



Editor

## MIDWEST BREEZES

The **Bull Sheet** has a birthday. This June issue will make thirty-three years, that adds up to 396 issues. Several of our advertisers have been with us all these years and we sure thank them, as well as the more recent ones. They are the ones that help make this publication possible. There has been several editors during this period but only one printer. **Ever-Redi Printing Service** in La Grange, IL has done a remarkable job and our many thanks goes to them.

**Paul N. Voykin** flew to Toronto, Canada on April 7th to attend a wild rice dinner party at **Gordon Witteveen's** place. We understand that Gordon is quite a chef. On April 19th Paul was the educational speaker in New York at the joint meeting of the Long Island and the Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Associations. His topic was very relevant: "How to Survive General Managers". (Editor's note - **How come we never heard it here?**)

The March/April issue of the U.S.G.A. Green Section Record is an exceptionally good educational publication. If golfers could read this publication or if golf course superintendents would read it and inform golfers of the benefits that can be derived from using less irrigation water, a significant service would be accomplished. Superintendents who have had many years of experience know that withholding water in the early part of the season as long as possible will give the grass plant a chance to develop a deep root system that is so important during hot weather. The only good that comes from over-watering benefits the golfer that does not execute an approach shot properly. Most of us know that a green that is firm has a better putting surface and will not show spike marks nearly as much as one that is soft and spongy.

We all should start now to conserve water not only for the good of the grass plant but also for the good of the water supply we now have.

The M.A.G.C.S. May 7 meeting held at Pine Crest C.C. was enjoyed by many members and guests. Those who played golf reported the course in excellent condition. The strong winds were not to be desired and made the game a little rough at times. Supt. **Jim Ford** has done a wonderful job and we congratulate him. The dinner and service was superb and we hope we will be invited back in the near future.

On May 2, this editor had the pleasure of visiting with **Al Radko**, National Director of the USGA Green Section, and **Carl Schwartzkopf**, Director of the North Central Region, at The Chicago Golf Club which will be the site of the USGA Senior Golf Tournament on September 17-22, 1979. I think the seniors will find a different style of golf course than those that they have been playing.

M.A.G.C.S. June 4 meeting will be held at Ruth Lake C.C., Hinsdale, IL. This will be Senior day. All double A Seniors who are members of the M.A.G.C.S. will be guests of the association. No other guest will be permitted. Double A Seniors - remember this is your day. Come and enjoy yourself. **Ray Schei**, Supt. will be our host. He will be waiting for you, along with all other M.A.G.C.S. members.

Wedding bells were ringing in the vicinity of Hillcrest C.C. **Bruce Burchfield**, Supt. has taken the bow. We all wish the new bride and Bruce the best of everything. The wedding took place on May 5th.

June 25, 1979 an outing will be held at Medinah C.C. consisting of Golf Club Managers, Superintendents, Club Presidents and Pro's. Mark your calendar for this day. Come out and enjoy yourself.

The first golf outing of the 1979 season was held at Pinecrest Golf Course. Jim Ford, the superintendent had the golf course in excellent condition. A 25 to 30 M.P.H. wind greeted all of the 19 golfers, and gave us other problems than just hitting the golf ball. The days winners were: Carl Hopphan closest to the pin, using a 3 wood on a 155 yard par 3 hole, long drive went to Dave Meyer, and his new driver. Low gross winners were Ed Fischer with an 81, Vern Rasher with an 84, and Bill Krafft with an 88. Low net winners were Clem Potthoff 71, Ted Potthoff 72, Walter Fuchs Jr. 73, John Lebedevs 75, Steve Van Acker 76, Ed Joerns 76, Frank Krueger 76, and Joe Canale 77. Next month's meeting is at Ruth Lake C.C. We will have a special event or two for our AA members. Don't forget if you wish a handicap please send your cards to Ed Fischer right away.

### The Golf Committee

**Assistant Golf Course Supt. position** open at City of Lake Forest. Salary \$17,500. For more information, call **Ed Smith**, Supt. Evenings, 295-1814; daytime, 234-2600.

**Assistant position open at Oak Park C.C.**, Oak Park IL. Salary, depending on experience, with room and board. Position available immediately. For more information, call **Al Fierst**, Supt., 453-7525.

The sympathy of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents is extended to the family of **Peter Bild** due to the passing away of Peter on May 6th, 1979. Mr. Bild was a member of the M.A.G.C.S. He was a former golf course superintendent at Glen Flora C.C., Plum Tree National C.C., and Woodridge G.C.

He certainly will be missed by his many friends in the turfgrass professional line of work.