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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

No doubt there are more than a few of us whose knowledge and appreciation of art is limited to being able to differentiate between "Whistler's Mother" and Grandma Moses. We usually identify an artist by looking for a name at the bottom of the painting.

The Chicago area golfer experiences a similar situation when trying to ascertain the person responsible for the verdant beauty that can be enjoyed on almost any area course. If he seeks the name of the greenkeeper on a score card he usually finds at best the name of the golf pro.

There is a gradual movement toward adding the name of the course superintendent to the score card and such a move is long overdue.

Although there are a great many clubs that have no names whatsoever on their card, I do feel, however, that the creativity and artistry demonstrated by some of the superintendents in the area are surely a work of art and that recognition should be given to the person responsible as well as a credit on the score card.

As is usually the case, the achievement of this is the responsibility of the individual superintendent who is all too often content to "hide his light under a bushel". It is not wrong to want recognition. A phrase that I believe comes from "The Fiddler on the Roof" comes to mind: "Being poor is no sin but on the other hand it's no great honor". To paraphrase this; It is no great honor to have your name on the score card but on the other hand it is no sin.

I have been fortunate to have had my name on our score card for the last 12 years and as Clarence Birdseye says in his commercial, "When your name is on the package you are mighty fussy about what goes into it."

It is a distinct advantage to the club to have the superintendent's name on the card as it is an added inducement to have the course in the best possible condition every day of the playing season.

Robert Breen

SUPERVISOR OF GOLF

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