

GOLF SUPERS HELP JUNIOR PROGRAM

The meeting of the Palmetto Golf Course Superintendents Association (PGCSA) held Tuesday at Skyway Golf Club was highlighted by the Association's giving a \$200 donation for the Myrtle Beach Area Junior Golf Program now underway here. Another feature was the visit of **Michael Bavier**, national vice president of Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

Then in introducing Bavier, Dembnicki gave an interesting history of the speaker's background and his excellent work as a previous Director, which earned him the vice presidency. Bavier is the course superintendent at Inverness Country Club in Palatine, IL, which is in the Chicago area.

Bavier's opening remarks concerned Southern hospitality. "It's everything they say it is," he remarked, "I appreciate the hospitality, everyone is so great." Concerning the meal, Bavier said, "It's my first taste of chicken bog, and even though I took a good helping, I returned for another plate, and it was bigger than the first time."

He thanked the PGCSA for the invitation to come here, and for being picked up at the airport. "They drove me around the area and showed me some of the golf courses," he recalled, "you sure have a lot, it seems there is one every place you turn, I just couldn't believe the large number."

Bavier mentioned that he became curious about the Grant Strand a couple of weeks ago when Melvin Lucas, the national president of the golf course superintendents returned from Myrtle Beach after visiting the place during the Golf Writers Association of America's 27th annual weekend at the Dunes Golf & Beach Club in early April.

He praised The Sun News for its excellent coverage of the golf doings on the Strand. "You folks are fortunate to have a newspaper keeping you so well informed about this great game of golf," he stated, then added, "the folks who publish The Sun News should be congratulated, and their interest adds greatly to the growth of golf in this area."

Bavier stressed the importance of superintendents and efficient crews in being the main reason for the good courses in the Carolinas. In praising the workers, Bavier said, "Our achievements have shown the world what good work has meant in providing fine playing conditions, it has made course crews stand out."

The national vice president advised the PGCSA members to attend work seminars and other classes to advance in their profession. "Be able to speak, and be glad to do so when asked to address garden clubs and the like, your experience would be helpful," he explained.

He said he was glad to know the area is helping the young boys and girls with an active junior program. He was also pleased to know what an active golf program for and by the women of the area.

Setting up a portable screen, Bavier showed colored slides.

John Ribar, Golf Writer

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