



Editor

Midwest Breezes

On September 26th the Toro Distributor Co., at Itasca, Ill., held a demonstration using some of their latest equipment. They also displayed improvements on certain original Toro equipment and newly added equipment lines used for turf grass maintenance. This was held at the Indian Lakes Country Club. The evening was enjoyed with refreshments and dinner and a movie on the Masters Golf Tournament. The photographic work on this movie was great.

October 4th many golf course superintendents enjoyed an afternoon open house, with refreshments, at the Turf Products Ltd. warehouse. During the afternoon they checked on insecticides, fungicides, fertilizers, etc., with many questions as to next year's prices and delivery dates. The question was also asked about shortage of supplies.

At the present time turf supplies look fairly good but equipment repair parts could be a problem. The superintendent who looks ahead will place his order for new equipment and any necessary parts, as well as all other supplies, as early as possible. Have it delivered so you can keep your eye on it during the winter months. This could prevent some worry next spring and maybe keep away the ulcer.

Don Gerber, Superintendent at Chicago Golf Club, is in the process of removing the old Kentucky Blue grass sod on the fairways in the primary landing area off the tee and replacing it with A20 sod. The A20 strain originated at this club.

Fred Opperman, Superintendent at Glen Oak C. C., has completed the rebuilding of the practice tee at Glen Oak. Three different strains of grass were used: one-third A20, one-third Fylking, one-third Adelphi. It will be interesting to see which of these strains of grass will survive the greater period of time under the heavy traffic this tee receives.

Carl Hopphan, Superintendent at Aurora C. C., has completed the rebuilding of his #10 green. Another problem has disappeared, soon he'll have none left.

Chris Schenkel, ABC sports commentator, will be the keynote speaker at the 46th Annual Golf Course Superintendents Turfgrass Conference and Show, February 16-21 at the Rivergate in New Orleans. This should give the conference a good start.

Paul Voykin, Superintendent at Briarwood C. C., has been discharged from the hospital after treatment of a back injury. Paul is now recuperating at home. Good luck and a speedy recovery, Paul.

The G.C.S.A.A. nominating committee reports the following to be voted on at the next annual meeting in New Orleans. For Vice President, T. W. Woehrle and R. W. Malpass. For Director, Mike R. Bavier, G. W. Cleaver, L. D. Haines, Roger Larson, G. C. Witteveen.

Did you know one dandelion plant can produce 12,000 seeds and a pigweed six million in one season.

On Sept. 20th Dom Grotti, Superintendent of Sunset Ridge, received the plaudits of over 200 Illinois Senior golfers for the excellent condition of the course as they played their annual fall tournament.

Senior Bob Williams, of Bob O'Link G. C., added a bit of public relations for the superintendents by winning his class event (age 55-59) with a low gross score of 79.

Amos Lapp, one of our past Midwest Association presidents, and a retired golf course superintendent, has since become a Green chairman at four different golf courses or a total of eight 18-hole courses. Things of this nature very seldom happen.

Amos recently spent some time in the hospital in Elgin, Ill. After the stay in the hospital he spent some time at home. At this writing I am told he is back on the road checking his golf courses. Good luck, Amos, stay on the golf courses rather than in the hospital.

Dear Ray:

I most certainly do want to continue to get the Bull Sheet. It's like hearing from the family and it refreshes me to learn how the old (and new) neighbor boys are doing. My eyes are on the bum so I have to have the Bull Sheet family journal read to me and I get a lot of tips from it. The guys never seem to lose their initiative and mastery of the art of golf course maintenance. When I read of some of the present problems I recall the headaches that the previous generation had and cured so I know this current tribe will come out on top, too.

By the way, will you please have the Bull Sheet sent to Arthur Edwards, Publisher, Golfdom, 9800 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44102. Art is the new guy in command. I've told him that his new editorial staff can pick up one hell of a lot of close-up from the staff of Bull Sheet and the other fellows around the country who do a swell job with these sectional sheets. Best wishes and thanks again to the Royal Family of Gerber and the rest of the gang.

Yours,
Herb Graffis