

To: Green Chairmen Green Superintendents of CDGA  
Member Clubs

Gentlemen:

This is the first announcement of the second Basic Golf Course Maintenance program sponsored by the Chicago District Golf Association, the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents and the Chicagoland Golf Course Superintendents Association. The program is directed toward those working on the grounds crew, a person who is not college oriented, does not want to study for credit, but wants to increase his knowledge and vocabulary in his own field. It will tell them the why and the when certain things are done in a certain way on a golf course.

The course was given last year and was very well received. We cannot accommodate more than 35 students at one time so we ask you to inform your grounds crew of the course and urge their immediate registration if they wish to participate. In most cases last year the clubs paid the tuition for the students and from all of the comments we received, it was considered money very well invested. The school is operated at a slight deficit by the Association despite the \$60 tuition fee for students. The series will help the worker, the superintendent and will ultimately help member clubs by developing and training better-informed grounds people.

We will have highly qualified instructors, as we did last year, and are currently working with the MAGCS and CGCSA to conform this year's teachers. As soon as the instructors are confirmed we will send an additional announcement. In the meantime, please have your staff members return the enclosed registration form if they wish to participate.

The course will be given in a private room at Andy's Steak House, 17 W 611 West 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL (corner of 22nd St. and Summit Rd.), convenient to Illinois Expressways.

**Donald F. Johnson, Pres.**  
**David L. Amory, Chairman - Green Committee**

**The Basic Turf Maintenance School is not limited to private clubs or member clubs of the CDGA. Anyone who works on any golf course is eligible to attend.**

### **BASIC GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE**

**ARCHITECTURE - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Thursday, October 18

reasons why certain holes are laid out as they are; purpose of golf course design to reward a good shot; penalize a bad one and how maintenance ties in (mowing heights, etc.); whys of positioning of greens & tees

**TEES - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Thursday, October 25

types of grasses; mowing heights; placement of tee plates in relation to pin placement; weeds, insects, diseases, etc.; costs of various maintenance practices; time necessary; frequency of various maintenance operations

**FAIRWAYS - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Thursday, November 1

types of grasses; mowing heights; weeds, insects, diseases, etc.; costs of various maintenance practices; time of various maintenance practices; frequency of various maintenance practices

**GREENS - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Thursday, November 8

types of grasses; mowing heights; weeds, insects, diseases, etc.; costs, time & frequency of various maintenance practices; placement of cup

### **BUNKERS, ROUGHS AND WATER HAZARDS**

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 15

weeds, insects, diseases, etc.; costs, time & frequency of various maintenance practices; sand or grass bunkers; grass and water control in roughs and hazards

### **WATER, DRAINAGE AND WEATHER**

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 29

automatic and manual water systems; wells; costs of buying systems and/or buying water; maintenance, etc.; influence of weather; warning signs in turf caused by weather conditions; winter problems; spring problems

**HORTICULTURE - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Thursday, December 6

trees & shrubs - best kinds for golf courses; maintenance - pruning, etc.; time & costs involved in maintenance; diseases, etc.; Flowers - seasons, kinds, care (time) costs

**EQUIPMENT - 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

Thursday, December 13

kinds necessary for minimum & maximum maintenance; costs to purchase, operate, maintain, amortize; time and cost saving factors of one mower or piece of equipment versus another; methods of repairing equipment

For additional information, please telephone the Chicago District Golf Association at (312) 920-0130 - ask for: Dennis Davenport, Carol McCue, Donna Kubic, or Sue Kaszewicz. Certificates of Achievement will be presented to those who successfully complete the course during the 1980 Green Seminar.

Dear Ray:

It is a relief to have a reputable plant pathologist like Dr. Houston Couch prove once more with valuable evidence, that we superintendents have always been right...wilt is wilt on poa annua when high temperature stress occurs and anthracnose is mostly peculiar to oak trees, sorghum, wheat, oats, barley and rye. This appeared in a recent quote... "to date no research has been reported in which inoculation experiments were carried out to test whether or not this particular fungus (co-oectotrichum graminicolum) can actually infect annual bluegrass." Those of us who might have been influenced by recent articles by plant pathologists who haven't done their homework, should now write a letter of thanks to our good friend Dr. Couch for his objective look into the subject of anthracnose as well as other turf problems. His recent two superb articles, "Is it Anthracnose or is it Wilt?" which appeared in **Weeds, Trees and Turf**, and also **The Canadian Greenmaster**, and the one about nematodes not being the primary cause of fusarium blight which appeared in **Golf Business**, should be read by every conscientious superintendent in the country.

In this inflationary period of sky high chemical prices, superintendents should only rely on reputable research data gathered by reputable plant pathologists who have done years of research on our turf problems and not by neophytes who spend their time writing misleading articles based on hazy research. For the ill-informed, this can be wasteful and costly misinformation.

**Paul N. Voykin, Supt.**  
**Briarwood Country Club**