



Editor
MIDWEST BREEZES

Another beautiful golf course has been purchased by a large land developer. This time it is the Midwest Golf Club at Downers Grove, Ill. This popular 36 hole course will soon give way to 220 extraordinary private homes. The turfgrass sod on the greens is for sale. The strain is Toronto XC-15 maintained at 1/4 inch. Contact Marv Gruening, Supt. Club Phone 312/654-1320; Home Phone 312/964-3735

Barrington Lakes C.C. at Barrington, IL has had their grand opening on August 21st. It is reported that this new course is in magnificent condition made possible by the know-how of Supt. **John West**.

The August 21st meeting of the Midwest Assoc. of Golf Course Supts. and Illinois Turfgrass Foundation held at Indian Lakes C.C. was a great success. 109 played golf on a course in top condition made possible by the efforts of Supt. **Dave Meyer** and **Jose Gonzales**. Over 200 enjoyed a wonderful buffet dinner. Numerous prizes were distributed because of the experience in buying by **Alby Staudt**. The net proceeds are not available at this date.

Indian Lakes is in the process of building a 300 room hotel on the Iclub property. This club is owned by Carson Pirie Scott & Co. who also own the Nordic Hills C.C.

Craig Marfia, former Supt. at Lincolnshire C.C. has resigned and taken position as Supt. at Ridge C.C.

Jim Odle, assistant at Lincolnshire C.C. has become head Supt. left vacant by resignation of Craig.

There is at times considerable conversation about changing Kentucky bluegrass fairway turf to bentgrass. This editor's recommendation to any golf club anticipating a project such as this is that they have a good automatic irrigation system and ample water for distribution when ever it is required. **This is a must.**

The second advice is do not expect to have one hundred percent bentgrass turf in one year or three years. You may have seventy-five percent in five to seven years if the poa annua does not take over in this period of time. A considerable amount of planning should go into a project such as this before the final decision is made. Have the approval of the membership and the assurance that they will have the patience to go along until the project has been satisfactorily completed. There can be no turning back once the project has been started.

Don Hoffman has accepted the Superintendents position at Timber Trails C.C. Good luck, Don.

The Midwest Golf Course Supts. Association will hold their annual joint meeting with the Wisconsin Golf Course Supts. at Plum Tree National Golf Club, on October 9, 1978. Plum Tree is on route 14 between Harvard, IL and Woodstock, IL. Bring your golf clubs.

CORRECTION

The September issue of the **Bull Sheet** carried a picture of the **Dinelli** family. It should have read, front row, l. to r. - daughter, **Eva**, **Mrs. F. Dinelli**, and birthday man **Frank**. Standing, sons **Jim** and **Joseph**. The **Bull Sheet** is sorry.

"Paul N. Voykin flew to Toronto, Canada August 16 as special guest of Gordon Witteveen's AMERICAN DAY Golf party at his beautiful BOARD OF TRADE C.C. This memorable occasion was held in conjunction with the Ontario Superintendent's Association. Gordon's great outing had many other prominent guests such as Mel Lucas, Andrew Bertoni, Dr. James Watson, James Latham, Robert Moore, Ned Brinkman and several others. The highlight of the whole wonderful day was Eddy Shack's (former great forward for the Toronto Maple Leafs) very articulate Ukrainian speech on Paraquat and it's benefits to greenkeepers. It left everybody completely baffled and puzzled. Paul's reaction to Eddy's unusual presentation (since he was the only one who could understand him) was that this is definitely top notch calibre and should be presented at our National Conference, preferably in keystone spot."

POSITION OPEN

Golf Course Superintendent wanted at **Thorngate Country Club**. This is an 18 hole private club located on the north side of Chicago at Deerfield, Ill. Send resume to **Mr. Jack Rouhier**, Chairman grounds and green committee. Thorngate C.C., 600 Sanders Road, Deerfield, Ill. 60015. Office phone 312/326-8157.

One extreme usually follows another. The golf courses in the Chicago area received during the spring and summer months of this year ample precipitation-at times more than was welcome. At this date the sprinklers are in big demand. If the old saying is true, a dry fall is an indication of more than normal snow the following winter, be sure your snow plow is in good condition.

THE TROUBLE

...with the guy who talks too fast is that he often says something he hasn't thought of yet.

MIDDLE AGE

...is the time of life when you are pushed around by two little voices. One is saying, "Why not?" and the other is saying "Why bother?"

COURTSHIP

...is something no couple should allow marriage to interfere with.

ADVICE

...is like snow, the softer it falls, the longer it dwells upon and the deeper it sinks into the mind.