

Guest Editorial

Clifford Behrendt

As we begin another season, I'm sure the thought has crossed many of our minds as to how the gasoline shortage will affect our operation and maintenance of our Country Clubs and Golf Courses.

Last summer and fall some of us were noticing the affects of the shortage. In September of 1973, my distributor informed me that I would be limited on the quantity of gasoline used in 1972. By October my distributor cut my supply 10% from what I had received in 1972 for the remainder of the year and assured me that the percentage for 1974 could be cut as much as 20%.

This would be quite a handicap to me since the quantity of gasoline used during construction of 1972 was considerably less than the amount used during 1973 when the course was in full operation. Also with a new and growing development we have additional roads to maintain during the winter months making our gasoline supply more demanding.

The gasoline shortage has caused some distributors to go out of business leaving many customers searching for new sources while others have had little or no problem receiving gasoline.

Motorists are experiencing long waiting lines at gasoline stations while gasoline station attendants are opening and closing their stations according to their supply.

Although rationing has remained a topic of discussion during the past few months, we have seen an increase in gasoline during February in our area as stations begin to open more readily due to the increase of their gasoline allowance. The past few days new reports have shown that greater gasoline supplies lie ahead so let's hope 1974 unfolds a better year and allows us to be able to get underway without any hindrance.



The Midwest Association's April 8th meeting will be held at Woodridge Golf Club. Tony Meyer will be our host. The educational speaker will be Mr. Paul Boecker, chief of the Lisle Fire Prevention District and president of the Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois Firemen's Association. He is a graduate of the Chicago Ambulance course in first aid instruction and civil defense. His presentation will pertain to first aid and golf course related accidents.

M. A. G. C. S. MONTHLY MEETINGS 1974

- 8 April, 1974 — Host: Anthony Meyer
Woodridge Golf Course
6300 South Rt. 53, Lisle, Ill. 60532
- 6 May, 1974 — Host: Roger LaRoche
Woodmar Country Club
1818 — 177 St., Hammond, Indiana 46324
- 11 June, 1974 — Host: Cliff Behrendt
Turnberry Country Club
Bard Rd., Crystal Lake, Ill. 60014
- 15 July, 1974 — Host: Carl Hopphan
Aurora Country Club
Prairie and Western, Aurora, Ill. 60507
- 12 August, 1974 — Host: Leonard Berg
Village Greens of Woodridge Country Club
1575 W. 75th Street, Woodridge, Ill. 60515
- 16 September, 1974 — Host: David Meyer
Indian Lake Country Club
232 W. Schick Rd., Bloomingdale, Ill. 60108
- October, 1974 — Host: Robert Siebert
Naperville Country Club
25 W. 570 Chicago Ave., Naperville, Ill.
- 3 December, 1974 — Host: John Jackman
Medinah Country Club (Fall Clinic)
Medinah, Ill.
- 2 November, 1974 — FALL DINNER DANCE
Host: Dudley Smith
Silver Lake Country Club
147th St. & 82nd Ave., Orland Park, Ill.

Picking a turfgrass that is beautiful, new and viable enough to withstand the anticipated traffic of a World's Fair was the problem faced by the architects of Expo '74, slated to open in Spokane, Washington on May 4. Their final selection was 0217 brand Fylking Kentucky bluegrass.

Trucks, graders, cranes and construction people are currently crawling all over the World's Fair site preparing for the 184-day event, while the Fylking Kentucky bluegrass is just beginning to awake where it was planted last summer in giant turf plots away from the ravages of the building boom. As projects are completed on the 100-acre site in downtown Spokane, turf specialists will move in, and lay the Fylking turf, as well as plant trees and flowers.

In evaluating turfgrasses for the World's Fair, the architects chose Fylking because, "it is one of the most energetic oxygen producers available, requiring little care and having a greater disease and drought resistance. It flourishes with little or no weed disease control chemicals, and this adds up to the ideal grass seed to fit in with the basic theme of the Fair, "Celebrating tomorrow's fresh new environment."

Expo '74 is located on two islands and the north and south banks of the Spokane river. The architects were concerned that the site reflect man's concern with the environment and that it set an example. Spokane will be host to visitors from all over the world.

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