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The President's Message

I suppose I am now expected to write to the Midwest members a brilliant and awe-inspiring message every month — a message containing some thought-provoking great statement that will make your heads spin with wonder and enlightenment. Well ... and I know this pronouncement will make you happy ... perish the thought! I am pleased to inform you that I will refrain from such nonsense, because frankly, I have a terribly hard time inspiring even myself to do anything. Especially in the morning. And I am very bad in the summer months. So honestly, why should I confuse your days even more than they are now with uplifting messages that I am uninspired to write. However, if any of you have any awe-inspiring messages, please send them in. I promise to read every one of them before sending them down the Great Waterway. As for me, I'll leave the inspirational business to more astute gentlemen, even though they are bucking the fine and free messages of that Gentleman whose birthday we just finished celebrating in December. One of which is, Count your blessings more frequently, or something to that effect.

Well, it's time once again for the great educational binge (junketings that actually started a few months ago), and I really look forward to travelling at this time of the year. However, let's honestly face some facts: the human mind (especially mine) can only absorb so much technical detail. The rule of thumb, then, should be to not make every clinic, symposium and conference in the country but to catch the ones that are particularly relevant to our problems.

While on the pursuit of education, I want to say that I wish there was not so much obvious political emphasis placed on our annual international turf-grass conference by our national board members. I may be wrong, but I believe there is too much unnecessary involvement and expense, and really a dreadful waste of our conference time with politics. And this disease is spreading more every year. As soon as you unpack, and go downstairs, the lobbies are humming with talk and audible concern of who is going to get elected and who isn't. I think we're getting in a rut with this foolishness. I would much

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prefer to hear a hundred different discussions (with perhaps one or two on how to improve the quality of the speakers) than all the talk about the great strategic maneuverings made the night before to get Dave Divot elected to the board this afternoon. It is only the equipment show, a promise from the past of good educational sessions, plus the joy of travel and again meeting old friends (all this paid for at the club's expense) that keeps me going back to the conference each year. However, if the quality of either the show or the education seminars decreases even slightly the whole shebang in the near future will turn into a three ring circus.

Paul N. Voykin, President

NEW BULL SHEET EDITOR

The Bull Sheet is very happy to announce that Ray Gerber will be assuming the duties as editor of the Midwest's newsletter. Ray recently retired as superintendent of Glen Oak Country Club. He is well known in the Midwest and has served the Association faithfully in various positions including president. Last month, Ray was named as winner of the Bartlett award for outstanding public relations work for the Midwest GCS. He is currently serving as publicity chairman for the MAGCS.

Forecast for '72: The "economic crunch" of the last 18 months has put golf course superintendents on their mettle—to produce the same high quality golf playing surfaces their members have grown to expect in the face of some budget cutbacks. They will have their work cut out for them again in 1972 until the Nixon "freeze" produces the expected effect on its overall economy. The golf course traffic is not expected to diminish—in fact it probably will increase—adding to the Superintendents, problems of using less to produce more and better turf. It will be our Association's aim to remind golf club officials and members that temporary "economies" effected by mid-season cutting of budgets are false economics—often producing adverse effects on the golf course turf that must be corrected later at costs that usually exceed the original "saving."



EDITORIAL

I wish to thank all who helped me as Bull Sheet editor. Without the help of persons willing to take that little extra effort to contribute articles and ideas, being editor becomes less than a pleasant job. I encourage anyone with ideas or information of interest to the Association to send it to Ray Gerber, the new editor.

I will be assisting Ray along with Joe Grenko and Bob Williams. We will be more than happy to pass along any printable information to Ray.

NEW EDITOR SPEAKS!

The Bull Sheet is looking for news. Something of actual experience or observation that we can use. Something that will help the golf course superintendent perform a better way in maintaining the golf course. Your cooperation will be appreciated. Send it to me. Do it now.

Do you have a problem pertaining to our profession? If you do, send it to the Bull Sheet. We may not be in a position to solve it, but we sure will give it a try.

I sure hope the snow mold treatment you applied last fall was not washed away by the heavy rains we had in December. May be a good idea to check the turfgrass in February and March, as soon after the snow has melted as possible.

Those of you who are planning on going to Cincinnati by automobile will find excellent driving, unless the weather is bad. Tri-state and 80 to I65, south on 65 to Indianapolis bypass 465, take north route around city to I74. This route takes you into Cincinnati. Approximately 5½ hours driving time.