



Editor

## MIDWEST BREEZES

The third annual Illinois Turfgrass Foundation Golf Day, held at the Indian Lakes C.C., August 22, 1977 was a great success. 147 golfers enjoyed a day of golf on a magnificently conditioned course. Approximately 200 people enjoyed the cocktail hour. The buffet style dinner was generous in its portions and everyone filled themselves to the brim. The Toro Distributing Inc. at Itasca, Ill. furnished the generous supply of hors d'oeuvres that we all enjoyed during the cocktail hour.

The golf prizes were numerous; almost everyone that played golf received a prize.

The money raised was given to the University of Illinois Turfgrass Foundation for research projects.

It takes many people to make a day such as this one a success. We want to thank all of you, a special thanks to the manufacturers and suppliers who purchased special ads and raffle tickets. Also, appreciation is extended to the Indian Lakes C.C. who donated the green fees to the I.T.F. Many thanks to Bill Nadler, of Nadler Harley-Davidson, for purchasing \$1,000 worth of raffle tickets, and to Nita Lamkey, Bonnie Fuchs, and Candy Oltman who tried to collect some money on a couple betting holes on the golf course.

Dave Meyer and Jose Gonzales should be commended for the fine condition of the golf course.

The editor personally wants to thank the twenty-nine golf course supts. who attended this golf day. This is a small percentage of the golf course supts. we have in the Chicago area. It appears to me that it would not be asking too much of those not present this year to plan their schedule next year so they can attend a fund raising day for an organization that operates for their benefit.

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The golfing season in the Chicago area is drawing toward the busy end. Most of the supts. are looking into the sky for the migration of birds heading in a southerly direction. This season has had its ups and downs; usually, with a little patience, and the help of mother nature, everything returns to its natural condition.

## MIDWEST MEETING DATES

- October 17 - Wisconsin Joint Meeting
- November 9 - Annual Meeting Midwest C.C.
- November 19 - Dinner Dance - River Forest C. C.
- November 30 - M.A.G.C.S. Clinic Medinah C. C.

## ANONYMOUS AGAIN

Dear Mr. Gerber:

I want to thank Paul N. Voykin for showing me the light. Last year I criticized this newsletter when his ridiculous chicken soup recipe appeared in your Midwest publication. My contention then was we should devote articles to turf only and not to silly soup recipes. However, now I have changed my mind. Recently when Voykin's second epicurean recipe appeared, this time on how to make borscht soup I finally saw the light and I now realize what he was trying to do and I want to thank him and the **Bullsheets** for guiding and showing me the way, (and perhaps other young supts. as well). In short I have quit greenkeeping and have enrolled in a CHEF'S SCHOOL. Let me explain why I have suddenly changed professions.

This summer my golf course had dry wilt, wet wilt, pythium, anthracnose, drought in July, floods in August, mower turf damage during eight straight days of rain and dollarspot that wouldn't quit. Besides this I had to contend with three teenage children who claimed they were misunderstood, a new greenchairman, a newly liberated wife who is taking up Russian (and smokes those stupid thin cigarettes), and a sick manager who wants to become a G.M. **THE HELL WITH IT!** Who needs it! I've had it! To further strengthen my reasons for changing professions I have found out these solid culinary facts. Chefs make more money than golf course superintendents. Chefs only work about seven months. They are always in demand - and who is more pampered?

I am young, I have time on my hands and besides I am French on my wife's side. In a few years I will make more money than I ever will as a "greenkeeper". So, so-long and thanks for enlightenment or should I say au revoir.

**Happy Again**

Editor's note: Good riddance.

The October meeting of the Midwest Golf Course Superintendents Association is a joint meeting with the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents and will be held at the Meadow Brook C. C., Racine, Wisconsin on October 17, 1977.

**THIS IS ONE DAY ALL M.A.G.C.S. SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENJOY A DAY WITH OUR SUPERINTENDENT NEIGHBORS ON OUR NORTHSIDE. MARK YOUR CALENDAR.**

The Midwest Golf Course Superintendent's Association annual clinic will be held at Medinah C. C. on November 30, 1977. John Jackman, Supt. will be our host.

**GCSAA MATH MANUAL** - The GCSAA math manual is now available. Entitled **The Mathematics of Turfgrass Maintenance** and compiled by Palmer Maples, Jr., GCSAA director of education, the 58-page soft-cover book explains the mathematical calculations important to the operation of a golf course. It contains examples and sample problems of mathematics superintendents use every day.

The manual will be sent free of charge to GCSAA members who request it. Members should write GCSAA Membership Services, 1617 St. Andrews Drive, Lawrence, Kansas 66044, to request a copy.

Copies will soon be available to non-members at a price to be determined at a later date.

We are still waiting for word from Washington as to whether the ban on red dye will affect government red tape.