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 Stupple, Ted Woehrle, 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 Hillcrest C.C.

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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Each year, The Musser Foundation looks for the brightest and most promising turfgrass Doctoral students throughout the world to award moral and financial support through our Award for Excellence program. To qualify for an Award for Excellence a student must be in their last year of their Doctoral program, have an accumulative grade point average of 3.4 or higher and their thesis on turfgrass research must directly benefit turfgrass science. They must also demonstrate leadership in academic and extracurricular activities.

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Frank Dobie, president of MITF is shown with Mr. Joel V. Purpur, CGCS, representing the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents (right) after he made a \$1,000 donation for the **Awards for Excellence** program. We would like to thank Mr. Purpur and the entire membership of the Midwest GCSA for their generous support.

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Mums-

Plan Now For Giants Later

If you want your mums to end the season in a blaze of glory, there are 4 things you should plan to do:

- Plant mums where they will be in full sun or in direct sun 3/4 of the day.
- 2. Cut your plants back as follows:

June 15 Cut all plants back to 4"

July 1 Cut all plants back to 6" July 15 Cut all plants back to 8"

- Prune off the side buds for large, early blooms otherwise flowers are small and late.
- 4. Water thoroughly...twice a week in dry weather... especially August through September.

(Vandalism continued)

is a tract course built through a housing development that does not permit fencing, we are very open and susceptible to vandalism.

Last year as things began to get out of control, our Greens Committee decided something would have to be done — but what? After much thought and many ideas (most of which were either cost prohibitive, against local ordinances, or totally unfeasible), we thought we would try something different. We decided to host an open house cocktail party for everybody living around the course.

Invitations were made and hand delivered wherever possible. That night after everyone arrived, we started an informal discussion on the problems we were having and then turned it over to the people, letting them inform us of problems that they might be having — whether it was complaints against the Club or whatever. We tried to solve any complaints that were brought up. At the close of the evening we asked one thing in return — if they saw anything happening that was out of order they should let us know. After that night vandalism was down to almost nothing and if anything did happen I was informed immediately.

After the great success we had last year we soon will be scheduling another open house for all our good friends and neighbors just to say thank you for all their help.

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