



Editor

Midwest Breezes

Ed Smith, superintendent at Deerpath Golf Club, Lake Forest, reports he has just finished two new tees, number 2 (8,000 sq. ft.) and number 5 (7,000 sq. ft.), and has sodded them with fylking blue grass.

There is a considerable change in precipitation during the months of August and September of 1972, as compared to the same months in 1973. The reports are that the rains have come close to Chicago and then have moved away. We need moisture vitally for all living things.

On September 6, Gordon Witteveen, G.C.S.A.A. director from Ontario, Canada, honored Mike Bavier, Bob Williams, Paul Voykin, and Ray Gerber with a short but pleasurable meeting. Paul Voykin was our host at his Briarwood Country Club, and treated us to a very fine dinner. Meetings of this kind are usually very fertile.

The October meeting of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents will be held at Pinecrest Golf and Country Club on October 17. Jack Hanson, superintendent, will be our host. Pinecrest is a fairly new club. Most of you have never played golf on this course, so come out and enjoy yourself. Looking at the caendar this may be the last golf outing for 1973, and our November meeting will be the annual clinic. Pinecrest is located on Route 47 on the north side of Huntley, Illinois.

On September 18 the editor had the pleasure of playing golf at Inverness Country Club. The golf course was in magnificent condition.

The members of Inverness should be, and I am sure they are, proud of the work Mike Bavier, Superintendent, is doing. Mike is our Midwest Association Secretary and Treasurer. If he keeps our Association treasury in the condition the golf course is, we as members have nothing to worry about.

I rise from bed the first thing in the morning not because I'm dissatisfied with it, but because I cannot carry it with me during the day.

On September 19 the Chicagoland Golf Course Superintendents Association had as their guest at a meeting held at River Forest Country Club, members of the Midwest Superintendents Association and Clifford Wagoner, president of the G.C.S.A.A. Mr. Wagoner did an excellent job of answering the many questions that he was asked.

I am sure those who attended went home with a much clearer mind as to the G.C.S.A.A. operation than when they came.

Many times we hear a question asked what height do you cut your greens? Usually the reply is 1/4 inch, 7/32, 3/16 and occasionally 1/8 inch. The question should be what height are the mowers set at and also the make, because they will vary in height depending on the make of the putting green mower. How many golf course superintendents or any other interested person has really taken the time and effort to measure the length of the grass plant immediately after it was cut. By doing this you will have the correct answer.

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