Meetings Coming Up

Monday, October 9th

Superintendent - Managers Golf Outing Skokie Country Club Glencoe, Illinois Golf - 10:00 A.M. and on . . . Lunch - 12:00 to 2:00 P.M. Cocktails - Hors d'oeuvers - 6:00 P.M. Dinner - 7:30 P.M. Host Superintendent: Ron Rossett

Monday, October 16th

Midwest G. C. S. A. Annual Golf Tournament Beverly Country Club Dinner - 7:30 P.M. Host Superintendent: Ted Woehrle

November 4th

Fall Dinner Dance Acacia Country Club Host: Ray Shei Dance Chairman: Harold Fredrickson Tickets to be sold at door only.

November 28-29

Fall Turf Clinic - Midwest G.C.S.A. Medinah Country Club Host: Gerald Dearie

December 7 & 8

Illinois Turfgrass Conference University of Illinois Urbana, Illinois

December 13-14

Wisconsin Turfgrass Symposium Pfister Hotel Milwaukee, Wisconsin

February 18-23

G.C.S.A.A. 39th Turf Conference San Francisco, California

The following letter was composed by committeemen Dudley Smith, Marvin Gruening, Oscar Miles, Donald Gerber, Roy Nelson, for circulation among the various chapters of our National organization, and, Sherwood Moore, chairman of the Nominating Com-

Dear Fellow Member,

The members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents would like to make known to our fellow members of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America our views concerning the forthcoming nomination of Officers and Directors for the Annual Meeting of the G.C.S.A.A.

Our National organization was founded by a group of men, known as "greenskeepers", who strove to improve turfgrass conditions on golf courses by means of collecting scientific and related information, and then distributing this information to the members. Through the years the G.C.S.A.A. has had the leadership of many devoted and knowledgeable men whose efforts have influenced the development of better golf course superintendents, better golf courses, and the growth of our national organization. They have been our representatives and they have been representative of us - golf course superintendents.

At our August meeting the members voted that the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents will not support a candidate who performs his professional duties under a title other than and exclusively as "Golf Course Superintendent".

We trust that you share our convictions.

With our best regards Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents

The following is "The President's Message" by Leon V. St. Pierre, President of the New England GCSA, as published in the March, 1967 issue of their "Newsletter." Mr. St. Pierre submitted this editorial as a "letter" to the Executive Committee of GCSAA at the Spring Meeting. It is reproduced here in its entirety for your information as a matter for consideration by the Association Planning Committee.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Are you a Superintendent or a Club Manager?

This question has been posed many times over the last year and caused tempers to reach the boiling point. It is one question that needs an immediate answer and a change in the National Association's By-Laws.

A Golf Course Superintendent is naturally the man in charge of maintaining the golf course, club house grounds, parking lots, all outdoor activities areas,

and more often than not, the golf carts.

The man in charge of buildings and grounds, should be called Superintendent of buildings and grounds, and be compensated for the extra responsibility.

The above job descriptions are very clearly outlined, and no quarrel should be raised on these classifications.

Friction develops when a Golf Course Superintendent takes over the responsibility of the Club office staff, bar and club dining facilities. He then bacomes a General Manager. More power to this individual, if he has the capabilities to efficiently carry out this task.

I believe, he should then resign from the Golf Course Superintendent Association, and join the Club Managers' Association. (continued)

Let us ask ourselves several serious questions on this subject before it becomes a problem:

- What are a Superintendent's credentials to become a Manager and what are a Manager's credentials to become a Superintendent of a golf course?
- 2. What are the full implications in making the two jobs into one?

The answers to the above questions are simple. Greed, and power hungry individuals are setting out to wreck what it took 40 years to establish.

The working structure of club management should be shared equally three ways:

Golf Course Superintendent; Manager; Golf Professional.

Let the Superintendent do an outstanding job of maintaining the golf course.

Or, are you ready to go to Hotel Management School and become a Manager?

Leon V. St. Pierre President

"THE EXPRESSWAY"

Six Penn State turf students now "on the job training" under Midwest superintendents will head back to school on October 9 . . . Fred Opperman of Elmhurst C. C. has had 5000 yards of fill soil hauled onto the #10 fairway, raising the fairway over three feet. This will eliminate the annual flooding of that fairway . . . Elmhurst will also reconstruct their #1 green this fall . . . Sprinkler Irrigation Company designed a complete green, tee and fairway irrigation system . . . Oldfield Equipment Company of Cincinnati will install . . . Dick Nugent, golf course architect was in a bad truck accident in August. Dick received only scratches and bruises while the truck was a total wreck . . . Harold and Susy flew briefly to California last month to attend Harold's sister's wedding. Harold said he was happy to get back to the cool high 80's of Chicago . . . Suzy's 1966 Fall Turf Clinic presentation "Honey, your supper is on the Table", has now been reprinted in a total of four different magazines . . . Joe Deschler, a Penn State turf Graduate in 1960 has given up his superintendent's position at the Tripoli C. C., Milwaukee to go into sales, good luck on your new venture, Joe! . . . Bob Ellsworth of the National Golf Foundation is back to work after two relaxing weeks in Wisconsin's Door County . . . Donna Voykin (Paul's) has spent several weeks in the hospital after an auto accident . . . Bill Smith of George Davis Co. was in the hospital in early August; now out doing very well . . . 40 Class A and B members attended the August Prestwick meeting . . . Koelper Excavating Company reconstructed Glencoe Golf Club's #5 green . . . Ron Bild (Peter's son) is the Veliscol representative in North and South Carolina and will be married October 21, in Waukegan . . . Peter, at Glen Flora C. C., will boost their irrigation system from 1000 to 1500 GPM, to enable his watering program to be carried out and not interfere with twilight golfers . . . Peter will also construct 6 new ladies tees and reconstruct 3 greens . . . Dick Ryan, (Pat's son) now a senior at Marquette University is the new President of the National Committee of Evans Scholarship . . . Joe Jemsick plans to install fairway irrigation systems at Fresh Meadows and Glenwoodie

and seed all courses to bent . . . Gerald Dearie, Sr. may build two greens this fall. . . Art Benson, Jr., Butterfield C. C. now has construction under way with his last nine greens and tees — Killian & Nugent designed and Didier is constructing . . . Old Orchard C. C. plans to rebuild #7 green and remodel the adjoining lake . . . Joliet Park District plan to build a new 18 holes . . . Didier Construction Company recently completed two additional holes at Northmoor Country Club.



If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich...

— J. F. Kennedy

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