

## MEETING NOTES

This was given considerable play by the area newspapers who also printed a rebuttal by Oscar. He pointed out the difficult weather conditions encountered in June requiring the higher cut, but more important, he said that there were many people, members, staff, volunteers and his crew who had put in many hours in preparation for the tournament to give the pros the best possible conditions and this was sort of a slap in the face to them.

The whole situation however, really burned me for several reasons: first, we are all in the same business, pros, managers, and superintendents — golf. None of us should publicly berate any of the rest. Second, every effort is made to make sure that the pros play on the finest golf courses, they have absolutely no kick coming. Third, they all play the same course so no one has an advantage hence, to blame the course because of playing poorly is simply childish. Fourth, this very complaint seems to be at the root of our present dilemma with **Poa annua**.

The good players, pro and amateur, have pressed for a shorter cut on fairways. At first, the **Poa** was an insignificant factor in fairways and the bluegrass seemed to take it. Later on, we started suffering the consequences of this short cut — bluegrass weakened and **Poa annua** became more dominant.

Watering systems were added to fairways and now we have the real thing. **Poa** on fairways has caused more grief to clubs and superintendents than any other factor. Conversion, which I am now experiencing, is more hell than any chemical company plays it up to be. Again, I refer to this one factor — height of cut — as the culprit for many of our woes, just look at the edge of fairways where the bluegrass is beautiful, the difference in maintenance is not water, nor fertilizer, nor pesticide, it is simply height of cut. Maybe we should start blaming our problems on the way the pros play!

Enough of my tirade; make an effort to attend the August meeting — everyone has **something** to contribute.

### A LETTER

Dear Roger:

This sad story is written at home, maybe it has reached you already. William L. Orlosky, Supt. of the Cherry Valley Club, Brentwood, N.Y. and Secretary of the Long Island GCSA, was killed May 7th on his own course during the Association's first field day. Bill was in full charge of the field day and the accident happened about 9:45 AM when Bill was tapping a keg of beer. Evidently, the carbon dioxide faulted with the pressure causing an explosion causing his immediate death.

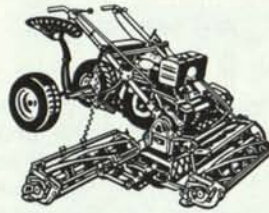
The crowd was large, the day was excellent with the success of his efforts assured. The field day was cancelled immediately. Bill leaves a wife and two children with one on the way any minute.

May the good Lord be with him and take care of his family.

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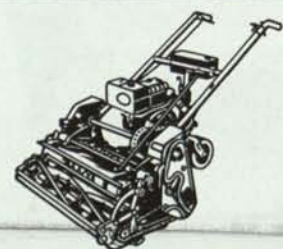
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