



Editor

MIDWEST BREEZES

Spring-like conditions arrived early in the Chicago area. This was beneficial in some respects. New growth on trees is about two weeks ahead of normal. So what took place on the night of April 29? The temperature dropped to 28 degrees. The new growth and foliage froze on many species of trees, such as pin oak, honey locust, and different varieties of ash. At this writing, from a distance, these trees look like dead trees. I hope this is not true. It is our hope they will recover and I am sure they will.

Onwentisia Club is rejuvenating a 1,600 ft. well that had been abandoned for several years and constructed two new tees, #10 and #18, this spring. **Wolfgang Mueller**, Supt., also planted 160 new trees this spring.

Richard Lamkey, Supt. leaves Bryn Mawr C.C. The position has been filled by Assistant Mike Mass. Richard is pursuing landscape construction and maintenance work. Good luck, Dick.

G.C.S.A.A. Director **Mike Bavier** attended the Board of Directors meeting in Lawrence, Kansas, the weekend of May 6, 7, and 8.

Ken Quandt, Supt. at Glencoe Golf Club, has built a new green using the U.S.G.A. specification mix of 80-20. #13 green will be next if all goes well.

Dr. Al Turgeon from the University of Illinois has been in the Chicago area gearing up for a program in December, 1977.

Bob Siebert, Supt. at Naperville C.C. built a new green last fall composed of 90% sand, sodded in October and opened for play on May 7.

Bob Williams, Supt. at Bob O'Link, built a new green in the fall of 1976 using a 3-2-1 soil mix. With all these different mixtures it will be interesting to see which one comes out with the most satisfactory ratio.

Bob O'Link is also doing some work with P.B.C.B., a new bent variety, seeded over Pencross. 1,600 sq. ft. at the present time, is under observation and more is planned.

John Jackman, Supt. at Medinah has built a new #10 green on #2 course.

Brad Johnson, Supt. at Ridgemoor is resigning and moving to Lake Barrington located north of the town on Rt. 59. This is an 18 hole golf course, Packard and Wadsworth are the architects and builder.

Contrary to what the University claims, the rye grass at **Paul Voykin's** Briarwood C.C. sure looks good.

Sunset Valley G.C. at Highland Park is planning to recondition their first four holes.

Bill Leith, Supt. at Elgin C.C. will soon have a new 12th hole - a new tee, green and lake will make this possible.

Jack Hanson, Supt. at Crystal Lake is building a new #1 tee and a new putting green.

The first nine holes of the Kemper Insurance Company Golf Course have been completed and will open in the fall of 1977 or spring of 1978. The second nine holes are under construction. **Killian and Nugent** are the architects.

Lansing Sportsman Club has just finished two new golf holes.

Joe Dinelli reports that he has built a new #3 green at North Shore C.C.

The park district at Wheeling, Ill. has taken over the Chevy Chase Golf Course. **Chuck Reed, Sr.** will be the Supt. Chuck was the Supt. at this club some years ago. I imagine it will be like getting back home again for him.

The old Edgewater Golf Club is being revamped to nine golf holes and a recreation park.

It is reported that **Dr. Nutter** has left the University of Florida and is with a national lawn firm.

The May 16 M.A.G.C.S. meeting held at Ravinia Green C.C. was very interesting. One hundred four enjoyed an excellent dinner. Sixty-two played golf on a beautiful course manicured under the direction of Supt. John Berarducci. The educational program was one of the best. Dr. Perkins is connected with the Elanso Products Co., producers of Balan. He gave an excellent presentation on Herbicides. He held the Supers in their chairs.

We were happy to have Mr. Al Radko, director of the U.S.G.A. Green section with us, who offered a few chosen words. We are always glad to have Al at our meetings.

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