



Editor

## Midwest Breezes

The editor is sorry that there was no editorial in the August issue of the Bull Sheet. The contributor for this issue evidently decided he had more important things to do.

Don Gerber, Superintendent at Chicago Golf Club, reports the first Chicago Golf Club grounds department golf tournament was held on July 23rd. In the early evening the wives and girl friends joined them for refreshments and dinner.

Art Benson, Jr., Superintendent Butterfield Country Club, reports the club is in the process of building four new tennis courts, a new swimming pool and bath house, and also will enlarge the parking lot.

Geo. Roloff, past Midwest president who is now living in Hot Springs, Ark., was in this area for a short period and sends his regards to all his friends.

The editor stopped in to visit with Tom DiGuido, Superintendent at Elmhurst Country Club, Tom reports Salt Creek, that flows through the golf course, has been good to him so far this season — no floods. The golf course is in good condition considering the severe damage caused by the floods in 1972.

Some of you may not receive your Bull Sheet each month. The mail delivery is not always what we hope it to be. One of our midwest members that moved to Florida did not receive his copy for ten months. They were held in the post office from October of 1972 until the middle of July of 1973 and were returned to me all in one day. An explanation from the post office is almost impossible. If you are one of the unfortunate ones having this kind of trouble, contact your post office.

The Bull Sheet editor contacted Leonard Schnepf, one of our Midwest Association members who is Superintendent at Dominion Country Club. The purpose of it was to get some information about the extra work he has had this summer, other than the regular maintenance work of taking care of the golf course. This club has been doing considerable remodeling this past year.

Len said he built nineteen new tees and one large sand trap; laid 32,000 sq. ft. of sod; planted 385 shrubs and 280 new trees of various species; has several acres of new seeding; spread four large truck loads of sand; installed two large drainage pumps, one on each side of Salt Creek that flows through the golf course. Each pump delivers 2,000 gallons per minute. It was also necessary to build a dike on certain areas along the creek for the pumps to work efficiently. And to help the work load vandalism took place in his irrigation pump house. This left him without water for irrigation for several days. I asked him when he eats his meals. The reply was breakfast at 4:45 A.M., sandwich at noon, and evening dinner whenever he gets home. I did not ask him what his hobby was to keep him busy during his leisure hours.

## HORTICULTURE CLASSES SET FOR THE FALL

Classes for Triton's ornamental horticulture program have been announced. As usual, several well-known professional horticulturists will be among the instructional staff.

Don Newcomb, head of the horticulture program at Triton, will teach two classes in Floral Design and Display (Tuesday and Thursday, 6:45-9:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 3:00-5:45 p.m.) and one course in Basic Ornamental Horticulture (Monday and Wednesday, 1:00-2:40 p.m.).

Dr. Francis deVos, Director of the Botanic Garden (Glencoe), will teach a class in Trees and Shrubs. The class meets on Wednesday, 6:30-9:15 p.m. Several field trips are planned on Saturdays to the Botanic Garden and to Morton's Arboretum.

Dr. William Meyer of Warren's Turf Nursery will teach Turf and Lawn. The class meets on Tuesday, 7:00-9:45 p.m., with several field trips on Saturdays to Warren's Sod Nursery.

Stan Rachesky, University of Illinois Extension Specialist, and Ken Brewer of Tropical Plant Rentals will teach Plant Diseases and Pests, Wednesday, 7:00-9:45 p.m.

Dale Kotnour of Kotnour Landscaping will teach Basic Ornamental Horticulture, Monday, 6:30-10:05 p.m.

Registration for in-district students begins August 15. Out-of-district students begin registering August 27. For more information on registration for any of these classes, contact Don Newcomb at 456-0300, ext. 333.

## COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is your copy of the 13th Illinois Turfgrass Conference Proceedings. I hope you will find this publication both interesting and informative.

Be sure to mark the following dates on your calendar:

September 18, 1973 — Illinois Turfgrass Field Day, Urbana, Illinois.

November 28, 1973 — Turfgrass Workshop, Ramada Inn, Champaign, Illinois.

November 29, 30, 1973 — Illinois Turfgrass Conference, Ramada Inn, Champaign, Illinois.

Yours for better turf,  
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