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Midwest Breezes

The summer of 1974 is just about over. Fred Opperman at Glen Oak Country Club reported frost on the #12th fairway on September 5th. This calls the superintendents thinking toward the fall work that is on the agenda.

Wolfgang Mueller, Superintendent at Onwentsia Club, stated he aerified greens in August. He was asked, did the members complain that it interfered with their golf game? His reply was no. There were only forty-one who played golf the whole week. Working under these conditions certainly would be a pleasure that many superintendents do not experience. There are many golf course superintendents and golf courses in the Chicago area. To the best of my knowledge only **one** golf course is of this nature. So do not plan on making a change.

How about those antiques in your shop or maybe in the basement of the club house. Have you scoured the back corners? If you find something get in touch with chairman, Melvin Lucas, Jr. The Garden City G. S., 315 Stewart Ave., Garden City, Long Island, N.Y. 11530.

Marvin Gruening, Superintendent at Midwest Country Club, took his grounds department employees to the Cubs ball game on Sept. 9, 1974, and dinner at the club after the game. I am sure this is one way of showing appreciation for their devoted service.

Congratulations, to Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Behrendt, a baby boy, "Joshua", 8 lbs. 8 oz. born on Friday, Sept. 13, 1974.

Also congratulations to Mike and Charlotte Rainey, a baby girl, "Beth Ann", 7 lbs. 12 oz. born on August 27, 1974.

With the use of mechanized equipment almost entirely on a golf course, plus the use of riding golf carts, roads or paths are becoming more numerous. Most of these problems could be prevented if the traffic would be detoured occasionally. A little special attention to these areas will be beneficial to the turf. Aerifying, seeding, fertilizing and watering

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would help keep these areas in a favorable condition. Give it a try and notice the results.

The editor hopes all the Midwest Golf Course Superintendents Association members read the last paragraph in the September issue of the Bull Sheet. I would like to think all of you would qualify for #4. My experience since I became editor takes me down a different path. There are approximately 300 members in our Midwest association. With the exception of the board members, about three per cent have contributed news items of one form or another. I am sure many of you have interesting news that many of us would like to hear about. Something you accomplished out of the ordinary maintenance program. New construction work, rebuilding Tees, Greens, Traps, irrigation, drainage, planting new trees, etc.

You should remember this Bull Sheet is not a Gerber publication. It is you who are members that have the responsibility to help make it an interesting publication. You are the owners even though none of your dues go toward its support.

So please let me hear from you. The deadline is the 10th of each preceding month. Let it be known that you do not qualify for the #1, 2 or 3.

The time of the year has arrived to be thinking about planting of new trees; what variety to plant and the proper place to plant it. Will it survive in the location you have selected? If in doubt, look around to see if there are older trees near by, that mother nature has selected for the area. If they have lived all these years, that should be a good guide to follow.



The foursome with the most years stick together, L. to R. Bob Williams, Superintendent Bob O'Link Golf Club, Dom Grotti, Superintendent Sunset Ridge Country Club, Frank Dinelli, Retired Northmoor Country Club, Ben Kronn, Superintendent Twin Orchard Country Club. These four men represent 200 years in golf course maintenance work. A record to be proud of and still being strong building up more years. Congratulations.

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