



MIDWEST BREEZES

As of this date, June 5, summer has made its' appearance for a few days. After a few good rains the turfgrass on the golf courses has taken on a new look. Most of the winter damaged areas have disappeared. This editor visited **Don Gerber**, Supt. at Chicago Golf Club, the first week of June and to my surprise the greens were free of *Poa annua* due mainly to the severe winter we experienced. Will the *Poa annua* come back remains to be seen. We will have to wait and in the meantime keep our fingers crossed.

Topdressing with sand has received considerable publicity - some good and some not so good. This editor would like to publish a story from a member of a club that has been playing his golf on old greens that were built with the best top soil mixture that could manually be made and then was forced to play on greens that were constructed with predominately sand. Also I would like to have a true article from a Supt. comparing the good top soil green with one that sand is the basic ingredient of the soil mixture. Articles of this nature would make good reading. It would also answer many discussions.

This editor on May 20th visited with Oscar Miles, Supt. at Butler National Golf Club, the site of the Western Open Golf tournament, which will be played the first week in July. As of this date the course is in super condition and I am sure that Oscar and the members at Butler National are very happy. Oscar said that your G.C.S.A.A. 1982 membership card will be acknowledged at the gate. At this time take a look at Oscar's new maintenance building. It is magnificent.

The M.A.G.C.S. June 7 meeting held at Lincolnshire Resort had an attendance of 70 that enjoyed a wonderful dinner, of this 70, 62 played golf on a course they reported as being in fine condition. It was made possible by Supt. **Rick Hahn** who has the know-how in golf course maintenance work.

The format for this meeting was somewhat different then our meetings in the past years. Is a meeting with a schedule such as this one the kind we are happy with? Can the Association afford to continue. Think it over and let the Board know if you agree or not. Now is the time to let your wishes be known. This editor feels a little house cleaning is in order.

Our July 12 meeting will be held at Randall Oakes C.C. **Sterling Hamilton**, Supt. will be our host. This is our yearly seniors day. So all of you come out and enjoy

yourself. You do not have to be a senior to attend - you are welcome regardless of your age. If you play golf, tee off time is between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. There will be no locker room service. Lunch will be available in the club house. The barbecue dinner will be outdoors. This is something you do not want to miss. Come with a good appetite as the barbecue will be bigger and better, if that is possible. Bring your golf clubs and an empty stomach with you on July 12 to Randall Oakes Golf Club. I am sure you will not be sorry you did. We will be looking for you. Randall Oakes C.C. is our Randall Rd. northwest of the town of Dundee. Consult your road maps.

Tom Rodems and wife **Pamela** have a new addition to their family. A baby girl (**Jessica**) born May 22nd.

Dear Ray;

Mail rates have gone from 2 cents to 20 cents and they still can lose a letter. I presume that's what happened to my last letter. Anyway it still carries a thought:

"JUNE APPEAL"

June is here, with the last of Spring,
 One wonders, what song will Summer sing?
 Will it charm us with it's serenade,
 Or confuse us amidst it's masquerade?
 Will it soothe the soul, appease the heart,
 Like Heaven sent, from the start?
 Or will it surprise us, while on the wing,
 Nip, bite and try to sting?
 Whatever be Summer, it's contenting to know,
 It sure beats shoveling snow.

On observing current trends, our illustrious philosopher Ching, intimates:

"BIT BY CHING"

A person once said, "May I please",
 When asking for a favor.
 Soon it passed to "May I",
 Like when talking to a neighbor.
 Then came, "I", "I'd like", "I want",
 Finally to "I demand".
 What a change came over our gracious land.
 Politeness! Where have you gone?
 Let's pray you're not forgotten,
 Does one bad apple, in the barrel,
 Turn the whole barrel rotten?

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

Editor's note: Postage goes up, service goes down?

WHY WORRY

It is easy enough to say, "Don't worry," but to avoid it is a real trick. A friend of mine who has been through many critical times told me about his plan, which he said saved him many a grey hair.

His idea is to have a plan of action for every contingency. In every situation there are only three possibilities. It can get better - it can stay like it is - or it can get worse. If it gets better there is nothing to worry about. If there is no change he has a plan of action. If it gets worse he has another plan ready to go into effect. In his words "the secret is to know just what you are going to do whatever happens. The mere fact that you have settled on a plan of action for each event that may occur reduces the tendency to worry."