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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the time I'm writing this article we are in the midst of the national convention in New Orleans. It was especially comforting for me, when watching the opening session, to see so many of our Midwest members in the spotlight of attraction. Ben Warren receiving the distinguished service award, Paul Voykin the Leo Feser award, Ray Gerber an editorial award, and our President Mike at the podium giving the opening speech.

Last week I had the opportunity to participate in one of the most successful national golf tournaments ever assembled. The weather was perfect for golf and the tournament and banquet arrangements were excellent.

Previous to the golf tournament I had the pleasure of landing a seven foot sailfish off the coast of Jupiter on the east coast of Florida. I also had the pleasure of playing many of Florida's finest golf courses. It has been nice to miss the coldest weather ever recorded in the Chicago area.

Dear Ray,

I was scanning the local paper when an article on skin cancer caught my eye. I have been visiting a Dermatologist twice a year, for treatment of skin cancer on my cheeks and ears. The disease is common with people in outdoor work exposed to too much sunlight. One remedy is to apply a cream each morning, if you remember!

Perhaps we encourage the dry scaly skin, and the possibility of skin cancer, by coming in contact with the products we use. When it's hot, and we wipe the sweat from our brow. How many of our faces smart and burn from the drift of the pesticides being added to the tank?

Thiram 75 is a sulfur compound. Mycoshield is a tetracycline formulation. Both products were very popular in 1981.

Could these pesticides be absorbed by our exposed flesh at levels that are dangerous? Do they accumulate in our systems? We could be **SAVING THE TURF, and KILLING THE GREENKEEPER!!**

Dudley Smith

The CDGA Green Seminar will be at Butterfield on Thursday, March 25, 9:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. followed by luncheon. All area superintendents are invited and are cordially welcome.