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CDGA GREENS COMMITTEE

Second Annual CDGA Greens Committee Seminar at River Forest Country Club was a success. Don Johnson (Greens Chairman Medinah Country Club) led a panel on Golf Course Conservation. A big question put forth was "Should Dues Paying members be given periodical use of their golf course." Bruce Sering, Evanston Country Club, Ray Gerber, Glen Oak Country Club and Oscar Miles, Olympia Fields Country Club, did an excellent job on discussing the closing of greens for frost and for winter play. Public relation with the members on what is happening with frost and other conditions that close a course, the use of temporary greens, and their make up, such as top-dressing, 8 inch cups over the regular 4 inch for putting, dying of these temporary greens and the size of them.

The use of the new Greens King and International Harvester Sand Trap Rake was explained.

Lee Record, USGA Mid-Continent Agronomist, showed slides on adverse golf course conditions throughout the country.

The afternoon was enjoyed by all who stayed to play golf at the beautiful River Forest Country Club.

Many thanks to Mr. Ralph Peterson and the CDGA for a very fine day.

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The President's Message

How well are you and I communicating. Particularly, with the people we work for and with. I am sure we have all felt it difficult at times, if not frustrating, to communicate with our fellowmen. Many of us are only interested in expressing our viewpoints without any regards as to what the other person may have to say. And you can't expect people to hear you, if you are not willing to listen.

If we find it difficult to create a desirable relationship with someone, I feel that if we take the initiative and try to understand their interests in life we have bridged the first gap. Almost everyone is willing to talk about the things that interest them most in life, whether it is their vocation, hobby, or favorite pastime. This attitude will do much to generate a feeling to communicate.

If we were all on the same level as to education, talents, human backgrounds and environment, and profession, then communication wouldn't be a problem. But these differences, along with wide differences in age have caused many failures in communication. Many of us resent youth and their "mod" ways of thinking, and then you have the opposite who feel the old "codgers" are senile and outdated. Communication in these situations are trying if not impossible. But I am sure we are all intelligent enough to find an area of mutuality, or at least should try to.

Recall, if you can, of instances in your life when you really wanted to get to know someone better. Maybe it was the young lady who now is your wife. Were you not in a comprehensive mood, open and approachable? You wanted to know her likes and dislikes. And whether you ever received the answers, didn't seem to matter too much — you had been successful in communicating, because you were interested.

I have always envied a person who has the ability to fit into any crowd or gathering, and talk about any subject that may come up. We would probably agree that he is well read and educated. But the chances are that he has an insatiable interest in people. He likes all people, and listens to them and becomes involved with them. And the knowledge and information he acquires, enables him to almost converse with the "devil" himself.