

1974 Bull Sheets

by Pete Vandercook

Reading a full year of **Bull Sheets** in one sitting is really entertaining. Particularly when you remember most of the events and know most of the people involved.

1974 was another great year. The Midwest President was Alby Staudt, Geneva Golf Club; First Vice President was Ed Smith, Deerpath Golf Club (City of Lake Forest); Second Vice President was Fred Opperman, Glen Oak Country Club; Secretary-Treasurer, Mike Bavier, Inverness. Directors included Carl Grassl, Park Ridge Country Club; Dave Meyer, Indian Lakes Country Club; Carl Hoppman, Aurora Country Club; Gerald Hanko, Timber Trails; Cliff Behrendt, Turnberry; and Denis Straus, Rolling Green. Dorothy Carey (Dorothy Warren) served as Executive Secretary. **Bull Sheet** editor was Ray Gerber and Associate Editors were Bob Williams, Bob-O-Link and Roger LaRochelle of Woodmar. Ray Gerber had taken over the **Bull Sheet** in 1971 (and as many know, was the editor until ill health forced his retirement in early 1983). The 1974 **Bull Sheets** had twelve pages (compared to 28 pages today) and there were several full page ads. Detroit area superintendent, Ted Woehrle (a Chicago area alumni) was a National Director. Meetings were held at Nordic Hills, Dave Meyer, Host; Woodridge Golf Club, Tony Meyer, Host; Woodmar Country Club, Roger LaRochelle, Host; Turnberry Country Club, Cliff Behrendt, Host; Aurora Country Club, Carl Hoppman, Host; Village Greens of Woodridge, Len Berg, Host; Indian Lakes Country Club, Dave Meyer, Host; Naperville Country Club, Bob Siebert, Host; River Forest Country Club, Ed Stewart, Host; and Medinah Country Club, John Jackman, Host. The annual dance was held at Silver Lake Country Club, Co-hosts and Hostesses were Dudley and Marlene Smith and John and Grace Coghill.

1974 prize winning golfers for each meeting were not listed. Exceptions were the June meeting at Turnberry, Country Club — Low Gross, Bob Kronn - 77. Low Net, Ben Kronn - 71, Carl Landgrebe - 72 and Harry Nielsen Jr., Harold Michaels, Carl Hoppman, Julius Albaugh and Bob Breen, all with 73. Blind Bogey winners were John Potthoff, Ed Smith, Dave Meyer, Keith Fuchs, Joe Canale and Bill Kraft. Closest to the flag was won by Bruce Sering.

At the July meeting at Aurora Country Club, Blind Bogey winners were Walter Fuchs, Jr., Ed Fischer, Bruce Burchfield, Bill Nadler, Ed Stewart, Bob Hanson, John Beraducci, Don Gricus, Ed Smith, Rollin Clifford, Len Berg, Tony Meyer, and Carl Landgrebe.

Calloway event winners were Pete Voykin, Don Gricus, Paul Frankowski, Marv Gruening, Ken Goodman, Ed Smith, John Coghill, Art Benson, Jr., Bob Hanson, Don Hoffman, Charlie Rack and Keith Nadler. Closest to the hole was Keith Fuchs. Longest Drive (3 age brackets) were Bob Williams, Sean Daley and Pete Voykin.

A major 1974 social event was a testimonial dinner given in the honor of the Graffis brothers, Herb and Joe. They of course were very well known sports writers, leaders in the advancement of the game of golf and founders of "Golfdom Magazine". They were also well known as friends of the golf course superintendent. President Alby Staudt led a contingent of

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midwest members that included Mike Bavier, Ray Gerber, Paul Voykin, Oscar Borgmeyer and others representing the MGCSA. Other guests included "The" Chick Evans, Trick Shot Artist Paul Hahn, Fred Grau, Joe Jemsek, Ted Woehrl, GCSAA Director, and Conrad Scheetz, GCSAA Executive Director.

The mole's observations had been replaced with "Midwest Breezes", a collection of information compiled by Ray Gerber. Excerpts from the 1974 Midwest Breezes included:

Rodney Voykin is leaving the Deerfield Park District to become the superintendent at Green Acres Country Club.

