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# The President's Message

Each spring is my fountain of youth. Every year at this time I can hardly wait to get going and to start doing things to my golf course. I am enthused, accelerated, energized, and revived by old Mother Nature every spring. All past setbacks and remembrances of bad luck with her idiosyncracies are forgotten and washed away. I enter this wonderful season full of vigor and youth like ambition, resolving to produce the best golf course ever for my membership. The first time I don't get this feeling, when crocuses bloom, I will look for employment in another profession.

Mike Bavier, our hard working Secretary-Treasurer, informs me that we have a record number of new members this year. He further states that each new month brings more requests for Midwest membership applications. That's good news. I know that the new members will form wonderful friendships in our old and historic organization, such as my brothers and I have formed. It takes time, patience, and goodwill. A poplar or a willow breaks in the wind because it grows too fast and is weak. But anything that is durable and lasting — whether it's a tree, a friendship or a professional association takes time to form roots, become strong and unbreakable. Welcome to the Midwest!

Let it be recorded in the history of the Midwest Association that under this Presidency the Midwest Golf Team won the national championship - and I want to make sure that I get all the credit! The Sunday TV golf team that chairman Michels selected certainly was unimpressive the first day on the tough Killearn golf course, and something drastic had to be done. We will not indulge to anyone what was said to inspire our Don Quixote golf team of overweight golfers. But the message was so dire that the boys gallantly rallied together the next day, and with terrific scores, beat the great mid-Atlantic team by 16 strokes. The fact that some of our olympic golf team stayed out till 3 o'clock in the morning, worrying about their poor first day scores, certainly helped. But still I want to take all the credit for their supreme golfing effort at Killearn. Seriously, Peter, Harold, Kenny and super-senior-champ Benny, we all are proud of you and you are congratulated for such

great golfing. I am only miffed that the National Association Green Committee didn't see fit to award you a team trophy such as you deserve, along with the flimsy things they gave you to keep.



Paul Vovkin President.



#### ANTHONY MEYER

Mr. Meyer will be our host superintendent at our April 10th meeting at Woodridge Country Club, Lisle, Illinois. Dinner at 6:30 P.M. Golf during the day if conditions permit. Woodridge Country Club is on Rt. 53 just south of Lisle.



Peter A. Mirkes was our host superintendent for our March 15th meeting at Pheasant Run Country Club. Seventy-five members and guests attended. Truly a great place.

Dr. Al. J. Turgeon, Extension Specialist in Turfgrass Management, was the main speaker. He did a fine job and we hope he attends all our meetings.

We were happy to have as our guests Tom Tomashek and Art Dunn, sports writers for the Chicago Tribune, at our March 15 meeting. I was told they are not only writers, but good golf swingers. Check your handicap, superintendents.



Editor

At this date the bent and blue grass on the golf course looks good. No comparison to the condition that was experienced a year ago. Which proves that some clouds do have silver linings. Most of our memories are very short when it comes to remembering the good things. It is the cloudy days that are not forgotten very quickly.

I am sure most of us would be much happier and more healthy, if we try and remember and appreciate, the many good things we have in this great country of ours. Freedom and health, what more could one ask for? Freedom is something our forefathers fought and died for, and many young men of today are giving their lives for the same cause. Some day when you are walking, turn around and look back. What is it you see? Some of the best country in the world, and you have the priviledge of living in it.

What is one of the cheapest things you can wear? It is a smile. Wear it at all times. When you get out of bed in the morning, look in the mirror. What kind of face do you see? One with a smile or one with a frown? Which one would you like to have sitting across the table from you? I am sure it is not the one with the frown. This kind no one wants to look at.

Always remember the old saying, a smile will go a long, long way, and also the cloud that has the silver lining.

The Chicago District Golf Association's annual seminar will be held at the River Forest Country Club on April 28, 1972.

The program consists of the following:

Paul Voykin – Moderator Stan Rachesky – Pesticide

Dr. Paul Alexander - Chemical Fertilizer

Dr. Bill Daniel - Good turf in usage

Oscar Miles – Waste disposal

Don Johnson - Trees

Arthur Howard - Trees, Planting and Their Care This sounds like a real good program. Bring your Green Chairman and any other member of your club who may be interested.

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