



Editor

MIDWEST BREEZES

M.A.G.C.S March 26 meeting held at Nordic C.C. was attended by sixty-two members. This was not one of our larger attended meetings; it was one of our better educational meetings. It was very timely. **Len Berg** and **Dudley Smith** started the program with the showing of slide pictures of various equipment buildings damaged by the past winter's exceptionally large amount of snow. Some buildings were a total loss; others the roofs collapsed and had to be replaced. Some equipment stored in these buildings was ruined and had to be replaced or repaired at a high cost. It appeared that the golf carts stored in these buildings suffered the most damage. How lucky some of us were at our homes or at our place of employment; so count your blessings. To continue the program **Bob Williams**, super at Bob O'Link G.C., took over showing pictures of snow mold on various strains of turfgrass and also different types of the fungus. Bob's excellent pictures showed the different areas on the course where snow mold occurred, more or less. His explanations along with the fine photography helped make the day a worth while one.

April 1st may be April Fools Day to most of us, but to **Amos Lapp**, former Supt. at St. Andrews C.C. it was a different day. Approximately 200 of Amos' relatives and friends gathered at St. Andrews to help him celebrate his seventy-fifth birthday. Congratulations, **Amos**, and hope you have many, many more.

On March 27, 1979 the Chicagoland Supts. Assoc. held their annual meeting at Barrington C.C. Supt. **John Ebel** was their host. The meeting was held in John's spotless maintenance building. When I say spotless, that is a true word. The meeting was held in the same building last year. If the condition of this building is any indication of what the condition of the golf course is like, the members should feel that they should take a shower before going out to play rather than after they have finished playing. **Bob Williams**, Super at Bob O'Link C.C. is now the President; **Carl Hopphan**, Supt. at Aurora C.C. is Vice President. Directors elected were **Mike Nass**, Supt. Bryn Mawr C.C., **Jim Johns**, Supt. Northmoor C.C. Some labor cost figures were discussed and the following amounts seemed to prevail: Assistant Supt. - \$16,000 to \$20,000; Mechanic - \$18,000; year around labor - \$12,000 to \$14,000; season labor - \$5.50 to \$6.00 per hour depending on what fringe benefits they will receive. These figures are for your future consideration, if they have not already taken place at your club.

Dear Ray;

Since May includes Mother's Day, perhaps a word about the Ladies is apropos.

"SUPER PAL"

How often we forget to mention Her name,
 All Her assistance has kindled the flame.
 She's a sounding board and elevates the morale.
 To tolerate the hours, She sure is a Pal.
 How often it's said, "The course is your life".
 That wouldn't be possible, without a fine wife.
 She shares the misery, should share the fame.
 She's certainly wonderful, part of the game.
 Her honorable mention, is long overdue,
 For from the start, She's been one of the crew.
 So may I tip my hat and bare a big smile,
 To the Pal, who makes it all worth while.

Superintendently,
Kenneth R. Zanzig
 Green Garden C.C.

MAGCS PERSPECTIVE

I was saddened the other day to find out that one of our newer Golf Course Superintendents felt the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents was not a very friendly group of men. It turns out that this person, who is very serious about his profession, expected to be greeted, welcomed and made to feel comfortable around his new peers. It turns out that, being enthusiastic in his new profession, he expected to be able to share his problems on the golf course and ask questions on a professional level in hopes of solving these problems. It turns out that this new member of the M.A.G.C.S. had recently reached two long range goals, that of becoming a Golf Course Superintendent, and that of becoming an active member in the M.A.G.C.S. The only trouble was that what really turned out was disappointment in the M.A.G.C.S., because what he had hoped for really never happened. When he walked into his first meeting everyone else was so busy talking in their own groups that no one noticed him. No one greeted this new face and made him feel welcome. At the dinner table he was finally able to enter into the conversation, but some of his questions were disposed of too quickly, because the conversation never really included him. It's too bad that this man did not feel welcome, because we as an association may have lost a good man. Worse than that, the industry may have lost a good Golf Course Superintendent.

Pete Leuzinger
 Supt. - St. Charles C.C.

A GIN CHALLENGE

In the days of yore, out in the wild west gun fighters who established a reputation with fast pistols were often sought out and challenged by others who foolishly thought they could out-draw them in a gun duel. What has this got to do with Gin? Nothing! Just an analogy and a challenge to all midwest gin players that Mike and I will take on all players who foolishly think they can beat skill and technical knowledge with luck and superstition. Name the place, time and street.

Says Paul Voykin

The M.A.G.C.S. May meeting will be held at Pine Crest C.C., Huntly, IL on Monday, May 7. **Jim Ford**, Supt. will be our host. Bring your golf clubs and enjoy a day on a beautiful golf course. **Jim** will be looking for you.