



Editor

MIDWEST BREEZES

Marvin Gruening, Supt. at Midwest C.C. for the past twenty-five years has resigned and taken the Supt. position at Park Ridge C.C., Park Ridge, IL.

Don Pakkle, Supt. from Philadelphia C.C. has accepted the Supts. position at Medinah C.C., Medinah, IL.

Bob and Bobbie Williams from Bob O'Link G.C. have returned to their home in Lake Forest, after a two month vacation in Florida. I am sure it will be hard to make the adjustment from green grass, flowers and orange groves to five foot snow banks.

The sympathy of the members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Supts. is extended to the Burdett family due to the passing away of **Paul**. Mr. Burdett was the founder and owner of the Burdett Co. until his retirement several years ago. At that time he moved to Green Valley, Arizona enjoying himself doing the things he was most interested in. **Paul** was a good contributor to the M.A.G.C.S. The column in the **Bull Sheet** under the heading of "**The Mole**" was his favorite. For many years no one knew the identity of the author.

Kenneth R. Zanzig, Supt. at Old Oak G.C., Orland Park, IL, has resigned and taken the Supt. position at Green Garden C.C. Anyone interested in the Supts. position at Old Oak G.C. can contact owner **Gustas Lieponis**, 143rd & Parker Rd., Orland Park, IL 60462. Phone (312) 349-3344.

Why are some people against research work? This editor attended a meeting in Atlanta, GA during the GCSAA conference. One member gave his opinion that he was not in favor of research funds for Turfgrass purposes. I am sure glad all others attending the meeting did not agree with him. Where would golf courses be today if it had not been for research work. Being one of the old timers I remember when turf on golf courses was 80% to 90% weeds or some other foreign plants. Irrigation was unheard of except on greens. Fertilizer came from the barn. Chemicals for disease control was unheard of. Insecticides and herbicides were out of the question. Research work done by universities, chemical and equipment companies have spent millions of dollars in research. I have

seen the results grow from nothing to what it is today. My vote goes for research funds. Scholarship funds are fine, but what does the student who receives a scholarship end up doing? I as well as other golf course supts. have benefited and enjoyed the results from research work.

The editor attended a golf night gathering a couple weeks ago. **Carl Schwartzkof**, Central Director of the United States Golf Association, Green Section was one of the key speakers. Why should you as a golfer replace your divots? Carl said, "Regardless if they do not all grow, it shows that you are thinking of the players behind you." This also pertains to repairing ball marks on greens. And remember to smooth any foot marks, or other imprints in the sand trap before leaving the trap. Do not use the excuse for not doing it that the trap rake is on the other side of the bunker. Show courtesy to the other players on the golf course. Carl cautioned that golf courses should not be compared with one another. The reason for this is there are no two alike. So before you criticize, be sure and find out why there is the difference.

Dear Ray:

Loud cheers and hurrahs and it-couldn't-have-happened-to-a-smarter guy shows on your award for the job you've done in and with the **Bull Sheet**.

My Seeing Eye Girl reads it to me and I've got to say you keep me in such close touch with what's going on I still can celebrate and worry with the guys.

I don't know much about maintaining a golf course. That is the realm of the Gerbers. But I do know something about putting out a magazine and damn if I don't have to say the judges picked the right winner...and there are a lot of amazingly interesting and useful regional supts. magazines.

Cheers and profit to you all.

Yours,
Herb Graffis

[**Editor Note**] These kind words could not have come from a nicer guy.

Dear Ray:

Thank you very much for your goodbye to Joe. It was the thoughtful and thoroughly kind farewell that Joe would have known the Gerbers would send as a friend went to other Green Pastures.

I can get a replay in memory of Joe and Gerber working together and looking ahead with other foresighted and unsung geniuses in making this country more beautiful. I see what the Gerbers, father and son, and Joe and others of the old friends of our families have done to provide an escape from the madness of the concrete and asphalt jungle and feel in your letter the character that made Joe, and me too, so happy and proud to have you all as our treasured friends and fellow workers.

Sincerely,
Herb Graffis

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