



Editor

Midwest Breezes

On June 26th nine of our M.A.G.S.A. members attended a retirement party at Elcona country club, Elkhart, Indiana in honor of Bert Rost, Supt. Those who made the trip to Elkhart were Amos Lapp, Oscar Borgmeier, Russ Reed, Dom Grotti, Frank Dinelli, Bennie Kronn, Chuck Daugherty, Leon Hartogh, and this editor. Golfing was in order during the day. Many prizes were awarded. Chuck Daugherty was called to the prize table to receive a prize. There were many more winners and some losers. As I was walking through the locker room I heard considerable chatter in one of the aisles. Looking for news I investigated. It just so happened one of the foursomes playing golf was from the Chicago area. R. Reed, D. Grotti, F. Dinelli, B. Kronn. It appeared that senior Dom was making a collection from junior Bennie. It sounded like a rare occasion.

Grampa Frank also had a problem. He had to visit the pro. shop to borrow a jacket or coat before going into the dining room for dinner.

Ted Woehrle, Supt. at Oakland Hills C.C. and a director of the G.C.S.A.A., was also present. He represented the G.C.S.A.A. and gave a talk using chosen words in behalf of Bert.

Bert received many useful gifts from the club along with a sizable check and also a gift from the club employees. Truly a wonderful party and a fine group of members. This party could not of happened to a more dedicated person than Bert Rost.

Leon Hartogh, Supt. at Oak Park C.C., reports the club will be installing an automatic irrigation system on the golf course this fall. This will be a double row system. Miller Irrigation Co. will do the installing. Considerable drainage work will also take place this fall. The building of new tennis courts is under consideration at this date.

Richard Lamkey, Supt. at Bryn Mawr C.C., says his club will be installing a new automatic sprinkling system before the winter is upon us. Good luck to both Richard and Leon—no more night watering men!

Our August 12th Midwest meeting will be held at Village Greens of Woodridge C.C. Leonard Berg, Supt. will be our host. Bring your golf clubs and enjoy yourself.

The Western Golf Associations championship Open Golf Tournament held at Butler National G.C. is now past history. I doubt if there ever was a golf tournament that received more publicity than this one. The attendance was excellent, nearly one hundred thousand; thirty-three thousand on Sunday, the last day. The weather all four days was perfect. Par for the golf course sure gave the players something to shoot for, some of them finished with a happy mood, others the opposite. Then again there are always a few crybabys.

Ed. Fisher, the Supt., had the course in good condition considering that the course is only two years old. I know he spent many hours, days, months and the entire year after the construction to get the course in the fine condition it was.

The thing that gripes me is that when the bouquets are being passed out by the radio and television announcers the Supts. name is very seldom mentioned. Maybe they do not know there is someone by this title, or care less. If it were not for the grounds department employees, there would be no golf course. There could be and have been many golf tournaments without someone setting in a booth or in an air conditioned room wearing a set of earphones.

The Supt's. responsibility does not end when the last ball goes into the cup. He must repair all the damage done on the grounds by the many motor vehicles used for various reasons. The damage created by the spectators and also the players. The amount is usually determined by the type of weather that occurred during the event.

The U.S. Open Golf Tournament in 1975 will be held at Medinah Country Club. John Jackman, Supt., has been working for over a year getting #3 course in the finest playing condition possible and also making a few improvements. I hope our news media remembers the work that has taken place many months and years before the men with the earphones and the typewriters make their appearance.

By the date you receive this Bull Sheet the Womens U.S. Open golf tournament will also be past history. It was held at LaGrange C.C. The golf course was in excellent condition under the supervision of Howard Baerwald. Howard has worked many extra hours giving the course extra attention to make it more pleasant for the ladies and I am sure they appreciated it, they usually do.

According to Dick DeLano, an old friend of the association, all golf course superintendents and their employees are invited to The Illinois Landscape Contractors Field Day at Kishwaukee Community College in Malta. The date, Wednesday, August 7. Malta is out Roosevelt Road, 6 miles west of DeKalb. Of special interest will be equipment displays and flower and perennial beds including an All-America test garden featuring about 300 varieties of annuals about to be released. If you really want to dress up the club house, here's a good place to obtain ideas. Registration of \$8.00 includes a 16 oz. steak luncheon. DeLano, by the way, maintains a training program in horticulture at the school.

The editor makes a correction in reference to a notice in the July Bull Sheet.

Mike Gruening, one of Howard Baerwald's key employees at La Grange Country Club, moves to Nordic Hills Country Club to become Superintendent as of August 1st.