

## VISITS TO BOB O'LINK AND GLEN VIEW GOLF CLUBS FRIDAY 9/3/82

**Bob O'Link** - Mr. Bob Williams and his son Bruce Williams were our contact and spent their full time with us. Sand top dressing on all tees has been in effect for two years. Top dressed once a month. At the 10th tee (took plugs out to show depth of sand base between grass top and soil below sand) - about 1/2 to 3/4". Tees aerified four times a year with a Greensair machine. Grass roots on tees now 3 1/2 to 4" deep. Tees cut to 11/32" high. Also aerified fairways with Greensair machine once a year. Takes 3 machines 10-12 hours per fairway. Budget 383,000.00 for maintenance plus 162,000.00 of capital purchases. Included here is 60M for equipment, 25M for drainage, plus rebuild of some bridges, plus "other."

Cutting with gang mower takes 1 man 3 1/2 hours. Cutting with Triplex takes 3 men and 3 machines 4 1/2 hours. Triplex machines costs \$13,000.00. 7 blade reel is good machine. Takes \$4000.00 to mow conventional way at \$5.50 per hour versus \$18M to \$19M with Triplex, plus refuse removal. Maintenance is \$4000.00 more and fuel is \$1,500.00 more.

August play was 4,000 rounds - annual play is 16,000 rounds.

The present triplex machines are air cooled and last two to three years. New water cooled machines now on market and better. Present scheduled cutting is 3 times a week - Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 3/4". Height varies 5/8" - 3/4" - 7/8" - today they were 3/4". Cut pattern is in 3 different directions and sometimes 4. We observed gang cutting with 10 blade machines then "drag" because that fairway was to be sprayed and wanted grass to be standing up. Dues are \$2,200.00 per year and initiation is \$15,000.00. - 30M to 40M in guests fees and guests are 40% of play.

All "decks" of 30 to 40 feet approaches to green are done with Triplex and act as a reminder to not drive carts beyond the front of this "deck". Also seems to eliminate poa annua in the area cut as well as tracking it onto the greens. Bob Williams specifically stated tees should be an area of 4M to 5M square feet. We noted their sand dressed tee divots were shallow. Williams also said they now have a Penn Eagle nursery plus 2 greens that are Penn Eagle and plan on putting in 2 such greens each year until all 18 are complete.

**Glen View** - Mr. Bruce Sering was our host and spent his full time with us. Riding mowers similar to Triplex used on approaches to all greens. All greens sand top dressed. Do not aerify. Has not done so in past 3 years. Previously did so one or two times a year. Does aerify all fairways in spring usually. Waters "whenever necessary to keep grass green" depending on weather and four 15, 20 or 40 minutes. This applies to both fairways and greens. Bruce said "I've been in this business for 27 years and I've never heard of a ground Supt. being fired for green fairways but lots of 'em are fired for brown F.W."

Glen View has been topdressing with sand for 3 years. Bruce stated Glencoe has been sanding for 9 or 10 years and "they are happy". Lots depends on type of sand used. Glen View uses sand from Milwaukee area.

20 to 22M rounds a year. Sand topdressing tees started 2 years ago but not too religious about it. Reason for Glen View getting into sand topdressing greens was due to almost losing 6 greens due to wet wilt. Greens kept at 3/16" and he states does not believe in shorter. 7 handicappers and below, complain about slowness of greens. Aerify depth and verticut fairways. Tricut clippings thrown into rough. Presently have 5 machines

(10M each) and getting the 6th. 12-13 man crew June July & August. Gang mowers used are 8 blades. Bruce said "not a set type greenskeeper" topdresses once or twice a year. Uses coarse sand more for oxygen then speed. The sand is keeping greens alive and in much better condition and they are holding well. Fairway height 5/8" and if real hot 3/4".

## MUCH ASSUMES NEW NGF POST

**NORTH PALM BEACH, FL** -- Sheridan Dale (Joe) Much will become Director of Field Services for the National Golf Foundation effective September 1st, it was announced today by NGF President Frank Smith.

Much, 59, joined the Foundation field service staff in 1968 and currently is Director of Western Operations. In his new position, Much will monitor and direct the activities of NGF's nine regional offices located throughout the United States.

"It's been tremendously rewarding to work through the West on behalf of the Foundation," said Much, who will be moving to Florida from his current home in Monmouth, OR. "And I look forward to working for golf and the Foundation on a national basis."

A graduate of Ursinas (PA) College with a B.A. in political science, Much enjoyed a 20-year career with newspapers from Pennsylvania to Oregon. His last news job was as sports editor of the Salem **Capital-Journal**, where in 1965 he was named Oregon's Sportswriter of the Year by his peers.

Much has been married since 1949 to the former Juanita Wood, and the couple has six children ranging from 14 to 32 as well as two grandchildren.

As a writer, Much contributes articles regularly to NGF's **Golf Market Report**; as a freelance writer, he has written for numerous magazines and periodicals including **PGA Magazine** and **Golf Shop Operations**.

## GOLF PLAY UP! HIGHEST EVER RECORDED

**NORTH PALM BEACH, FL** -- The number of golf rounds played in the United States during the second quarter rose 8.5% over a year ago. This is the largest increase recorded since the National Golf Foundation began quarterly analyses in 1978.

The three major types of golf facilities measured by NGF - private, daily fee and municipal - all showed gains in rounds played. Private clubs led the way with an 11.1% increase, followed by the daily fee courses at 10.9% and the municipal facilities at 6.4%.

On a regional basis, the South Atlantic states showed the greatest growth (13.2%), followed by the East North Central (10%), Mountain (9.9%), Pacific (9.4%), South Central (7.7%) and the Northeast (2.7%). Only the West North Central area showed a reduction in rounds played of 3%.

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FROM: W. H. Daniel, Executive Secretary

DATE: August 20, 1982

RE: Upcoming events

Midwest Turf Field Day, Purdue University Agronomy Farm, Hwy. 52 NW

9:30 - 3:30 Monday, Sept. 27 - golf course emphasis

9:30 - 3:30 Tuesday, Sept. 28 - lawn care emphasis

Other meetings:

Chemicals for Turf and Ornamentals Seminar, November 8-12

Chemicals for Turf Use, Advanced - January 17-21, 1983

Midwest Regional Turf Conference - noon, February 28 to noon, March 2, 1983