



Editor

MIDWEST BREEZES

POA ANNUA

Who has got the most poa annua seed this May and June, 1979? That is a hard question to answer. I have seen during the past many years at the start of summer poa annua seeding but never anything like this year.

What really caused this, I sure do not have the answer. I only wish I knew. It's there and the golf course supt. is going to have to try and live with it. Maybe one of the reasons is due to all the snow mold following our past winter. There was no frost in the ground and nearly one hundred inches of snow fell. The result was snow mold and I do mean **snow mold!!** Poa annua seed started to germinate and got the start on the bentgrass that was slow due to weather conditions. There probably are many other reasons and maybe someone will come up with a more detailed reason and a sure preventive program. As it stands at this date, the supt. is going to have to try and live with it.

Years ago when the golf course supt. experienced a heavy infestation of poa annua seed in the early part of the season, one could expect a hot summer. This is nature's way of making sure there will be ample seed to produce new poa annua plants to take the place of those that could not survive during July and August. When the longer and cooler nights would finally come in September, we used to say, "Bring back the poa annua and all is forgiven".

The editor is confused and here is why. I listen to many people talking on conserving water. This I believe in and we all should practice it. I read articles about conserving water, and then I turn the pages and what do I find but articles on building greens with sand and to use sand for topdressing greens.

My experience with sand has always been, it does not hold water. The water keeps on going down until it finds something to stop it. So what does one do in regards to a putting green? He finds it necessary to add more water defeating our good intention of trying to save the water we now have.

My experience on topdressing greens with sand is take it easy, let the other fellow do it.

The M.A.G.C.S. June 4th meeting held at the beautiful Ruth Lake C.C. was enjoyed by 69 members. Most everyone played golf and reported the golf course in super condition. The credit goes to Supt. **Ray Schei** who is doing a magnificent job. The dinner and service was excellent and we thank everyone.

Domenic Grotti, who has been the Supt. at Sunset Ridge C.C. for the past forty-three years, decided on January 1, 1979 to retire and join the ranks of other retired men. Dom, welcome to the fold.

Mr. and Mrs. **Tony Meyer** of Woodridge C.C. celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on May 20th. Congratulations!

On May 4th, **Amy Lee**, 8 pounds, 7 ounces came to live with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Gene Thompson** from Nordic Hills C.C.

The M.A.G.C.S. meeting on Monday, July 16 will be held at Kemper Lakes C.C., Long Grove, Illinois. **Doug Quirum**, Supt. will be our host. Due to the facilities there will be a limit of 100 and please, no guests permitted.

The Monday, August 6 M.A.G.C.S. meeting will be at Spring Brook G.C. in Naperville, Illinois. **Gary Dorsch**, Supt. will be our host.

Dear Ray,

Cheers loud and clear to you and the rest of the team--young, old, and middled--on the 33 years of the **Bull Sheet**. What an immensely valuable performance record it has compiled for all the golfers in the Midwest--and many far away areas where its influence has extended.

Many times the **Bull Sheet** gave me tips on great and useful course maintenance stories and covered plenty of them better than I ever could have done. The Gerbers and a lot of others in the Midwest outfit over the years have heard me say I've wished I could write a golf course story nearly as well as you all maintain the courses...and you've kept the **Bull Sheet** up to the standard of your courses.

Many thanks to you all for 33 years of the lively **Bull Sheet**...and this is no bull sheet.

Cheers to the great old gang.

Sincerely,
Herb Graffis

Editor's Note - These kind words could not have come from a nicer person.

The Western Open Golf Tournament will be held at Butler National G.C. on July 5, 6, 7, 8. **Ed Fischer**, Supt., has made arrangements for M.A.G.C.S. members to be admitted free by presenting their membership card.

Hi Ray,

Summer is full of surprises and at times one feels, "I've got a tiger by the tail".

"JULY PROGNOSIS"

Fire cracker time is here again,
Heat, humidity, drought or rain?
Perhaps the whole gamit will occur,
And while we might wish to be elsewhere,
It's that Russian Roulette time once more.
While summer time is vacation time,
And golfers do appear in force.
Conditions can evolve and do,
To play havoc with the course.
Yes, trying times are here once more,
To test your name and fame.
You don't have to be, but it helps at times,
To be a little insane.

Stretch of the imagination?

Regards,
Kenneth R. Zanzig
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