

Getting to Know Your Fellow Members

by John Meyer

As I drove up to Westmoreland Country Club maintenance facility I noticed a middle aged man moving some mulch around with the front end loader. Not having officially met Julius Albaugh before, I was not sure if this was the man I was to interview. Upon getting a little closer I noticed his hard hat with Julius printed in red lettering on the front. This must be him I said, as I proceeded to introduce myself. I guess I was not ready to see Julius in that capacity.

In talking with Julius though and getting to know him a little, that is the ONLY way you would meet him — working. Julius describes himself as a “working superintendent”. He does not have a very long resume. He graduated in 1963 from Purdue University. Hired on at Westmoreland as an assistant to Don Strandt. Don’s health was failing and in August of 1965 Julius was promoted to superintendent.

The Indianapolis native has seen many changes through the years. The infamous C-15 decline and Dutch elm disease wiping out 750 elms to name a couple. These were challenging changes. The C-15 decline brought change to Penneagle putting surfaces. Julius enjoyed the “reforesting” project brought on by the Dutch elm disease. With his on site tree nursery Julius has grown and transplanted over 450 trees through the years.



As the “reforesting” continues Julius’ next major project is some reconstruction of a couple of the holes, a new maintenance building and a new driving range.

In talking with Julius and getting my “nickel” tour of the course he could not say enough about the “wonderful people the members of Westmoreland Country Club were to work for”. Over the years he has never really enjoyed playing golf until recently. “There is always something you see that needs to be done when you’re out there.”

Julius was President of the Chicagoland Golf Course Superintendent’s Association from 1971 to 1972. He and his bride, Vicky, still live on the south side of the course. Through the years they have raised four children, Dan, David, Missy, and Johnny. To know Julius is to also know his dog “Chester”.

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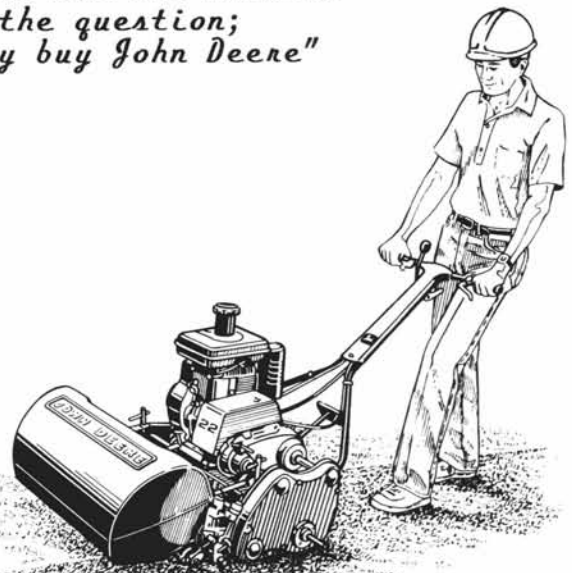


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