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Arnold Bodhaine, Superintendent Palos Country Club

### *The President's Message*

The golf season has arrived and with the recent good weather the golfers are out in full force. Many of the Midwest members are hearing the same, old, springtime complaint, "Why can't we use the carts on the fairways?"

I'm sure if these avid golf fans would stop to realize what damage can be done to the soft, wet fairways by the carts, they might not complain so loudly.

In general, the Chicago area courses are in fine shape with most Superintendents reporting little or no winter damage. The big problem will be getting the grounds' crews up to full force in order to meet the demands of this lush growing weather. This is the time of year we should really appreciate the modern, efficient machinery we have at our disposal . . . . where would we be without it?

Adolph Bertucci  
President

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### MAY MEETING

Palos Country Club was the place of our May meeting. Ralph Krueger, manager, was again a gracious host to our association with the wonderful buffet dinner. The speaker of the evening, Mr. Joseph Hantman of Lubin and Lubin Associates, brought us up to date on the many benefits of the retirement program. Quite a few were surprised that you could get members of your family and permanent members of your crew enrolled. This is something that more of us should look into as a fringe benefit supplied by the club.

Our thanks to Arnold Bodhaine, host superintendent, who had the course in good condition considering the Spring cold weather and heavy rains.

In their report on the golf outing on this brisk 50 degree day in early May, Braunsky and Burrows checked in 38 golfers. All of whom enjoyed themselves from the talk during cocktail hour about a couple extraordinary tricky and beautiful golf holes.

Golf Tournament: Calaway handicap system.

Prizes were won in the following order: Joe Dinelli, Don Gricus, Oscar Miles, Joe Canelli, Norm Kramer, Art Cleason, Gerald Dearie, Bill Saïelli, Sr., Russ Reed, Don Weisenburger, Fred Opperman, C. Mitchell, John Hooper, John Eble, Roy Nelson, J. Meyer, G. Weidner.

The most powerful and accurate golfer of the day was Al Bertucci, winning the longest drive contest on the tenth hole.

At the June Meeting the plan for golf is:

1. Low ball twosome using Calaway handicap system, so get your partner in advance.
2. A par three hole, closest to the pin contest.
3. **Non-golfers:** Putting contest at 4:30 sharp on the practice green.

See you there!