## **Tribute to Trevarthan**



Dick Trevarthan

Dudley Smith Silver Lake G.C.

he Southside superintendents' annual Christmas luncheon was held Monday, December 9, at the German Tavern in suburban Frankfort. Over 80 superintendents and salespeople attended the party. After consuming pork chops, sausages, red cabbage and sauerkraut, and flushing the food down with German bier, the tribute to Trevarthan began.

Dick Trevarthan has retired as the original greenkeeper at the Prestwick Country Club in Frankfort after 34 years. Dick grew up in southern Indiana, graduated with a B.S. in Agronomy from Purdue University, and worked for Ted Woehrle at Beverly C.C. His responsibility at Prestwick began during its construction with Packard and Wadsworth in 1962. For years, Dick operated out of farm buildings on the site; his office was the milk shed. Dick's supervisor was our friend, Way Thompson, of the Arthur McIntosh Real Estate Corporation, which was also associated with Inverness G.C. and Turnberry C.C.

Dick worked for McIntosh until all the homesites were sold, and the firm sold the golf course to the membership in 1984. When Dick hosted the Illinois State Amateur, the course was acclaimed for its 12,000 sq.ft. Penncross greens and its magnificent Delta-Newport bluegrass fairways. As time moved on, Trevarthan added tennis courts, a swimming pool, and a practice range to the facility. With membership control came demands: renovated and contoured bentgrass fairways, computerized irrigation system, walking greenmowers, even a replica of the stone arched bridge at St. Andrews.

Dick has been an active member of the MAGCS and has served as president in 1970. Dick was also the editor of the *Bull Sheet* for several years.

Perhaps his major accomplishment is the young men he has trained and placed in our profession. Present at the Christmas luncheon to toast Trevarthan were former assistants: Jim Evans, Gene Jennings, Carl Landgrebe, Ken Quandt, John Sutton and Rick Wilson. Congratulatory letters were read from former associates now out of state: Steve Biggers, Dave Fearis, Roger LaRochelle, Ken Stephens, and Walter Simon.

Dick Trevarthan resides in Frankfort where he operates a successful landscape business with his son David. He is active in village politics (perhaps a future mayor)?

The new superintendent at Prestwick C.C. is Tim Anderson. With Dick's muddy worn-out shoes to fill, we wish Tim well.

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