

Midwest Breezes

On July 19, Art Benson Jr., Superintendent at Butterfield Country Club was host to a few of his friends at the club's yearly invitational golf event. This is truly one of the better golf parties in the district. Those of us who were present appreciate the invitation.

Don Gerber, Superintendent at Chicago Golf Club, and Art Benson, Sr., Superintendent at St. Charles Country Club, report that they have watered their Kentucky Blue Grass fairways only one time so far this year and that was in the month of May.

Bob Williams, Superintendent at Bob-O-Link Golf Club, will be on a panel at the U.S.G.A. annual meeting on January 26th, 1973 at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York. The subject will be labor. William Bengueyfield, Director of the U.S.G.A. Western region, will be moderator.

The month of July has not been a good month for many of the golf courses in the Chicago district. Excess precipitation along with high temperature and high humidity brought on many diseases along with a severe attack of pythium. High winds resembling a cyclone hit many areas, destroying many trees and flooding of low land. A year that will be remembered by many Superintendents.

Looking for trouble one day I stopped in to see Ed Stewart, Superintendent at River Forest Golf Club. After a tour over the golf course I came to the conclusion I should have gone fishing because I could not find any problems. The course was in fine condition and he has done a fine job in the construction of his new greens and tees.

On August 2nd one of our Midwest Association members, Richard Schroeder, was host at his nursery to the Illinois Landscape Association and to several golf course Superintendents. The early morning weather was not in their favor. The attendance was approximately nine hundred. A wonderful steak dinner with all the trimmings was served and what a great job the help did in serving so many people in such a smooth way. This proves what organization can do.

George Drugisky, formally of the Thorngate Country Club is now Superintendent at Tamarisk Country Club in Palm Spring, Calif. George and his wife Gail are the proud parents of a baby girl, Julie Ann, born on July 12, 1972, 3 pounds 14 oz. and 16½ inches long. Congratulation!

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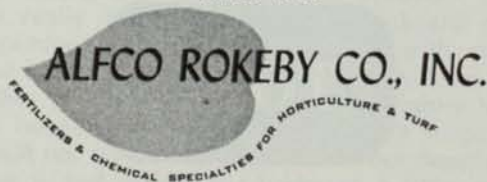
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