

Editorial

As an officer of our organization, this year has been quite an experience for me. One of the prime reasons for being an officer is to serve the membership. I have enjoyed being involved in the capacity but have also become aware of the difficulties of the arrangements chairman.

It has become increasingly difficult to secure clubs at which to hold our monthly meetings. It is hard for some of our former arrangements chairmen to understand this, so I would like to explain some of the causes and understandable reasons.

We are now having much larger meetings and are drawing 90 to over 120 persons for dinner. This rules out many clubs who do not have enough room to accommodate this many or do not have separate dining rooms for outside parties.

There are quite a few clubs who do not have any dining facilities at all, of which mine is one.

New O.S.H.A. and One Day in Seven regulations have made many clubs very hesitant about bringing their staff in on Mondays for groups like ours, and we would be competitive with their regular membership on other weekdays.

Some Superintendents are likely to balk or be hesitant to invite us as a group for fear of an incident during the meeting which might embarrass them or their club.

Many of the clubs which are good enough to act as host on a regular basis wonder why, with our large membership they are asked so often, this is an understandable complaint.

I feel that if we are to continue to hold meetings such as we do now, we may have to alter our present format in some way. I have found, by talking with quite a few Superintendents, that it would be much easier to secure clubs for golf if we could make our dinner and meeting arrangements elsewhere. I, and others, feel we would lose a number of persons due to the transportation between the golf course and restaurant. This method of providing the golf at one location and the dinner meeting at a nearby restaurant, could relieve a lot of pressure from the Superintendents in providing a golf and meeting place.

Another answer could be to hold all meeting at privately owned or public daily fee courses that welcome our business.

Arrangements have been a problem for me and I feel it may become worse for my successor, in fact at this writing we still need meeting places for July and August meetings.

Our organization is only as strong as the membership. Some of you fellas should make it a point to host a meeting in 1974, we need you. Sure that is a year away but it is always easier to get a board to act on an event planned for next year than one planned for next month or next week. Help your next arrangements chairman, whoever he may be, by planning now. If you have a month in mind let me know and I will be happy to pass on the information to my successor.

We have a great organization, let's keep it that way and not always depend on the other guy, do your part.

Keep those meeting cards coming.

Ed Smith
2nd Vice-President

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Ray Gerber, Editor
The Bull Sheet
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Dear Ray:

This is to advise the Noer Foundation has just completed arrangements to award a grant of \$2,500.00 per year to Penn State University.

The monies will be used under the direction of Dr. Donald V. Waddington to investigate the many and varied facets of "Chemical Soil Testing for Turfgrass Growth".

This long overdue project, in my opinion, was of great concern to our beloved "O. J."

Our other research work is progressing well. At Texas A&M, Mr. Vaun Meinhold recently received an M.S. degree for work on "Thatch" partially supported by us. In all, the Noer Foundation will spend approximately \$12,000.00 on turfgrass research in 1973.

Incidentally, our Annual Golf Symposium, October 24 and 25, 1973, will feature "Thatch". As always, we welcome our Midwest Superintendents to attend.

Yours very truly,
Charles G. Wilson
Research Director

P.S. You might find use for this "squib" from Dr. Houston B. Couch at V.P.I., Blacksburg, Va.

"Do not experiment with exotic tank mixes, try new 'miracle' cures, or increase dosage levels beyond those recommended for the pesticide in question. If the grass must die, let it be from the cause and not the cure."

P.P.S. Keep up the good "Bull Sheet" work. It's great.
— Charlie.

Attention:

Mr. Ray Gerber
Golf Course Superintendent — Retired

Dear Ray:

My brief business exposure has brought me into contact with both the rich and the poor, and in evaluating their success, I found that it is not as one might expect: A function of their money. Rather, it's an outgrowth of their ability to Love — to Give of themselves.

And after having witnessed the way in which your fellow Superintendents recognized your activities, I thought to myself, there's a man who Loves much. One who Gives much.

You've got, then, to be a wealthy man — the reason that I, a youngster who's found renewed encouragement in witnessing the sphere of your influence, stand in awe of the tumult of your accomplishments.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Yours very truly,
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