



Editor

## Midwest Breezes

ROGER LA ROCHELLE IS THIS YEAR'S MIDWEST ASSOCIATION'S DELEGATE. BRUCE SERING IS ASSOCIATE DELEGATE. I AM SURE GOOD MEN SUCH AS BRUCE AND ROGER WILL DO A BANG UP JOB IN BEHALF OF MIKE BAVIER WHO IS A CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR IN THE G.C.S.A.A. FOR 1975.

Talented Rodney Voykin, who won acclaim for some of his art work in Canada, has remodeled one of his greens so creatively that his Green Acres C. C. members can hardly wait to get on it. Keep them off, Rod, until your masterpiece is ready.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Bertucci are flying to California to visit their daughter, Joan, and son-in-law; also their two lovely grandchildren.

Paul Voykin's popular and reluctant talk, "Over Grooming Is Over Spending" is sure making the rounds. Paul just finished giving his excellent talk to the annual Minnesota Superintendents Turf-grass Conference in Minneapolis and the Annual Turf Conference at the University of Illinois. The article also appeared in Golf Digest last summer.

Young, energetic Johnny Berarducci, Superintendent at Ravinia Green C. C., has done an outstanding job in his first year at this North side private club.

We would like to hear about some of the local superintendents hiring girls or women for golf course work.

How good are they, honestly?

What are the drawbacks, if any?

What are the advantages besides athletic appearance?

I hope all of you golf course superintendents have your power sprayers and fungicides ready for snow mold treatment. A few extra dollars spent on chemicals for this purpose will have a big part in determining the condition of your golf course in the coming spring.

John Jackman, host superintendent at Medinah Country Club, has the Welcome mat out for all of you who will attend the 22nd annual turf clinic, on Tuesday, December 3rd, 1974. This is one meeting you should make every effort to attend. It may save your club considerable money.

Something new has been added this year. Complimentary rolls and coffee will be served in the registration room. Come early on December 3rd and stay all day and evening.

This past season is past history. How about sending the editor news of happenings at your club this past 1974. What have you accomplished? Have you made any improvements on the club grounds? Was it a good year for you and why? If not, why? What is on the agenda to overcome any of the past problems? How is the labor problem? Is the budget going up or down? I am sure all golf course superintendents would be glad to hear your past year's experience and your future planning.

Paul Burdett and Mrs. Burdett have headed their automobile in the direction of Arizona, where they will spend the winter months; with the warm southern breezes, rather than shoveling snow in the Chicago area.

The annual meeting of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents was held at River Forest G. C. on November 7. Edward Stewart, Superintendent, was our host.

The attendance was not as large as in the past years. Thirty-eight legal voting members is a small number for as large a membership as we have in the M.A.G.C.S. I am sure that the members who were absent had a good reason for not attending. Maybe it was the good weather and the work in progress at their club.

The results of the election were:

President — Mike Bavier, Inverness C. C.

1st Vice President — Fred Opperman, Glen Oak C. C.

2nd Vice President — Clifford Behrendt, Turnberry C. C.

Secretary & Treasurer — Joseph Grenko, Midlane C. C.

Directors —

Bruce Burchfield, Calumet C. C.

Edward Fischer, Butler National G. C.

Ed Stewart, Superintendent at River Forest Golf Club, is in the process of building a new service building, 48 ft. x 108 ft. It will be used for storage, a maintenance section for repairing equipment and a section for living quarters for a percentage of employees.

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