

Director's Column



From the Other Side of the Table

by Dennis Wilson, CGCS

When I first joined and started attending meetings, I could not understand why the meetings were held a certain way. I would say why can't we do this or that without really knowing what I was talking about.

A fellow superintendent called me one summer and said if I didn't like what was going on, run for the Board of Directors, then instead of just talking, do something.

My first job was to be Ray Schmitz's assistant for golf operation. I never realized how nice it was to come to a meeting, play golf, have a cocktail and dinner, listen to the program and leave. Now it's help with scores, pick out golf prizes, hunt down guys who forgot to put down their handicaps and then listen to someone complain about their prize they won. I said to myself this is work and being assistant for Ray was nothing. Ray was doing all the talking to the host pro's and setting up the game of the day, what he would like the pro to do, such as scoring. In return, we would buy x amount of goods from his shop. All I was doing was a little leg work.

Now that I'm on arrangements, it's a new game altogether. The first thing is to find clubs willing to have a meeting. Then it's talking to the host superintendent and manager months in advance to set up times for golf, to have lunch or not, figure out a cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres or not, dinner menu, and then work around each club's rules and regulations. After that go back and try and find sponsors for lunch or beer and pop on the course and maybe someone to pay for hors d'oeuvres during cocktail hour.

On the day of the event, it's collect money, try to make sure everyone has paid, pay the bills, and **then** finish the day with a beer.

Of course no one man can do it all and that's why we have a Board of Directors. It's a team effort and because of that things always seem to work out.

Guidebook — "Experiencing Golf in Scotland", 400-plus course descriptions, colored maps, photos, indexed, personal autograph travelogue: \$7.95. Send check to: Jerry Mosca, P. O. Box 3371, Mankato, MN 56001.

Beautiful & Educational Trial Gardens at Kishwaukee College



Beauty or Beast

by Larry Marty
Horticulture Instructor

Many of you struggle and struggle to find new flowers and new color for your tees, clubhouse, flag poles and entryways every spring. You've found out you've opened up a whole new can of worms as your membership appreciates and now expects more surprises. You enjoy the positive comments over lunch but now you're finding out they think you're an "expert" on flowers and "what will you do next year".

Perhaps the Horticulture Department at Kishwaukee College can help you out for next year. Sunday, July 24, 1988, 12:00-5:00 we will host our 13th annual All American Field Days. The gardens are planted and cared for by Kishwaukee College horticultural staff and students and sponsored by Vaughans Seed Co. from Downers Grove, IL. Striving for excellence in seed selection and evaluation the Kishwaukee/Vaughans partnership is one example where education and industry can work together to benefit the total horticultural industry. Approximately 1000 varieties of flowers and vegetables are grown, including hundreds of new introduction in side by side comparisons. Vaughans and the seed industry compare the Kishwaukee evaluations with twenty some other sites in the North American continent. From this, Vaughans offers the best adopted varieties in their catalog.

Come visit our campus in July or anytime before frost. The gardens are always open. We are located five miles West of DeKalb, IL on Roosevelt Road (Highway 38). Bring your camera, note pad and get a jump on next year **now**.