



**Editor**

## Midwest Breezes

Dr. Fred Grau has been elected president of the Musser International Turfgrass Foundation. Congratulations.

Up to this date, August 1st, the golf courses in the Chicago district are in fairly good condition. There were problems reported of scalping by the putting green mowers due to puffiness of the turfgrass. This editor has had many years of experience on conditions pertaining to scalping. This scalping is many times caused by what is known as dry spots. We know that soil, when it gets real dry, has a tendency to shrink. Therefore, these small areas settle and become lower than the area next to it. The putting green mower caster wheel or one end of the roller will drop into this depression and scalp the turfgrass area next to it. These dry spots may appear to have the healthiest appearance of any part of the green. Take a knife or profile and dig into these areas and you may find the cause of your problem. This problem has been going on for many, many years. To the best of my knowledge no one has the answer as to why this problem exists. Hand spiking these small areas and frequent hand watering until the soil has become moist enough that it expands and leaves the surface in a smooth condition is the best method and the least interference to the golfer.

On July 29, 1974 a testimonial dinner was given honoring Herb and Joe Graffis for their half a century of contribution for the betterment of golf. Without a doubt the Graffis brothers have done more for the advancement of golf than they were given credit for. They have played a big part in the advancement of the golf course superintendents' profession. For this we are most dedicated to Joe and Herb.

**The sympathy of the Midwest Golf Course Superintendents Association is extended to Charles Baskin, G.C.S.A.A. President, and the Baskin family due to the death of Charles' father.**

The editor attended the Graffis Bros. Testimonial dinner and took these pictures during this party.



**Herb Graffis, who is never at a loss for words, and who is always willing to help.**



**Joe Graffis, the man with a million dollar smile. Joe says it never paid off?**



**Left to Right, the one and only Chick Evans — the greatest. Albey Staudt, Midwest President.**





Left to right, Mike Bavier, M.A.G.C.S. Secretary and Treasurer; Ted Woehrle, Superintendent, Oakland Hills Country Club, director G.C.S.A.A.; Conrad L. Scheetz, executive director G.C.S.A.A.; Albert J. Staudt, M.A.G.C.S. president.



Left to Right, Mike Bavier, M.A.G.C.S. Secretary and Treasurer; Albey Staudt, M.A.G.C.S. President; Frank Smith, Geo. A. Davis Co.; Oscar Borgmeier, retired; Joe Jemsek, Entrepreneur in golf.



Left to Right, Paul Hahn, golf trick shot entertainer; Dr. Fred V. Grau, a long time friend of the golf course superintendents; Paul Voykin, Superintendent Briarwood Country Club; Tom Tomashek, sports writer, Chicago Tribune.

Listed below are the names of awards they received from various organizations. You can see by the following list they have not been idle during the past fifty or more years. Now it is our time to salute the Graffis Brothers.

#### **Herb and Joe Graffis**

1962 Richardson Award from the Golf Writers Association of America for outstanding service to golf  
1972 United States Golf Association Green Section Award

Founders, National Golf Foundation  
Founders, Golfdom Magazine and Golfing Magazine  
Honorary Members, Illinois Section of the Professional Golfers' Association of America  
Honorary Members, Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents

#### **Herb Graffis**

Past President, National Golf Fund  
(National Golf Day)

Past President, Golf Writers Association of America  
Past President, Illinois Seniors Golf Association  
Member, Advisory Committee and Public Relations Committee, PGA of America

Member, Green Section Committee, Bob Jones Award Committee and Museum Committee, U.S. Golf Association

Honorary Member, Club Managers Association of America

Past Editor, Golfdom Magazine and Golfing Magazine  
Consulting Editor, Golf Magazine

Author or collaborator:

**How to Play Your Best**

**Golf All the Time** by Tommy Armour

**A Round of Golf with Tommy Armour**

**Tommy Armour's ABC's of Golf**

**The Inside Swing: Key to Better Golf**

by August F. Daro

**Better Golf Through Better Practice**

by Jules Platte

**Dictionary of Golf Information**

**Esquire's World of Golf**

**Golf Lessons**

**Planning the Professional's Shop**

**The History of the PGA**

#### **Joe Graffis**

Founder Member, Golf Car Manufacturers Association

Founder Member, O. J. Noer Research Foundation

Founder Member, Midwest Turf Research Foundation

First President, National Golf Foundation

Executive Board Member, National Golf Foundation

Past Publisher, Golfdom Magazine and Golfing Magazine

Publisher Consultant, Golf Magazine

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