



Editor

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On February 5th, 1979 the editor of the **Bull Sheet** was presented with the G.C.S.A.A. Chapter Newsletter Editors Award. This presentation took place at the Press and Speakers Reception and Luncheon in Atlanta, Georgia, during the G.C.S.A.A. Annual Turfgrass Conference and Equipment Show. The editor thanks all those that have contributed articles during 1978. Ever-Redi Printing in Countryside has done a magnificent job of printing this publication. Ever-Redi has been the only **Bull Sheet** printer since it started nearly thirty-three years ago - a record to be proud of. Many thanks goes to our advertisers. Many of them are the same as when the **Bull Sheet** started. They all played a big part in our success and helped make this award possible. I am sure all of the Midwest Golf Course Supts. Association members will join me in thanking the GCSAA committee and judges who were responsible for the final decision.

The weather man reports as of January 30 the Chicago area has had 78 inches of snow this winter. No doubt the record of snowfall will be broken before spring rolls around. The heavy snowfall has created some serious problems resulting in costly repairs. The roofs on several metal maintenance buildings have collapsed. This occurred at Silver Lake C.C., White Pine G.C., St. Andrews C.C., Glen Oak C.C., and possibly others, including Ruth Lake C.C., and the Ill. Lawn Inc. The large amount of snow on many business places also caused roofs to collapse. Many homes received extensive damage to their roofs and decor by water. It will be a long time before the full amount of damage will be known, if ever.

The old saying is "one extreme follows another". Should this be true, we can expect to be short of precipitation this summer. My suggestion is to make sure that all your pumps are in good working condition and that your well will be able to furnish ample water. Also, make sure the irrigation system is in top condition, and then keep your fingers crossed.

Many golf course superintendents are worrying about the damage they may experience after the snow melts. Not only because of snow-mold, but also damage to evergreens and fruit trees and other young trees and shrubs by rabbits and other rodents.

Bill Krafft, Supt. and pro. at Valparaiso G.C., has decided to hang up his spurs as of January 1, 1979. Bill

has devoted his entire life to golf, the last 24 years at Valparaiso G.C. in Indiana. He will continue to play golf and do some hunting and fishing. Good luck Bill, and hope you will enjoy your retirement.

Mrs. Ed. Braunsky, wife of Ed who is Supt. at Prestbury G.C. near Aurora, IL has been confined to the hospital for an operation. We are all wishing her the best of health and that her stay in the hospital will be short.

The 50th GCSAA conference and show is now past history. This editor is sure it will be in the record book as the largest attended and also in exhibits. There were 235 exhibitors, 6,501 registered that attended. The banquet on Thursday evening was super, the dinner excellent. The entertainment equally as good. The dancing I have no comment as I did not participate. There were over one hundred from other foreign countries that attended. The educational program was top quality. Their subjects were of real educational value.

The Midwest Golf Course Supts. Association came out on top. **Mike Bavier**, CGCS, Supt. at Inverness CC, Palatine, IL was re-elected a director and **Ray H. Gerber**, editor of the **Bull Sheet** received the Chapter Publication Award. The results of the golf tournament under the direction of Mike Bavier, I do not have. I have been told over 220 participated and all enjoyed playing on a fine course. The weather did not cooperate on all days.

Yours truly has attended thirty-nine consecutive GCSAA conferences and also attended the first one in Chicago in 1927. I always look forward to visiting with my long time friends that I have become acquainted with. Each conference appears to increase and I am sure it will continue this next year under the newly elected president, **Charles H. Tadge**, CGCS, Supt. at Mayfield C.C., South Euclid, Ohio.

The MAGCS March 26 meeting will be held at Nordic C.C., Itasca, IL. **David Meyer**, Supt. will be our host. This is a Monday. Lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m. Swimming and racquetball will be available. Please call for reservation.

Donald and Lyn Gerber from Chicago G.C. have been vacationing in Las Hadas, Mexico and also Mexico City. Reports are it is a beautiful place. Temperatures near ninety degrees. Some contrast to our Chicago weather.

A few other supers. from the Chicago area headed south to Acapulco, Mexico and ninety degree temperature, after the conference in Atlanta, GA. Those bringing back a suntan are **Bill Saielli** and his wife, **Phil Bersin**, **Don Hoffman** and his wife, and Bro. **Dennis**.

Fred and Judy Opperman did some vacationing in Florida after the GCSAA Conference in Atlanta, GA. The snow they left home was waiting for them when they returned, plus some additional.

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