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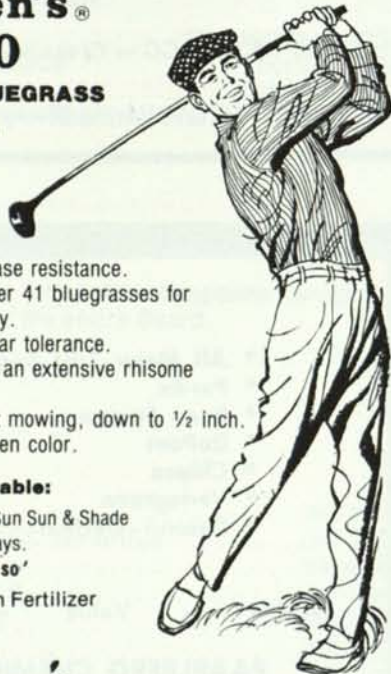
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I suppose some of the skeptics will call it coincidental, but it is a fact that the golf courses of Central and Southern California that received just one day of rain since last March, were refreshed with three successive days of rain beginning on the day Mike was elected President.

We in the Chicago area who watched Mike progress through the Chairs of M.A.G.C.S. and the G.C.S.A. know that it is just the way Mike Bavier gets things done. Mike has the talent and ability to accept the challenges of his new position and come up with positive results.

I would like to suggest to him, however, to take time to "Stop and smell the roses", as this should be one of the most memorable years of his life and should be savored, enjoyed and shared with Penny and the children.

While on the subject of elections and presidents, I think it would add a touch of class to the M.A.G.C.S. if we adopted the practice of passing the gavel and introducing the members of the board of directors at the Annual Dinner Dance. I believe that the two would compliment each other and add to the festivities.

I would also like to applaud the start that Lenny has made and to urge him to continue to work with what I consider an exceptional board, and to suggest to them that "a chain is only as strong as its weakest link" and that they share a tremendous potential to do great things this year.

The most important ingredient of a successful association, however, is the membership. If they do not participate in the meetings and association functions, there is no way that an event can be a success.

So plan to take advantage of events and become involved in the association's offerings. You might start by writing a line or two for the **Bull Sheet**.

That brings us to Paul Voykin's article in the February issue of "Weeds, Trees and Turf." I have suspected for a long time that Paul was a closet conservationist, a person who uses good cultural practices instead of unnecessary chemicals to achieve the goal of good turf. This article seems to prove that beyond a shadow of a doubt.

**Bob Breen**  
Supt. - Arrowhead C.C.

### Q. AND A. — THE AGRONOMY CORNER

**Q. - We have been told it is injurious to irrigate grasses during the day, especially when the water is applied in the hot sun. We've been told that it "cooks" the grasses. Is this true?**

A - It is important to remember that it's not **when** you water, but **how much** water you apply. Yes, grass will "cook" if water is applied at a faster rate than the soil can absorb it. When water puddles or saturates the soil, oxygen supply is cut off or severely impaired and the plant collapses. If your soil is mostly silt and clay and drains poorly, it is best to water lightly and more frequently. For example, if you regularly water one hour and the water puddles, change your schedule to allow time for the water to penetrate. You may find that 15 minutes of water applied four times over a period of four hours is best, as compared to 60 minutes of continuous irrigation. Learn the right schedule for your conditions and irrigate any time convenient to your schedule.

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