



Editor

MIDWEST BREEZES

The September issue of the Bull Sheet reported Keith Montgomery, Supt. at Kishwaukee C.C., was in the hospital. At this writing Keith reports he is out of the hospital and back home and hopes to be back to work real soon. Keith sends a word of thanks to all the nice folks of the Midwest Golf Course Supts. for the beautiful terrarium he received during his stay at the Sycamore Hospital. Keith, the best of good health from here on.

The M.A.G.C.S. annual dinner and dance will be held at Midwest Country Club on November 15th, 1975. Lorraine and Marvin Gruening will be our host. In the meantime get out your dancing shoes and try them out.

The year of 1975 will long be remembered by the golf course superintendents in many areas. Sleepless nights were not uncommon. High temperatures and high humidity, lack of precipitation at times and too much at other times seems to have caused the trouble. At this date weather conditions have changed and everything is on its way to normal, so all will be forgiven until another year when the same conditions could be repeated.

It has been reported to the editor that John Ebel, Supt. at Barrington C.C. is in the Sherman Hospital in Elgin, Ill. We all hope it is for a short period of time. Remember John the duck season will soon be open.

The Illinois Turfgrass Foundation golf day on August 25th at Indian Lakes C.C. was a great success. One hundred-twelve attended. Many of them played golf on a fine conditioned golf course. Dave Meyer, Supt., and his assistant, Jose Gongalez, have done a magnificent job. Several thousand dollars were contributed by many individuals, companies and associations, who are interested in turfgrass research. We all thank you. Attendance was not only from the Chicago area but also from central Illinois and Indiana. Our member Bill Kraft usually reports and receives his prize. We were happy to have our friend from Michigan with us, Andy Bertoni. Andy, as usual, had a few stories, some new, some old - including some parlor stories? for the ladies. Dorothy Carey, Secretary-Treasurer of I.T.F. Inc., was present the full day and did a magnificent job along with Roger LaRoche, Chairman.

Paul N. Voykin is now teaching turf-grass management at Lake County College every Thursday night. (The course Dr. Mike Healy taught the past few years.) Paul tells us he finds teaching hard work but exciting. (Is that because he has two pretty girls in his class?) Paul has also been invited to present a talk Nov. 3rd to the Georgia Supts. Short Course at University of Athens, Georgia.

Rodney Voykin and his wife have moved to their beautiful new home in Wheeling.

Bruce Burchfield, new Supt. at Hillcrest C.C. is laying down 2,500 sq. yds. of Fyking sod around his greens.

John Berarducci, Supt. at Ravinia came through one of the worst summers with flying colors. His course was out-standing this season.

Some supts. who have been having trouble with poa annua are trying the renovation method Paul Voykin has so successfully instigated at Briarwood, a few years ago. Heavy airification, disking and seeding with a mixture of Manhattan rye grass and creeping bent grass, right after Labor day. Paul tells us this method of renovation with the Manhattan rye grass is the best in his opinion for over seeding predominantly poa annua fairways.

Bob and Bobbie Williams are heading for a well deserved vacation to Tokyo, Japan for a 10 day trip on the C.D.G.A. Golf Tour.

Adolph Bertucci enjoyed his first day off from a very long and hot summer by playing Briarwood Country Club with the States Attorney, Mr. Jack Hoogasian and two assistant states attorney, one of which was Adolph's son, Jimmy. Adolph tells us he is in the process of building five more fast drying tennis courts, giving Lake Shore C.C. a total of twelve tennis courts.

It's conference time again with some of our people participating in various areas—Bob Williams spoke to the Central Illinois G.C.S.A. on Sept. 8th at Pekin, Ill. He will also speak before the Illinois P.G.A. school on the 14th of October. Paul Voykin is busy on the speaking tour too in addition to teaching Turf Management at Lake County College. Paul will appear on the U.S.G.A. program in January and the Georgia G.C.S.A. meeting in November.

The North Shore Scratch League included 3 Supts. this season—Bob and Ben Kronn and Bob Williams. Bob Kronn led the league this year with a 36.2 average for 18 - 9 hole matches—Bob and Ben had 38.5 and 39.2 respectively—Not bad for a couple of "senior" golfers.

Dom Gratlis is mighty proud of his all new service building. It's a beauty and Dom says "Stop in".

Joe Dinelli is "riding herd" on the installation of an automatic irrigation system at North Shore C.C.