

Editorial

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Here we are into spring and the golf season is in low gear ready to shift into high. For many of us, we have begun the new season with renewed vigor and with the determination to have our courses in super condition all season long.

We have attended turf courses, the National conference and show, products seminars and the likes, to expand our knowledge and ability. This is a good time of the year to deliberate over some of these good ideas and innovations that were acquired at these meetings. During these meetings and through our conversations with other superintendents we have also accumulated ideas and methods that would improve our operational efficiency.

What has happened to these ideas? Are you going to let yourself slide into the same pattern as last year? Are you going to let those ideas get sidetracked until they are forgotten? Now is the time to put these ideas or programs into action while they are still fresh in your mind. The idea is just the seed. It is up to us to provide the growing medium; water, air, etc. so it can grow and be of use to you. If everyone of us could put into practice just two or three of the many worthwhile ideas we have picked up our clubs could not help but benefit.

We must remember that in order to grow as a person, within our jobs, we must be ready to incorporate new ideas and methods into our proven management practices. Let us all progress in our jobs rather than be guilty of stagnation.

On the lighter side, I have had a good ice skating season.

I was privileged to take a course on Industrial Safety at Lake Forest College. I felt my time was well spent and the course was very enlightening. I felt it very worthwhile especially at this point in time.

I have also become a C.B. (citizens band radio) buff during the winter so if anyone else has caught the bug give the "Weed Farmer" a holler when you are up on the North side.



Robert Trent Jones

On March 28, 1974 the Chicago District Golf Association held their annual seminar at the Butterfield Country Club. There were two hundred eighty golf course superintendents and club members attended.

The two speakers were, Robert Trent Jones, world known golf course architect and Paul Voykin, Superintendent at Briarwood Country Club. Mr. Jones showed many interesting pictures of golf courses in various parts of the world. Also he explained how to make an interesting golf hole out of one that is very ordinary or to award a premium on a well hit ball.

One of the highlights of his presentation was the idea of a monorail on a golf course to take place of the present riding golf carts. He stated a golf course in Scottsdale, Arizona has installed a monorail. The cost is about the same as the present carts and the cost of the cart paths. His estimate was about \$8.00 per foot.

Paul Voykin's presentation was on how to cope with our economic crises. Paul mentioned many good points. I am sure that many of them will be used.



Roger LaRochelle

The May 6th meeting of the M.A.G.C.S. will be held at Woodmar Country Club. Roger LaRochelle, Superintendent, will be our host. Mr. Stan Frederiksen from Mallinckrodt Chemical Works, St. Louis, Missouri, will be the educational speaker. His topic will be disease control in spring and summer and will use slides along with his presentation.

The April 8th meeting of the M.A.G.C.S. held at Woodridge Golf Club was certainly well attended and one of our better meetings. Tony Meyer, Superintendent, was our host. The steak dinner was enjoyed by 109. The educational speakers did an outstanding job. The main speaker, Mr. Paul Boecker, held his audience for one hour. During this time Paul explained and gave a demonstration on first aid on golf course related accidents and also other areas other than golf courses.

Dr. William Meyer gave a good explanation on problems found on a few greens planted to C15 bent grass. **Editor's note:** It could be that all of the problems are not due to the strain of grass, sometimes the soil plays a big part in problems such as this as well as other instances.

In the April issue of the Bull Sheet there was a slight mistake in the printing on the inside of the front cover page and also the inside of the back page. This did not take place in all April issues. If you received one of these please let the editor know.