

means we need to listen to their suggestions. (I wish sometimes some of our distributors and manufacturing friends would do the same!) Many times we won't be able to do what the members ask but they are still the ones paying the bills. Occasionally, if not regularly, a news letter article for the club paper will answer many questions that might be asked. Even a game of golf with the members is a fine way to communicate. Our communication with the green committee will also help explain different projects and situations that they, in turn, can relay to other members during golf, cards, and just plain social events.

We just about forgot to return that call to a fellow superintendent—our continual communication with other superintendents daily or weekly will be of immense value in checking prices of chemicals, fertilizers, or fuel and for just plain shop talk. I would be pressed to recall all the help I have received from other superintendents, and I have even helped one or two myself.

After discussing with our key employees the day's events and plans for tomorrow, our day comes to an end. Whether a typical day for you or not, we all need to stay abreast during these changing times by using the art of communication to the fullest. We are part of a fast moving society that has little feeling for those that stand around and wait for accomplishments. To be other than aggressive in our positions may spell certain extinction for us. Let's continue to communicate—listen to others, understand and help those around us which, in turn, benefits all.

### Chicago District Golf Association Green Committee Seminar

Over 200 Superintendents, green chairmen, club members and guests attended this year's annual Chicago District Golf Association Green Committee Seminar. The seminar was conducted at Butterfield Country Club on March 26.

*Donald Johnson*, from Medinah Country Club, acted as chairman of the seminar. Johnson and his committee chose very good topics to be discussed. Opening the seminar was *John Jackman*, Superintendent from Medinah. Jackman explained some of his preparations for the U.S. Golf Open at Medinah beginning June 19. Knowing John's capabilities, Medinah will have few worries. Good Luck to John and his staff.

Purdue University's *Dr. William Daniels* answered questions on many topics that were brought up. He had the group really going and thinking turf problems.

*Carl Hopphan*, Superintendent at Aurora Country Club, had an interesting topic on Fairway maintenance. Hopphan's Bluegrass Fairways are some of the finest manicured grass in the Chicago area (or the United States).

*Juett Hogancamp*, from the Illinois Department of Agriculture, discussed Environmental Protection Agency laws and Applicator license.

Appreciation must be shown to the CDGA office, for *Mr. Dennis Davenport* and *Miss Carol McCue*, and the staff for co-ordinating a lot of efforts to make the program a great success. The only thing I can say is that those Superintendents that missed this seminar, missed a good educational program.



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East Branch of the DuPage River causes flooding problems for Supt. Tony Meyers every year. The River is not dredged deep enough causing the golf course not to drain properly during heavy rains.

In the winter when it rains, it is usually followed by freezing weather causing Woodridge Golf Course to have a 15 acre skating rink. The 3" rainfall we had during the first part of January caused flooding water to engulf Tony's #15 green. Six fairways of the Meadow Lane course at Woodridge were under water late to be ice. Due to heavy development around Woodridge Golf Course, this problem is going to grow worse than better.

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