

1984 Bull Sheets

by Pete Vandercook

The review of the 1954, '64 and '74 **Bull Sheets** are complete and it's time for the last in the series, the 1984 **Bull Sheets**.

In 1984 the Midwest President was Roger Stewart of Riverside Country Club. First Vice President was Joe Williamson of Briar Ridge; Second Vice President was Dave Behrman of Deer Creek; Secretary-Treasurer was Dave Meyer of Indian Lakes. Board members included Julius Albaugh, Westmoreland; Sean Daley, Ridge Country Club; Jim Evans, Turnberry; Mike Hart, Bon Vivant; Phil Taylor, Sugar Creek and Pete Leuzinger, St. Charles Country Club. Executive Secretary was Penny Meyer.

The **Bull Sheet** editor was Fred Opperman and associate editor was Len Berg. The **Bull Sheet** was up to twenty pages.

Paul Boizelle of Onwentsia Golf Club was a National Director and as the year started, was a candidate for Vice President of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. Unfortunately, this bid was not successful.

Meetings were held at the Marriott Lincolnshire Resort, Rich Hahn, host; Nordic Hills, Dave Meyer, host; Woodridge Golf Club, Tony Meyer, host; Kankakee Elks (joint meeting with CIGCS) Bill Bonnett, host; Old Elm, Ed Fischer, host; Sportman's Golf Club, Tim Miles, host; Riverside Country Club, Roger Stewart, host; Turnberry Country Club, Jim Evans, host; Itasca Country Club, Jim Meyer, host and Cress Creek, Gilberto Velazquez, host.

The only golf scores addressed in the 1984 **Bull Sheet** were the Old Elm meeting. Among others, (tied with a net 58 score) were Bob Breen, Sr., Bob Breen, Jr., Bill Leith and Ray Schei. Nets of 56 and 57 were shot by Jeff Smith, Tom Morgenson and Phil Bersin.

The 1984 **Bull Sheet** did have a tremendous number of excellent meaty articles. Those considered for the 1984 Ray Gerber Award were: September '83 — "Everything You Did Not Want to Know About Moles" - John Stephenson, CGCS; December '83 — "All Goods Worth Price Charges" - Al Fierst; March '84 — "How Well Do You Know Your Trees" - Robert K. Breen, "GCS Trip" - Michael Hart, CGCS, "Budgeting of Golf Course Management" - Bruce Williams; April '84 — "The Good Old Ways" (this is in two parts April and May) - Edward Wollenberg, "Fairway Maintenance and Improvement - The Total Approach" - Bruce Williams; May '84 — "Vandalism" - Patrick Klein; June '84 — "Vertical Mowing of Fairways for Improvement of Renovation" - Bruce Williams; July '84 — "Management of Pythium" - Alan Fierst; August '84 — "Fairway Soil Aerification - A Cultural Practice or Renovation Process" - Julius Albaugh, "Fairway Recontouring" - David Ward, "Lightning Can Strike Without Warning" - Bruce Williams.

I don't know who the judges were, but judging these entries, all of which were very good, had to be a tremendous effort. The winner was Bruce Williams with "Lightning Can Strike Without Warning". An honorable mention was given to Ed Wollenberg, "The Good Old Days" (this was my personal favorite — Ed was earning 47½ cents an hour as an Olympia Fields Country Club grounds employee in 1941 when he entered the armed forces for \$21 per month). Other favorites were Mike Hart, GCS trip, a tongue in cheek chronicle of his cost saving

trip to the National in Las Vegas using the GCSAA travel agent. And the article "Vandalism" by the late Pat Klein of Hillcrest Country Club. This novel approach on vandalism could be used today by any golf course with houses along most of the fairways and no fences. I would urge Fred Opperman to re-print this unique article soon.

In 1984 Dr. Bill Daniel was the winner of the USGA Green Section Award. The MGCSA was refining its employment referral committee. The GCSAA was redoing its relatively new certification program. Mike Hart reported on the updated certification program in the March issue.

The January Trivia Quiz was: What do Norm Johnson, Don Strand, Bert Rost, Bill Stuppel, Ted Woehle, Doug Jabaay, Tom Burrows, Dick Trevarthan, Roger LaRochelle and Ray Gerber have in common? I knew the answer, do you? (They were all **Bull Sheet** editors).

Also highlighted was the fact that Bill Leith, Jr. had been the superintendent at Elgin Country Club for 21 years (31 years in '94) and that he succeeded his dad, Bill Leith Sr., who had been Pro-Superintendent for 34 years.

Also obvious were the monthly contributions of official MGCSA poet laureate — Ken Zanzig. These contributions started at some point in the decade between 1974 and 1984 and as you know, continue today.

After reading and reporting on the 1954, '64, '74 and '84 **Bull Sheets**, I would like to make the following observations:

The quality and professionalism of **The Bull Sheet** has increased greatly over the years and continues to do so in 1994.

The Bull Sheet editors have worked very diligently over the years to provide this vehicle for the exchange of timely information which also serves as chronicle of the history of the organization as well as the profession.

Golf course conditioning, golf course equipment, ecology, employee relations, membership (golfer) relations are but a few of the issues addressed on a monthly basis by **The Bull Sheet**. Contributors range from officers of The Midwest and The National, local superintendents, reprints from other chapter newsletters, representatives from various manufacturers and distributors and other miscellaneous sources. All of this combines to make **The Bull Sheet** a nationally recognized chapter newsletter.

I have certainly enjoyed researching and writing this series and hope the readers have enjoyed reading the articles.

My thanks to Fred Opperman for his cooperation and council as well as my personal, "Thanks, Fred, for the great job you do with **The Bull Sheet**."

(Per Pete Vandercook's suggestion, here is the article he asked to be run again).

Vandalism

by Patrick Klein
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With summer fast approaching, the weather beginning to warm and schools letting out, numerous incidents of vandalism will once again be with us and we will all be trying to come up with ideas to control it. At Hillcrest Country Club which

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