



**Bob Kronn**

The September meeting of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents will be held at Ridgemoor Country Club on Friday, September 28. Bob Kronn, superintendent, will be our host. This is our annual golf tournament, so sharpen up your golf game and take part in this event on a beautifully conditioned golf course. NO GUESTS will be permitted. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED. You will be required to sign for all charges.

The August meeting held at Fox Lake Country Club was well attended. Eighty-eight enjoyed a delicious dinner, and 64 played golf on a beautiful course that was in fine condition. Our thanks to Ray Schei, the host superintendent.

The golf winners were: low gross in the senior class, Bob Williams and Bill Krafft with a 77; regular class low gross, Ken Goodman, 77. Low net winners were Tim Miles, Raymond Kearney, Ben Kronn, Bob Kronn, Harold Michels, and Gordon Hartje.

A most appreciated table of hors d'oeuvre was prepared, compliments of the Burdett Co. We thank them for their thoughtfulness.

During the past several years no one from the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents has been a part of the governing body of the G.C.S.A.A. At the August meeting the members unanimously selected Mike Bavier, Superintendent at Inverness Country Club, and Midwest Secretary and Treasurer, to be our candidate for a director in the G.C.S.A.A. Mr. Bavier's nomination has been mailed to the G.C.S.A.A. nominating committee for their consideration, in preparing a slate for office, which will be voted on at the annual meeting in February.

The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents, at their August meeting, nominated Ray H. Gerber, former superintendent at Glen Oak Country Club, three terms as president of the Midwest Association, and a past president of the G.C.S.A.A., to be considered for the G.C.S.A.A. Special Merit Award. Ray's name and resume has been forwarded to the G.C.S.A.A. for their consideration.

## **Editorial**

### **WHERE DO WE LOOK FOR HELP NEXT?**

In the last few years it has been increasingly more difficult to get a good labor force for most golf courses, and other seasonal jobs. Mexican and Mexican Americans have been and will be around for a few years yet. With the demand increasing, the Mexicans are decreasing in number.

In years past, I have found the Mexicans to be very valuable, but with the change in the last few years to more advanced equipment, it is more difficult to find qualified personnel to operate it. This equipment is much easier to operate but requires more skill. For the most part, the Mexicans I have had do not drive cars and lack the ability that goes with several years of driving a car. Also, with many of the Mexicans you must furnish housing, which, in some cases, is almost impossible. Also, I have found that every year or two I have to train new help. Due to various reasons, most of them end up back in Mexico.

One answer to the problem would be higher wages and more year around employees. This can be very hard on budgets. On the other hand, we have overlooked a work force that has been around all the time. Women are doing more and more different types of work today. I know of several courses using women this year. I have one this year for the first time. She is doing a very fine job for me and in the future I plan to hire more.

The one big reason for this is the change in equipment. I no longer have to have four men to mow greens, walking for 3 to 4 hours a day. This is done by machine with the person riding. I am sure the riding greens, sand trap and other small equipment would be appealing to these women employees. Another area would be the gardening, which is done at my club by a girl student of Lake County College. I must say, the flower beds have never looked better. That is only not my thought but some of the members have stated theirs. Having a woman around also cleans up the shop, especially the language.

Joe Grenko

Announcing the:

### **ILLINOIS TURFGRASS FIELD DAY**

Sponsored by  
University of Illinois  
and

Illinois Turfgrass Foundation

PLACE: Ornamental Horticulture Research Center  
South Lincoln Avenue, Urbana, Illinois

DATE: September 18th — Tuesday  
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. — Registration \$1.00  
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. — Formal Field Program  
12:30 p.m. — Chicken Barbeque Luncheon (\$3.00)

PROGRAM: Kentucky Bluegrass, Fine-leaf Fescue and Perennial Ryegrass Varietal Evaluations; Pre-emergence Crabgrass Herbicide Studies; Vegetative Establishment of Kentucky Bluegrass; Annual Bluegrass Control with Herbicides; Foaming Agents plus Herbicides for Broadleaf Weed Control; Turfgrass Renovation with Herbicides; Effects of Aquatic Herbicides on Irrigation Water; Fungicide Evaluation Studies; Slowly Soluble Fertilizer (IBDU) Study; Putting Green Cultivation Study.