

MIDWEST BREEZES

Recently this editor was given a tour of the Bob O'Link Golf Club. The golf course was in excellent condition. Many improvements have been made during the past couple of years. Some sand traps have been changed; more water has come into play on several holes; tees were enlarged. Several acres of property on the south boundary of the club were sold to the park district. The park dug a lake on this property. Approximately seventy-five thousand cubic yards of soil was delivered to the golf club and was used to build several large mounds that resemble rolling terrain - a wonderful improvement. The practice tee covers an area of 30,000 sq. ft.; room for five sets of tee markers and all can be used at one time and at different yardage to the practice pitch green.

Our condolences to the Jim Johns family due to the death of Jim's father the first part of June. Jim is the golf course superintendent at Northmoor C.C.

On Wednesday, May 20th the Mount Prospect Golf Club had a special celebration for Ken Goodman, their long time Supt. to show their appreciation. A dinner in his honor was attended by more than 100 people. He was presented with a gold card - this means he is a lifetime member at Mount Prospect G.C. His wife, Carolyn, is one of the more active golfers at the club and has a weekly **Sunday** starting time at 9:30 a.m.

The attendance at the last M.A.G.C.S. board meeting held at Nordic G.C. was not good. Six directors were present. They consisted of Len Berg, President; Dave Meyer, Secretary; Directors, Ed Fischer, Don Hoffman, Roger Stewart, and Carl Landgrebe. Certainly it is hoped that those that did not attend had a very good reason.

The M.A.G.C.S. July 13 meeting held at Sportsman Golf Club was a most enjoyable one. This was the meeting that the retired senior members were guests of the Association. On behalf of all the seniors, we thank the M.A.G.C.S. and hope they remember us again next year. We all thank **Dr. Paul Alexander** for his contribution that helped take care of the extra cost.

98 attended and all enjoyed a dinner that was beyond expectation and all one could eat — with plenty of barbecue pork chops and chicken.

58 played golf on a super-condition course, made possible under the watchful eye of Superintendent **Tim Miles.**

The Western Golf Association golf tournament held at Butler National G.C. is now past history. It was played on a course in super condition. Oscar Miles, Supt., is to be congratulated. I am sure he burned a lot of midnight oil to get it in this great condition in this short period of time. The greens, tees, and fairways were seeded the middle of August, 1980. This gave the grass plant approximately five months of growing time in the Chicago area. When Oscar took over as Supt. many who were acquainted with him said that if anyone can do it, Oscar can. This he proved! This editor watched the televised tournament each time it was telecast. At no time did I hear the announcer give credit to the Supt. Maybe they think a good golf course is something that just happens by itself. This editor attended the pro-am day. The attendance was the largest ever on this day. The weather was perfect. The tournament employees were all courteous with the exception of a couple that were working at the main entrance at York Rd. I am sure that they never heard of the word courteous.

A word of warning. Before using any insecticides or fungicides, read the directions on the label. This goes for many things used on golf courses including equipment manuals. The manufacturers have spent large sums of money testing their products, so take advantage of them.

The old saying was, that when poa annua had a heavy crop of seed in the springtime, it will be a hot summer. It has proven itself many times. This year is no exception. It provides an abundance of seed to take the place for the mother plant that will die during the hot weather. We are having over 90 degree temperature this first part of July. Goodby poa annua, we will see you this fall.

Welcome! A baby girl, Kara Meyer came to live with her mother and father Dave and Penny Meyer on July 7, 1981. She weighed in at 5 lbs. 10 ozs.

VILLAGE GREENS OF WOODRIDGE HOSTS M.A.G.C.S. -MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 1981 Len Berg, Host Supt.

The president of the M.A.G.C.S. extends a warm welcome to all members of this fine association and wish that all members will find time in their busy schedule to enjoy a day of golf and a fine dinner.

Tee times will be every seven minutes between 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Please call the pro shop for a tee time reservation at 985-3610.

Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. sharp with the dining room opened at 5:00 p.m. for cocktails. You do not want to miss this educational session. The education committee has a special speaker who has a special message to pass on to all of us.

Consult your road map for directions.

POSITION OPEN

Agency: Position: Salary: Foss Park District Golf Course Superintendent of Grounds Open, approximate range \$16,000.00 -\$22,000.00

Responsible for the daily maintenance of an 18-hole golf course. The course is completely irrigated and was opened in 1973.

Submit resumes to: Marc Brogan, Director of Parks & Recreation, F 35 Park District, 1730 S. Lewis Ave., North Chicago, IL 60064. Phone 312–689-8100.