



Editor

MIDWEST BREEZES

The farmers always figured a good depth of snow was an indication of a good grain crop the next season. If this holds true then turfgrass golf courses can look forward to an excellent season in 1979. However, the supt. should keep his fingers crossed. This editor has experienced the opposite. As we go into the new year we have a snow cover of approximately 60 inches.

The question is asked many times, where should bunker rakes or sand trap rakes be placed?

Answer: The USGA recommends that rakes be placed outside bunkers as far away from bunkers as is practical and at spots where they will be least likely to deflect balls. (USGA 65-5 revised; MISC.)

It's been reported that **George Druzisky** who was Supt. at Thorngate C.C. at one time till he left Chicago in 1970 to go to California has been in the hospital since November 4th with a rare disease known as San Joaquin Valley Fever. It is fungus that is present in the soils in the San Joaquin Valley where George works in Bakersfield, CA. He thinks he got it from all the trenching that has been going on in the installation of a new irrigation system. He may miss six months work.

Bo/Jo Turf Supply Co. had their annual Christmas party. It is reported it was a grand success. **Ken Quandt** was awarded a pin for traveling the farthest. **Harold Frederickson** had the most slippery trip. **Dudley Smith** the wildest, **Ray Schmidt** liked it so much he came back on Saturday and Sunday. **Meyers, Trevarthan, Wallenberg, Piepers** and **Frankowski** went home singing in the rain. Next year to avoid the snowy weather **George Haddad** is planning a **Fall Round Up**.

It is reported that our good friend **Charlie Wilson**, one of the top men in the Milorganite Division at Milwaukee, WI has taken an early retirement. We all wish him happiness and that he will find time to do the many things he did not have time to do in the past.

The MAGCS January 9th meeting was held at Arrowhead G.C. **Bob Breen**, Supt. was our host. Prior to the meeting 26 members were given a tour of the Fermi Lab in Batavia. This was a most educational and interesting tour. It is one we all will be talking about for a long time. After the tour everyone joined 17 others at Arrowhead for a wonderful steak lunch.

Our MAGCS March meeting will be held at Nordic C.C. No date has been set. There will be no meeting in February. The reason is we will be attending the G.C.S.A.A. Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Edward Fischer
Superintendent
Butler National Golf Club

Dear Ed:

My thanks to you and your association for the opportunity to participate in the Midwest Clinic. I thoroughly enjoyed visiting with you and your associates and reviewing the subject matter assigned to me for discussion.

Time sure flies. If Ray had not reminded me that I conducted the second clinic held by the Chicago group, I don't think I would have realized how many years ago it took place. I thought you had an outstanding program and I only regretted that I was not able to participate in the second day's activities. I would have liked an opportunity to have contributed to the winter protection panel. Weather being what it is and what it's been for the last few weeks in the upper Midwest, especially Minnesota, I anticipate we may have difficulty next spring when the snow cover begins to leave.

Thank you again for the invitation to speak at the clinic. With warm regards to you and the entire association and a sincere wish for a most pleasant and happy holiday season for all, I am

Jim Watson
Vice President, Toro

The sympathy of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Supts. is extended to the **Carl A. Petersen** family due to the death of **Mr. Petersen** who passed away on January 3. Carl was the golf course supt. at South Shore C.C. for 40 years prior to his retirement several years ago. He had the ability to repair anything on the golf course or club house. His nickname was "**The Man With the Golden Hands**". He was a pioneer member of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents.

"JUSTICE"

The Superintendent stood at the Golden Gate
His head was bent and low.

He merely asked the man of fate
Which way he ought to go.

"What have you done", St. Pete said

"To seek admittance here?"

"I ran a golf course on the earth

For many and many a year"

St. Peter opened wide the gate

And gently pressed the bell.

"Come in", he said, "And choose your harp"

"You've had your share of hell"

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Southern Arizona GCSA

A new M.A.G.C.S. membership roster is in the making. All dues for 1979 must be paid by March 1st, or your name will not be listed in this roster.

A stunning blonde walked into a dress shop, and asked the manager, "I wonder if I might try on that blue dress in the window?"

"Go right ahead", he said, "it might help business."

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