



Bert Jannes

MEET YOUR DIRECTOR

Bert Jannes was born in Chicago, Illinois and raised in Desplaines, Illinois. After completion of school in Desplaines, he went to work on a farm with his cousin. There he learned to plow, disc, harrow, plant, and cultivate with a team of horses, and the many other phases of farm work.

His career in golf courses was what you might say started from the ground up. His first job was driving four horses pulling a fresnal. There were five fresnals, one plow team, one man to load the fresnals and one man to dump them, who was called a green builder and was in charge of the gang when constructing a green. He soon became a green builder. When building greens in those days, you consulted a scale model made of green modeling clay.

The final shaping of the traps was done with a No. 2 Western Slip Scraper. The fairways and roughs were plowed, disced and graded using iron wheel Fordson tractors. This is the type of equipment that was used back in the early 20's.

Some of the golf courses he helped to build are as follows: A. D. Laskers, Knollwood, Pickwick, Elm Gate, Sportsmans and Waveland.

Construction of the Waveland Avenue golf course began in 1928 for the Lincoln Park Board of commissioners, and was opened and dedicated on June 15th, 1932. He supervised the maintenance of Waveland thirty years. After the retirement of Mr. Ruben Thode in 1959, he became the golf course superintendent for the Chicago Park Districts golf courses and bowling greens.

His wife, Marie and he were married in 1928 and have three children, Marilyn, Phillip, and Paul, plus six grandchildren.

Bert has been appointed to the Arrangements and Membership committees.

Mike Bavier, Superintendent of Calumet C. C. is engaged to Miss Penny Holly of Homewood, Ill. A summer wedding is planned. That means a short honeymoon.



Ted Sokolis

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Ted Sokolis was born and raised on the southwest side of Chicago.

After he was honorably discharged from the U.S. Air Force, he trained for five and one-half years under Howard Baerwald at La Grange Country Club, La Grange, Illinois. In November of 1963, he became superintendent at Palos Country Club, Palos Park, Illinois, where he did extensive remodeling on the course. In July of 1965, he became superintendent of "The Village Links", Glen Ellyn, Illinois, where he oversaw construction of the new golf course. He took over complete management of grounds immediately after seeding was completed. He also finish graded the greens and planted them with C- 15 Stolons.

His education in turf management is mostly practical experience. He has attended various evening classes at the University of Illinois extension, and at Morton Arboretum.

His hobbies are fishing and golf. He is also a member of the Village of Glen Ellyn Beautification Commission.

Ted and his wife, Rochelle, live in Glen Ellyn with their two boys, William, 9 years, and Mark, 7 years. Ted has been appointed to be Education chairman, and serve on the membership committees.

Midwest golf course superintendent Association Golf Team for the 1968 G.C.S.A. Tournament to be held February 14-16, 1968 in Monterey, California.

1. Peter Volkin, Idlewild C. C.
2. Oscar Miles, Olympia Fields C. C.
3. Emil Mashie, Onwentsia C. C.
4. Benard Kronn, Twin Orchard C. C.
5. Bill Hargrave, Kankakee C. C.
6. Robert Williams, Bob-O-Link C. C.