



## MIDWEST BREEZES

Welcome **Oscar Miles** back to the Chicago area. Oscar is the new superintendent at the Butler National G.C.

Oscar was the former Supt. at Olympia Fields C.C. prior to **Warren Bidwell**. After **Oscar** resigned from Olympia Fields C.C. he accepted the position as Supt. at Broadmoor C.C., Indianapolis, IN. I am sure he will do an excellent job for Butler National. He has the credentials and we wish him the best.

The greens at Butler National have had all the old sod removed with the exception of 1/4 inch of the thatch. They have all been reseeded with the peneagle strain of bent the last week in August and hope they will be playable this fall, if weather conditions are favorable. Good luck.

**Randy Wahler**, former Supt. at Glen Flora C.C. has resigned and accepted the position as Supt. at Knollwood C.C.

This editor had the pleasure of visiting with **Art Benson Jr.** Supt. at the beautiful Butterfield C.C. **Art Benson** gave me a tour of the golf course and club grounds and I found it in excellent condition.

On Sept. 5th at Chicago Golf Club something very interesting took place. The crew started off their morning mowing greens as usual except for one crew member who wasn't looking forward to mowing no. 7 green that day because she had to cut it side to side which takes about 45 minutes to an hour. So she decided to make time go faster in a very unique way. She counted every single step she took - 3,200 steps. She estimated one of her steps was equal to two feet. So she walked 1 1/4 miles on one green! Amazing, isn't it!!

**Editor's note - "She" is the editor's granddaughter .**

The Chicago area has just experienced one of the wettest months in its history of record keeping over 8 1/2 inches of precipitation. The normal for this month is a little over three inches. Some contrast.

The heavy rains during the later part of August created some extra problems at the Butler National Golf Club. The new seeding on the greens has some erosion. Problems of this kind are never welcome.

We all thank Art Clesen, Inc.; Chicago-Toro IL Lawn Equipment Inc.; and Turf Products Ltd. for the halfway house food and refreshments.

**Paul N. Voykin** had a lip Leukoplakia operation and was out of kissing action for nearly three weeks.

The editor has watched many golfers at various times executing different shots. At Shoreacres C.C. during the golf match I experienced one made by **Bruce Sering**, Supt. at Glen View Club. Bruce does not pertain to be a scratch golfer and this was proved by trying to get his ball out of a sand trap with a wood club. He ended up throwing the club farther than the ball went and then looking in the bushes for the club. Too bad wife Barbara could not have been a witness at this time.

The M.A.G.C.S. was honored to have G.C.S.A.A. Pres. **Mel Lucas** at our Sept. 8 meeting. Also **Palmer Maples** and **James Wyllie**. We hope they visit us more often.

Our Oct. 6 meeting will be held at Woodmar C.C.

Hi Ray,

I'm sure Autumn will be the tonic to all - eviate hot summer blues.

### "AUTUMN BLESSINGS"

With Summer's pressure in the past,

And Autumn here to play.

How wonderful to smile again,

And welcome every day.

Relax, enjoy, have some fun,

You've earned a bit of cheer.

It's time to harvest your rewards,

Octoberfest is here.

Few will pat you on the back,

For the efforts you have shown.

But it's nice to know you've paid the price,

To sit upon the throne.

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

## GCSAA CRESTS, EMBLEM PATCHES AND GLASSWARE NOW AVAILABLE

The crests, emblems and glassware each display the GCSAA logo. The crest is made with gold bullion and has three clutch back fasteners for easy application and removal from jacket pockets. They can be purchased for a cost of \$9.25 each. The emblem patch is a multi-purpose cloth patch; it can be worn on a golf hat, pocket or sleeve. The cost for these are \$2.25 each. The glassware consists of a set of eight 14 oz. tumblers and can be purchased for \$18.00 per set.

Descriptive brochures and order forms for these items will be mailed to all GCSAA members within the next month. However, if someone is wanting to purchase an item now they can do so by enclosing a check with their request and mailing it to GCSAA Headquarters, 1617 St. Andrews Drive, Lawrence, KS 66044.

**Things I run onto while looking up other things.** The Gleneagles Golf Course is one of the most famous courses in Scotland, but it has nothing to do with the bird (eagle) for the original spelling was Glen Eglais. The word Eglais means church in Gaelic; consequently the name Gleneagles refers to the "glen of the church."

**Charles E. [Scotty] Stewart**

## COMING EVENT

**21st Illinois Turfgrass Conference and Regional Show**

December 16-18, 1980

Prairie Capital Convention Center  
Springfield, Illinois