



Editor
MIDWEST BREEZES

The weather in the month of June sure has been a most unpredictable one. The latter part of June the temperature was over 90 degrees and the humidity was nearly that high, and this carried on into July.

The rains were heavy in certain areas and a couple miles away nothing. This happened during the U.S. Open at Medinah Country Club and also during the Western Open at Butler National Golf Club. I am sure Supt. John Jackman at Medinah and Supt. Ed Fischer at Butler National were glad when the last ball rolled into the cup, and also when the last car was pulled out of the mud and on its way home. Their work did not end at this point. Many hours, days, weeks, months and into the following year before the scars will disappear. One wonders is it worth it and how much of it is appreciated, a couple of years work washed out in a short period of time and then have a hot headed golfer who was not playing well will put the blame on a certain part of the golf course which he had no qualifications to make statements of this kind.

The editor remembers the years of the golf tournaments that were held at the Tam O'Shanter Country Club in the Chicago area and sponsored by the late Geo. S. May. His ruling was, anyone criticizing the golf course was disqualified. This was a good rule and should be put into force for all future golf tournaments. It would stop many embarrassments, not only for the club but also for the employees and tournament officials.

When a touring golfer starts to dictate what strain of grass the club should plant on their fairways, it is time for action. Let the clubs chose the strain of grass they prefer.

St. Charles C.C., St. Charles, Ill. is in the process of installing an automatic irrigation system on their golf course. The contractor is using a pipe puller rather than the trench digging method. Art Benson Sr., Supt., will soon be in a position to enjoy a full nights sleep.

Bob Siebert, Supt. Naperville C.C., has completed construction of a new tee on the 3# hole and also the landscaping around it. He reports his A20 tees are plush and withstanding the heavy play very well.

Carl Langrebe, Supt. Hinsdale G.C., reports the high humidity has been keeping his spray crews busy this past month.

Many of you as you turn the pages of the Bull Sheet are probably saying, so what's new. This editor has asked himself this same question several times. Really a question of this nature should never be necessary. You probably are saying "Why"? The answer is very simple. The new membership roster that I received recently shows a membership of all classes approximately 350. What percentage of this 350 has ever forwarded any news of any kind. It usually boils down to three or four members from a large membership such as the Midwest and one of the better chapters, at least we like to feel that we are.

There are days when editor *Gerber* has the feeling that an interesting publication, one that has some value to it, "other than the advertisements," is no longer appreciated. I would never accept an alibi of this nature. "I do not have time."

On July 9th, Dr. Al. Turgeon from the University of Illinois visited several golf courses on the west side of Chicago. I had the great pleasure of traveling with Al on this day. It was a most enjoyable one for me. We all can learn considerable by visiting other clubs.

Word has just reached me that *Frank Dinelli* retired Supt. from Northmoor C.C. is in the Highland Park Hospital, Highland Park, Ill. 60035. We all hope you get well real soon. You can't catch any fish in the hospital.

Please mark your calendar for August 25, 1975. This is the day of the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation Golf day at *Indian Lakes Country Club*. Please read the entire notice in this Bull Sheet issue. Everyone where turfgrass is grown will benefit. Even those that do not have turfgrass will benefit. Come out and enjoy a day and evening and meet many of your old friends as well as getting acquainted with new ones. Tickets can be purchased from most any golf course Supt. in this area.

Paul E. Burdett, retired golf course supply executive is enjoying his retirement by spending the winter months in Tuscon, Arizona and the summer months at his home on Swift Road, Lombard. Paul's pride and joy during the summer months is his garden. He grows almost everything from strawberries to sugar cane.

Next time you are in the vicinity of Paul's home, drop in and let him show you around.

Bruce Burchfield, former Supt. at Calumet C.C., has accepted the Supt's. position at Hillcrest C.C. at Long Grove, Ill. Good Luck, Bruce.

Paul N. Voykin, Supt. Briarwood C.C. has been asked to speak at the U.S.G.A. Green Section Prestigious Seminar, Jan. 30, 1976.

Paul also will be a guest on the popular Betty & Bob radio show August 6, 11:15 a.m. WBBM-News Radio.

September 29 - Playboy Club joint meeting with Wisconsin Supts. Gene Palrud, Supt.

October 20 - Glendale Country Club

November Annual Meeting-November 12-Cyprus Inn

December 3-Midwest Clinic, Medinah C.C. John Jackman, Supt.