



Editor

MIDWEST BREEZES

Charles Shiley, Supt. at Plum Tree National Golf Club has decided to hang up his spurs and enjoy life. Most of the years of his life were on a golf course. We all hope he will find time to visit his many golf course Supt. friends and that he will have many more years of enjoyable life with Mrs. Shiley.

The golfing season is coming to an end in the Chicago area. All in all it was not a bad year for golf course conditions. Precipitation was less than normal. The Supt. with a good irrigation system and by using proper chemicals for disease control had very few problems.

It was an ideal fall for construction work. Very few days of work were lost due to weather conditions.

Bob Williams, Supt. at Bob O'Link Golf Club has done some real nice work. He constructed a 9,000 square foot green, filled in sand traps and built a few new ones. Also planted new trees and shrubs and enlarged his turfgrass nursery by several thousand square feet. Also built a new maintenance storage building.

The editor, along with Amos Lapp and his son, Kenneth made a quick trip to Michigan City, Indiana to check on a new golf course under construction. The Purr-Wick system is being installed on all eighteen greens. Really something different than the old method. It will be interesting to observe its function in the future. Get in touch with Dr. Wm. Daniels, Purdue University for more information.

The later part of October, Turf Products Ltd. sponsored an educational meeting at Indian Lakes Country Club, consisting of speakers from various companies dealing in supplies related to problems that occur on golf courses. The speakers all were well versed in their products and kept the audience of one hundred fifty in their chairs during the day long session. Speaking for the golf course Supts. it is always a pleasure to listen to men like Dr. Bill Daniels from Purdue University, Dr. Al Turgeon, University of Illinois and Dr. Joe Vargas, Michigan State University. Men like these are always in a position to bring the latest information in turfgrass management to a gathering of golf course Supts.

Paul N. Voykin, who just finished presenting talks to the New York State Turf Grass Association and the Kishwaukee College in Illinois is on his way to present a speech to the University of Delaware's Turf Grass Conference Dec. 6. Paul's two very relevant

and interesting talks, "Overgrooming is Over Spending", and "General Managers and How to Survive Them" have received a lot of interest the past few years.

Paul and Ruth Burdett have moved to their permanent home in Green Valley, Arizona. Many of you know Paul was a successful business man dealing in golf course supplies. Paul's motto to his customers was service. This he fulfilled by working long hours seven days a week if it was required. He was always willing to share his knowledge in turfgrass problems with others. After forty years of traveling the highways, Paul decided four years ago to take a trip on the highway leading to Arizona, and Green Valley a short distance from Tucson was the place for them. If any of you are in the Tucson area, stop in to see the Burdetts. Who knows what they may have on ice! Good luck, Paul and Ruth and may the wind always be at your back.

The Kankakee C.C. is looking for an experienced golf course supt. This is an 18 hole course, manual watering system, good equipment, and many supt. benefits. Contact:

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The 1977 slate of candidates for national office has been released by the G.C.S.A.A.'s Nominating Committee. The election will be held at the 1977 Annual Membership Meeting in Portland, Oregon. The nominees are: For President - Theodore Woehrlé, C.G.C.S.; For Vice-President - George Cleaver, C.G.C.S., Melvin Lucas, Jr., C.G.C.S., and Charles Tadge, C.G.C.S.; For Directors (two to be elected) - Hobart Burgan, C.G.C.S., Edward Dembnick, C.G.C.S., Louis Haines, C.G.C.S., David Harmon and James Wylie, C.G.C.S.



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