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The President's Message

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Looking back and reading of the problems we had in 1975 is quite interesting. We have had problems with "Ataenius spretulus" a grub which feeds on "Poa annua", the "Hyperodes Weevil" which also favors "Poa annua", Anthracnose a fungus which it too loves "Poa annua". Then we had some "Nematodes" munching on our "Poa".

But the thing that has me worried is "Diplodia Tip Blight". I guess since it doesn't attack "Poa annua" is the reason it doesn't get any publicity. What it does attack is Austrian Pines. In talking to Mr. Eichhorst of Morton Arboretum, and Mr. Matzenbaucher of the Illinois Department of Agriculture of Nursery Inspection they both are quite concerned with this hard to control disease. On my course here at Glen Oak and around the Glen Ellyn, Wheaton, Elmhurst area it is a serious disease and many trees are dying from it.

The symptoms being the stunting of the new growth and the rapid browning of the needles. It seems that mostly the lower branches are affected first and then it spreads throughout the tree. The recommended control of the disease should be started as soon as it is noticed. All dead material should be pruned back to the first green tissue and the infected twigs burned. The only recommended fungicide I have found is a Bordeaux mixture of 2-2-50 ratio which should be applied about three times. The first spray should be in the spring when the new growth candles appear, the second when the candles are half grown (2 to 3 inches), and the third, about 10 days to 2 weeks later. I'm hoping this disease can be checked and our pines make a come-back.

I would like to thank Mike Bavier and his committee (Carl Hopphan, Roger LaRochelle, Carl Langrebe, and Paul Voykin) on the behalf of myself and the MAGCS for the fine job they did in setting up and running the booth at the Flower Show at McCormick Place. For such short notice they did an outstanding job. Also thanks to Cliff Helwig of Swift Chemical Company and Ben Warren of Warren's Turf Nursery.

With the golfing season arriving at our monthly meetings the Board of Directors are making some changes this year. We have decided that all golfers are to show their current and up to date membership

card when they sign up for golf. Also all golfers will be required to pay for dinner at this "tee-up" time plus the fee that is usually required for the golfing events of the day. If you play golf you pay for the dinner whether you stay or not. Of course if you come only for the dinner and meeting you will be paying for the dinner only just as it has always been. So remember have your current membership card and be prepared to pay for your dinner when you "Tee it Up".

THANK YOU

Dear Joe,

Thank you so much for notification that the Board of Directors of MAGCS had honored me with honorary membership for 1976. I'm sorry time never seems to permit me to attend your meetings but you know we're here to be of any help we can to your members and hope you won't hesitate to call on us whenever we can be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

Carol McCue

(Chicago District Golf Association)

Dear Joe:

Thank you for the designation as an Honorary Member of your Association for 1976, and thank you for the Membership Certificate and the Membership Card.

Please call upon me any time I...or the Western Golf Association...can be of assistance to your organization.

And please convey my thanks to your fellow Officers and to your Membership.

Sincerely,

Marshall Dann, Executive Director

(Western Golf Association - Evans Scholars Foundation)

Dear Joe:

Please convey my sincere appreciation and thanks to your membership for again awarding me an honorary membership in the fine Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents. I also am pleased to have the privilege of attending your meetings and functions. I hope to attend as many meetings as possible this year, when not traveling over the Mid-Continent. The Honorary Membership Certificate is especially handsome in gold this year. I have already framed it and plan to proudly display it in my office. Thank you once again for the honor of joining your fine association for the betterment of golf.

Sincerely,

Carl Schwartzkopf, Mid-Continent Director

(United States Golf Association - Green Section)

Dear Mr. Grenko:

Thank you so much for sending me the certificate and card certifying honorary membership in the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents for 1976. I'm proud to be an honorary member and hope you will call on the Association any time we can be of service to you and your members.

Sincerely yours,

John E. Kenny, President

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