Walter Fuchs Sr. has taken the superintendents position at Evanston Golf Club. We welcome him back to the Chicago area.

Bob Kronn, former superintendent at Ridgemoor Country Club is the new superintendent at Rolling Green Country Club.

Frank Krueger, former superintendent at Bartlett Hills Golf Club has resigned and become the new superintendent at Palatine Hills Golf Club. Bill Miller, long time Palatine superintendent is retiring.

Wedding bells have entered the life of Dudley Smith, superintendent at Silver Lake Country Club. Congratulations to Dudley and Marlene on their May 12th wedding.

Bert Rost, superintendent at Elcona Country Club, Elkhart, Indiana, is retiring on June 30th. Bert was formerly superintendent at Park Ridge Country Club and Butterfield Country Club. A contingent of the Chicago area, superintendents attended Bert's retirement party.

Marv Gruening, superintendent at Midwest Golf Club, took his grounds employees to the September 9th Cubs game and out to dinner afterwards.

There was a picture in the October issue of Bob Williams, Dom Grotti, Frank Dinelli and Ben Kronn. The caption stated that these four men represent more than 200 years in golf course maintenance work. This was undoubtedly a Ray Gerber photo and if he had been on the other side of the lens, the five men would have represented over 250 years of golf course maintenance.

Quoted in the June issues was the following wisdom submitted by Bill Kraft. "I know you believe you understand what you think I said but I am not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant."

There were also multiple mentions of author (A Perfect Lawn the Easy Way) and speaker (Over Grooming is Over Spending) Paul Voykin. Paul also spends some time as a golf course superintendent and as backer of Mike Bavier's campaign to be a National Board member.

The 1974 midwest slogan was "We Like Mike" (slogan author was Bob Breen Sr.). Mike's campaign was not successful and the 1975 midwest slogan became "We Still Like Mike" as the 1974 members will remember the 1975 and 1976 campaigns were not successful and then Mike who did not run in 1977 was elected off the floor that year and as you know, went on to become President of the National.

To explain the problem that Mike had getting elected as a National Director, please understand that on a national basis, there was a stigma, of sorts, against the MAGCS during the late 1960's and the early 1970's. This was due in part to a strong stance taken by Midwest members against moving the national

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headquarters from the Chicago area to Lawrence, Kansas, and by the written and vocal efforts by Midwest members relating to other national issues.

Another happening was that Ed Smith, Deerpath Golf Course, who had served as first Vice President in 1974, and was in line to be President in 1975 volunteered to step aside so that Mike Bavier could be Midwest President in 1975 and would have a stronger resume to run on a national level. This was certainly a generous and unselfish act by Ed Smith.

I would like to acknowledge the assistance given me in this endeavor by Mike Bavier and Fred Opperman.

MORE 1954 OMISSIONS & CORRECTIONS

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Among Father/Son Superintendents 1954-1994, I should have added the name Kronn — sorry Ben and Bob.

I also stated that Frank Dinelli was at North Shore when I should have said Northmoor — another slip of the pen.

“April, May and June”

Our Springtime Girl's are back to Sing,

Providing, Green Grass, Leaves and Flowers.

I find it's great being Propman of sorts,

At times providing an April shower.

Golfers as well as Courseworkers enjoy Spring's Fling

And enjoy getting lost for hours.

Kenneth R. Zanzig

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All MAGCS meetings will require pre-registration and pre-payment.

Four weeks prior to the meeting the MAGCS Executive Secretary will send out a letter to all MAGCS members announcing the meeting. The letter will consist of a returnable portion to be sent back along with payment to the MAGCS office.

The meeting announcement will also be published in the Bull Sheet. A returnable portion will be published that can be mailed to the MAGCS office. More than one meeting may be in a given Bull Sheet, depending on the meeting dates.

All pre-payment and pre-registration information must be received by the Executive Secretary four calendar days prior to the meeting date.

For golf events, a ten dollar late fee will be assessed to anyone registering on the day of the event and they will not be eligible for any golf prizes.

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