



Editor

## Midwest Breezes

The M.A.G.C.S. is proud to announce that *Mike Bavier*, Supt. at Inverness C.C. was elected a director for the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation at Purdue University. Congratulations — Mike.

The GCSAA conference in New Orleans is past history. It was a great show. I hope every one enjoyed it as much as I did. Many golf course Supts. and their wives attended. Many of them had left home at an earlier date and enjoyed the sunshine in Florida. Others payed a visit to Florida after the conference for a short vacation. One of our long time golf course Supts. and a past president of the M.A.G.C.S. did not fair too well after leaving New Orleans for sunny Florida. Amos Lapp and Mrs. Lapp arrived in Tampa, *Amos* was stricken with a heart attack and ended up in the hospital. We are all sorry to hear news of this kind and pray that he will be back north real soon in the Northern sunshine.

On March 1st and 2nd I watched on television Jack Gleason's Golf Classic Tournament at Inverrary C.C. in Florida. I noticed many of the divots taken by the players were not replaced. I wonder if there was a good reason for this neglect. If not, maybe the P.G.A. should make a ruling and inforce it.

Our M.A.G.C.S. March 17th meeting held at Nordic Hills C. C. was attended by 109 who enjoyed a corn beef and cabbage lunch. Lee Record from the U.S. Green Section was our speaker on equipment buildings and showed many slides which were very interesting. Some were very fine and neat, others very shabby and equipment dashed everywhere. Our many thanks to our host Dave Meyer and Mike Gruening.

Not all Golf Course Supts. retire at the age of 62 or 65. Eight of the old timers setting at one table at the Nordic Meeting had a total number of years to their credit, 549 years or an average of over 68 years.

The golfer that was in this sand trap sure had no respect for those behind him.

Carl Peterson (retired South Shore superintendent) reports via post card that he is having a great time on his South American cruise.

The Midwest Association was well represented at the National Golf Tournament. The team didn't show too well but our own Ben Kronn did well in the Seniors event. Mrs. Harold Michels showed the gals how to play by winning the Ladies' Championship in play-off competition.

How many of you ever went pheasant hunting where a hunting license or gun and ammunition was not necessary? The editor overheard a conversation by two of our Midwest Golf Course Superintendents a short time ago in regards to a hunting trip they participated in. They mentioned something about a good hunting dog that answers to the name of *Butch* was with them. A good hunting dog usually is taken along to flush the birds or retrieve the bird knocked down by the hunter. In this case it sounded as if the dog did all the work.

I inquired who picked the feathers and dressed the birds. I was told they traded them for birds already dressed. I got to thinking about this and decided there must be more than one reason for trading birds that had no lead pellets in them for birds that could possibly be full of shot and taking a chance of ruining one's teeth. After a short time, I think I arrived at the answer. If a guest that was invited for a pheasant dinner and asked the host how come there is no lead shot in this bird, it could be a little embarrassing. But if a few shots were found, no questions would be asked. I am sure there is more to this hunting story than I have mentioned. For more information get in touch with *John Jackman* at Medinah C.C. or *Tom Byrne* or his wife, Reggie, at Addison G.C.

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