

Dear Mr. Voykin:

The State Park Commission wishes to announce that your golf course has been selected for a game preserve and that the first shipment of Buffalo will arrive at your course on Tuesday at 4:30 P.M.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Respectfully yours,
George Dimnke, Executive Director.

Naturally it must be a hoax and your President wasn't fooled by it. The first day I only waited till ten o'clock. The next day I went home at 8 o'clock after finishing this message. I guess they are not coming.

Paul Voykin
President.



Editorial

The natural beauty of a golf course is disappearing. Why? Demands for grooming by the golfer of today is partly responsible. Some clubs seem to be in competition to see who can attain the highest degree of "grooming" to the extent that some golf courses have an artificial appearance. Turfgrass on greens, tees and fairways has become and is usually in near perfect playing condition. This of course, is good. However, the very thing that has produced excellent turfgrass is destroying the natural beauty of the trees — the hand of man. He has sawed and pruned without the knowledge or imagination of what the tree or shrub is supposed to look like. To him a tree is a tree or a shrub is a shrub.

Trees should not be trimmed in any way that will take away from their natural beauty. Therefore, the man who is doing the work should know and understand the growing habits of all the different species of trees, especially the ones that he is going to trim. Trees near the fairway could have the lower branches removed to a height that would permit a golfer to have a half a swing of his club. Trees growing more than thirty feet from the edge of the fairway should produce a penalty that is more severe. Then why trim the branches to a height that will allow a golfer to take a full swing without interference. Remove the dead wood and the extremely low hanging branches, and leave the rest to Mother Nature.

Sometime take a drive to a forest preserve or arboretum. Notice the different species and shape of trees and shrubs growing in their natural form. A person who works in an office or in the city looks forward to his visit to the golf course where an informal and natural atmosphere produces a feeling that he is in the country where he can relax and enjoy himself. This cannot take place in a park which is what many golf courses resemble today.

During the fifty-six years that I have spent on a golf course, Mother Nature has done a pretty good job on trees and shrubs when she was left alone. We could all benefit if we would accept some of her work instead of the opposite.

If you treat an individual as he is, he will stay as he is. But if you treat him as if he were what he ought to be and could be, he will become what he ought to be and could be. — Goethe



Jim Bertoni

The next Midwest Association meeting will be held at Knollwood Country Club, Lake Forest, Illinois. Host will be Lindo (Butch) Bernardini and James A. Bertoni on May 9th, 1972. Golf after 12 noon. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Lunch will be available. Education: labor laws and health and safety.

B-A-D GUYS ARE GOOD NEWS

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Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm. — Emerson.