



The May 14 meeting of the Midwest Golf Course Superintendents Association was held at McHenry Country Club. Harold Michels, host superintendent, had the course in excellent condition. Ninety-seven attended the dinner.

As far as the Bull Sheet editor is concerned, the highlight of the evening was when Charles Watson of the Toro Irrigation Company presented me with a likeness of a **Bull** which represents our publication. Inscribed on it were the words,

**RAY GERBER**

**In recognition of four Decades of Devotion to Golf and Golf Course Maintenance.**

**The Toro Company 1973**

Also a plaque signed by Bob Gibson, past president of Toro. It sure is wonderful to have friends like this, that do not forget.

### Midwest Breezes

Paul Voykin will have articles published in three prestigious magazines this year: **Golfdom** (June); **Flower and Garden** (July); **Golf Digest** (Fall). Also, his now famous article "A Golf Superintendent should be a Golf Superintendent" (USGA Title for November message) will be re-published in the 10th publication, this time in **The British Greenkeepers**.

Our April meeting was held at the Indian Lakes Country Club. Ralph Hinz, superintendent, was our host. The weather did not permit golf. The social hour and fine dinner along with a very interesting educational program made it a very enjoyable evening.

Al Hinz, one of our long time Midwest members, has retired after being superintendent at White Pines Golf Club in Bensenville for the past forty-four years. The editor and his wife had the pleasure of being among the many fine people who attended his retirement party. We all wish Al the best in his following leisure years.

Oscar Borgmier and Mrs. Borgmier have returned north after spending the winter months in Florida.

Paul Burdett and Mrs. Burdett, another retired golf course businessman, have returned to the Chicago area after living in Arizona during the cold winter months.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Ray Gerber  
Editor and Chief  
The Bull Sheet

Dear Mr. Gerber:

I have followed with interest the recent articles appearing in the Bull Sheet relative to the prowess of certain nimrods in the pursuit of feathered quarry.

Having pursued a variety of winged game targets, up, under, around and through land and sea, with a fair amount of success, I feel that I am qualified to ascertain the validity of these stories.

Story No. 1. (March Issue) It was reported that one Mr. Tom Byrne silenced 270 quail in one and one half days. This figures out to 190 birds per man per day.

Story No. 2 (May Issue) It was reported that 4 men had bagged 241 quail. It was not stated how many days, so based on story No. 1, I will presume it took only one day considering the fact that there were 4 hunters. This figures out to 60.2 quail per man per day.

It has been my observation over some 25 years in the field that it takes the average gunner 10.4 rounds of ammunition to down one fleeing target. (However I must admit, with modesty of course, that my average is much better than this) Assuming the aforementioned hunters are average the hunter in story No. 1 would have used 2,808 rounds of ammunition, or approximately 5 1/2 cases of shells. A significant financial hardship, if not a physical impossibility for a hunter to carry 230 lbs. of ammunition while in pursuit.

Even the hunters in story No. 2 who used only 2,506.4 rounds of ammunition would have suffered a great deal of hemorrhaged muscle tissue in firing 626.6 shells apiece in one day.

One must also wonder about the awareness of the local law enforcement agency to allow such goings on, to say nothing of the noise, pollution and its effect on the egg laying and milk giving ability of the local livestock.

Sincerely,  
World's Second Greatest Hunter

### SELF DEFENSE

Dear Anonymous,

There have been two stories printed in this publication about my quail hunt. Now I'll set the story straight.

Yes, four persons were on the hunt, but only 216 birds were bagged. All this took a total of seven and one-half hours actual time in the field. I'm confident, had I spent as many hours in the field as some of my friends, I could send them some CARE packages to help their freezers out.

As for my friends who have made several trips to the field and got some shooting in, I hope you picked up the tin cans when you were done.

Tom Byrne  
Superintendent  
Addison Golf Club

\* **Editor's note:** this concludes the hunting season for 1972. . .

The future is that time when you'll wish you'd done what you aren't doing now.