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The President's Message

In the past the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents has held the esteem of all, as the strongest and most progressive group in our field. For eight years I have been privileged to golf and converse with you at monthly meetings. Accepting the gavel as your president for 1967 was a proud moment, the fulfillment of a dream. With your cooperation, and my confidence, we shall remain the leader, the No. 1 Team.

At our first board meeting, committee chairmen were selected. Tom Burrows will supervise the educational program. Gerald Dearie Jr. and Walter Fuchs will handle the monthly arrangements. Our new directors volunteered to head these committees: Harold Frederickson and Ed Braunsky, Entertainment; and Oscar Miles, Golf. I can't help but feel the enthusiasm shown by our Board of Directors is a reflection of our entire membership.

These last few snowbound days, I have been engaged in that monotonous chore, Inventory.

Item Year Purchased Serial No. Purchase Value
When was the last time you counted pipe wrenches, screwdrivers, longhandle shovels, and sprinklers? Everyone dreads the thought of burglary or fire. A few conscientious minutes today will save much frustration with an insurance adjuster tomorrow.

We had a wonderful turnout at our January meeting at O'Hare Inn. It's a shame we didn't get to play this new course under the lights. Our guest speaker, Mr. Cocalis, of Lombard, was outstanding. Mr. Cocalis said, "your job isn't grass, it's people. Each superintendent is a psychologist whose job is to relieve the business man's tension when he visits the club." Many thanks to Al Johnson for providing the fine facilities at O'Hare Inn.

There will be no monthly meeting in February, but there will be much to see in Washington, D. C. while attending the National Conference. The Midwest Association has a well qualified member, Ted Woehrle, seeking the position of National Director. It is our duty to help campaign, and bring the "redhead" home a winner. I look forward to greeting you and your wives in Washington, D. C.

Sincerely,
Dudley Smith,
President



Al Johnson, Superintendent Sheraton O'Hare Inn

JANUARY MEETING

Our Past President Al Johnson was our host at the January meeting at the Sheraton O'Hare Inn. This vast complex of buildings and meeting rooms was quite a challenge. After about five wrong turns and a guide the afternoon fellowship room was found. A few hardy souls went out in the cold snow and looked at Al's nine hole lighted course. This should offer a lot of fun this summer, looks like we will have to come here then. The Carriage Room was where Henrici's provided us with an excellent dinner. About 75 members were in attendance. The educational committee is to be commended. Mr. Cocalis was an excellent speaker with a good theme to start the New Year. Thanks again to host Al Johnson.

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