wear.

Car Storage

Where privately owned and club owned cars are concerned, elaborate storage areas were constructed, but where cars were leased, usually a simple lean-to or unprotected areas were reported to be sufficient. Of course, cars that were left out in the weather, even though covered with canvas, showed considerably more damage to seats and bodies.

This portion of the program was presented with a panel of men including:

O. J. Noer, Charlie Wilson, Jim Watson, Al Johnson, Ted Woehrle and Bob Williams
Mr. Williams was the panel moderator.

It was decided that there were two types of damage to turf caused by the use of cars; the visible and the invisible. Visible damage would be ruts and skid-marks the invisible damage would be compaction. Of course there is temporary damage during wilting stages and when the soil is extremely wet. There is also considerable damage caused when carts are used when there is a heavy frost on the turf.

CHICAGOS' TOUGHEST 18 HOLES

Tommy Kouzmanoff, Chicago's Americans Sports writer picks Chicagos' 18 toughest holes as picked by a committee of 10 men which included top golf officials and golf professionals.

Big Run - No. 9; Chicago Golf Club - No. 2; Acacia - No. 9; Barrington Hills - No. 6; Midlothian Country Club - No. 2; St. Andrews - No. 17; Skokie Country Club - No. 3; Flossmoor Country Club - No. 17; Mission Hills Country Club - No. 16; Jackson Park Golf Club - No. 7; Beverly Country Club - No. 11; Bryn Marr - No. 8; Glen Eagles - No. 5 Championship; Arlington - No. 3; North Shore - No. 17; Olympia Fields - No. 14, No. 4 course; Tam O' Shanter - No. 16; and Medinah - No. 13, No. 3.

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