

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There has been a great deal of talk lately about the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation, and what it has to offer our Association. I am including some information about the Foundation elsewhere in this issue of the Bull Sheet. The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents has been trying for the past decade or more to establish some type of research program with the University of Illinois, with little or no success. Representatives of our Association have traveled many long miles and have made many trips to the campus of the University in Champaign, Illinois. The purpose of these trips was to meet with officials of the University, and attempt to organize some type of turf program, though nothing was ever accomplished. Our problems concerning turf in the State of Illinois remained unsolved. The next step in our plans was to ask the Chicago District Golf Association for some assistance in our fight with the University to reconsider. This also failed. We made our last effort in the Fall of 1959 before giving up.

Recently, a few individuals of our Association broke the ice, and achieved what we were unable to achieve. These men were Ben Warren, Bert Rost, and Paul E. Burdett. Of course, there were other individuals involved, and we are grateful to all of them. What have we done as an Organization to support the Illinois Turf Grass Foundation? Nothing! This seems strange to me after all the time and effort that was spent by our Association in trying to accomplish this goal. We should have been the first ones to offer our assistance. Perhaps some of our members that worked so hard feel that their efforts went un-rewarded all these years, so why should they help support the Foundation. This is wrong. We now have what we strived for, so we should all help make this one of the finest turf grass organizations in the country.

The University has hired competent men to run the program and after this summer, they will have a good sized staff working full time on problems involving turf. We still have time to get in on the ground floor, and help guide the research in the right direction, so that some of our problems here in the Midwest will be solved.

I am not advocating that we stop supporting Purdue University and the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation. They have done outstanding work for many years, and will continue to do so. I would be the last man to drop Purdue. I feel that these two Universities will work together in solving problems. Work will not be duplicated. Dr. Mike Britton of the University of

Illinois will primarily be working on disease control, and Dr. William Daniel of Purdue University will continue working on grass selections, soil ammendments and weed controls in turf. We should support both of these institutions. This will be expensive for some clubs, but I feel that it is a small price to pay for all that we will gain.

Sincerely yours,
Ted Woehrle



John Mac Gregor being presented a gift from Ray Gerber of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents in appreciation for all the fine work that he has done in promoting our profession.

COMING EVENTS

Our next monthly meeting will be held at The Beverly Country Club on Monday, May the 8th. Beverly is located at 8700 South Western Ave. in Chicago. This is a Private Club so we cannot expect normal service on Mondays. This is usually a day off for the club employees. There will be some caddys available but not enough to go around. For those of you who are not lucky enough to get a caddy you will be allowed to use an electric cart. After the carts are no longer available you will be forced to carry your own bag or perhaps you might like to bring a pull-cart. The club does not have pull-carts.

John Ebel informs me that he will have another interesting educational program after our dinner on the 8th. He has asked Mr. Richard Allen to speak to us on the subject of "Safety and First Aid". Mr. Allen is a representative from Great Lakes Fire Equipment Company and also Director of Civil Defense of Barrington. When needed he is a fireman on the Barrington Fire Department.

There will be a second part to this meeting as was the case last month. A "Round Table Reminiscing" is scheduled to discuss Golf Course maintenance since World War II, participants will be Stupple, Kronn, Mashie, Williams, Paul Voykin, R. Gerber, E. Stewart and John Ebel.

The June Meeting will be held at the beautiful Idelwild Country Club in Flosmoor, Illinois. Peter Voykin will be our Host.

Last Saturday, April 22nd found many of us at the Elmhurst Country Club having a wonderful time. The dance found 104 people attending. The music was