



MIDWEST BREEZES

On Oct. 16 this editor stopped in to visit with **Oscar Miles**, the new golf course Supt. at Butler National G.C. I really was surprised at the improvement that has taken place at Butler National in this short period of time beginning August 14, the date work started on the greens. The turfgrass on the greens and fairways resulting from reseeding should bring this golf course into excellent playing condition in the spring of 1981. I would say that everything is headed in the right direction for the Western Open Golf Tournament.

Many discussions have taken place during this past summer in regards to the problem with C-15 Toronto bentgrass on putting greens. This editor is one of the older boys and believes in concrete facts. Therefore, until more research work has been done I reserve my right to feel that the true cause has not been defined. The C-15 strain of bent has been on golf greens for a considerable number of years and was always chosen as one of the better strains. Why should all of these problems pop up in this one season? I think more research work is necessary. There is no doubt that some changes have been made in the formulation of fungicides, insecticides and fertilizers. Some of these may create a problem to this Toronto strain. I am sure we all realize there are certain drugs that can be taken by certain people without any side effects. This could be one of the problems. Has there been a change in management practices? These are some of the things that should be investigated before we condemn a strain of bentgrass that has proven itself and continues to do so on many golf courses.

Ed Stewart, Supt. at River Forest G.C., reports a new automatic Toro irrigation system will be installed at River Forest G.C. in the spring of 1981. Just another happy Supt and well deserving. Ed also reports forty-four thousand rounds of golf were played at his course this past season. I wonder how many divots that represents.

Our M.A.G.C.S. annual meeting held at Cypress Inn on November 3 was not a well attended meeting. Members should show their interest in the operation of the association by attending meetings of this nature. Usually, the stay at home kind are the ones who find the most fault with the operation of the association. When all is said and done it was a very worthy meeting.

By the time a man can afford to lose a golf ball, he can't hit it that far.

Dear Ray,

December enlivens sentiments that echo, "a year's gone by".

"DECEMBER SENTIMENTS"

The days, the weeks, the months go by,
Like the clouds, in the wind, in the sky sail by.
As one stops to think and wonder,
The clouds sail on, as we succeed or blunder.
While spending time to wheel and deal,
Another year, away did steal.
Perhaps the clouds look back and say,
"Hope you've had a pleasant day".

Superintendently & Happy Holidays

Kenneth R. Zanzig
Green Garden C.C.

INFORMATION ON NEWLY ELECTED M.A.G.C.S. OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT - Leonard Berg is in his ninth year as Superintendent at the Village Links of Woodridge. He and his wife, Patricia, are the parents of Kristi, age 6, and Jeff, who is 4 years old. Len has a degree in Turf Management from Pennsylvania State and trained under Bob Williams at Bob O'Link Country Club. He is also a paramedic.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT - John Berraducci has served on the Board of Directors of the Mid-West Association for 3 terms. He and his wife, Toni, are parents of a son, Dominic, who is seven years old. After his graduation from Penn. State, John was superintendent at Ravinia Greens for four years, and in his third year at Skokie C.C.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT - Pete Leuzinger and his wife, DeeAnn, are the parents of Jeffery, who is nine years old, and Megan, their four year old daughter. Pete has a B.S. degree from the U. of I. and has been at St. Charles C.C. for 6 years, having been assistant to Walter Fuchs, Sr. at Evanston Country Club.

DIRECTOR - Roger Stewart and his wife, Susan, are parents of Lauren. Roger has been at Riverside C.C. for 3 years. He has his B.S. from the University of Nebraska.

DIRECTOR - Carl Landgrebe has been at Hinsdale Country Club for seven years. He and his wife, Charlotte, have a daughter, Janessa, who is 18 months old. Carl graduated from Purdue with a degree in Turf Management, was an assistant at Prestwick C.C. before taking over at Hinsdale G.C.

RE-ELECTED SECRETARY - Dave Meyer has been secretary for 4 years, and prior to that, has served on the Board of Directors of the M.A.G.C.S. Dave and Penny have 3 children. They are Brian, Heather and Austin. Dave attended the University of Illinois and is at Indian Lakes G.C. and Nordic Hills G.C. Prior to that he was assistant at Glen Oak C.C.

Mike Bavier and **Paul N. Voykin** spoke November 6 at Chicago Botanic Gardens annual career night. Paul will also speak in December at Rutgers University on "The Effects of Low Phosphorus on Poa Annua".

THE MAIN DIFFERENCE

between private enterprise and government is found in this comparison: The formulas for making Coca Cola and Kentucky Fried Chicken are still secrets. How to make a hydrogen bomb is on the newsstand.