



Editor

## MIDWEST BREEZES

**Robert Siebert**, former Supt. at Naperville C.C., has recently resigned and formed the **Fox Chase Landscaping, Ltd.** Bob's many years of experience in golf course work sure qualifies him for a place in the landscaping field. Office phone: 312-393-1199. Home phone: 312-393-1403.

**Jim Dinelli**, son of **Frank** and brother of **Joe**, super at North Shore C.C., has accepted the position as Supt. at Naperville C.C.

**Mike Bavier**, Supt. at Inverness C.C., reports he had visitors at his maintenance building one night and they helped themselves to various valuable items.

By the date you receive this **Bull Sheet** the weather should be more favorable for fine turfgrass found on golf courses. This has not been one of the most enjoyable years for the one being responsible for the playing condition of a golf course. With few cool days and nights along with ample moisture, the **poa annua** will be making its usual fall appearance and all will be forgiven.

On August 3rd this editor had the pleasure of attending the Illinois Landscape Contractors Field day, at Huntley, Ill. It was not my first field day, but it sure was the best and most interesting one. It had an attendance of over 2,000 and over 100 exhibitors. Various commercial companies could show and demonstrate the many products that they distribute. A field day such as one of this kind is sure more beneficial and less costly to the exhibitor than one that takes place indoors in a large city. The nice thing about it is the local dealer can show his merchandise to his local customers, and it gives him an opportunity to visit with each one rather than making calls at their place of employment. It is my belief that of the 2,000 plus attendance, 75 percent were potential buyers. This is a better percentage than one would find at a national show. This brings up a thought that may be worth investigating: that the G.C.S.A.A. put out some feelers to the local companies that deal in products for landscapers, roadways, cemeteries, parks, golf courses, sod and tree nurseries.

Something along this line had been mentioned some years ago. A more serious effort should be used, because we have been following along the same road for fifty years. Times have changed, people have changed. Our profession should modernize and keep up with the present day of functioning.

The **Bull Sheet** editor has been informed that a problem is brewing in the **G.C.S.A.A.** office in Lawrence, Kansas. I hope this will receive immediate attention while it is simmering and not wait until the kettle boils over.

The Green Acres Country Club of Northbrook, Illinois has decided to install a new automatic irrigation system, pumping plant and water supply on its property. Charles E. (Scotty) Stewart has been retained as the design engineer.

## SOS

I understand that there are approximately 500 plus people who receive the monthly **Bull Sheet** and we all know that Ray Gerber has done an exemplary A.A. job.

Many of us never take into consideration the amount of time that is required to put this publication to press each month.

What have you done as a reader or a member of the Midwest to contribute some copy for Ray? If each member would take and sit down and write one short article on a bit of news he would have no problem at all and make his job a lot easier and we would all benefit from each others experiences and problems.

My information is that Ohio has tried it and it has been successful.

My remarks are just a little food for thought. If others can do it so can we, and with a little extra effort maybe better.

We all have a part to play in this business and some of us have been sitting on that proverbial POT TOO LONG. So get the lead out and do your bit as a member of the Midwest Golf Course Supts. Assoc. and take 10 minutes of your precious time and contribute something at least once a year.

Personally I feel it should be mandatory that each of us in order to be a member; write an article at least once a year.

Here at Brookwood C.C. this summer we had installed 4 new cement reinforced concrete bridges, 8 feet wide, 75 feet long and 20 tons each, using a 90 ton crane, tore out 4 old bridges and setting 4 new ones all in ONE DAY. This was a major improvement for the cause which appeared the Illinois division of waterways and the membership and enhanced the area completely.

Also we installed a considerable amount of new black top cart path on the back 9. But I still wonder if the golfers know what they are used for!

We also procured a very fine used Ford 4500 loader and something new, a Jackson 5-n-1 Lawn Finisher which is a combination scraper box, rake, roller, pulverizer, grader blade scarifying teeth, with a hydraulic top link which allows you to do a number of jobs without having to change tools on your tractor.

July as we all know was a month of WAR with nature and we all had other problems or so I hear. Fortunately I think I lucked out. We had Big Brown on one green, some dollar on 3 other greens, a trace of fusarium on some fairways, along with losing some Poa on the back 9.

I attribute some of this luck to having held back on nitrogen on the greens. This season so far I have applied 2.25 pounds.

I would estimate that we lost a possible 1% of turf due to disease and heat so far this year. The Man Upstairs sure has been answering my prayers for HELP and guidance. I know I don't have all the answers.

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