

From the Berarducci Files

Years ago at Olympia Fields, superintendent Oscar Miles employed two interns named Burchfield and Berarducci. They were Penn State hooligans. That summer, fire destroyed the employee dormitory. The interns were housed in the clubhouse with men's locker room privileges.

One night, the hairy Bear sat in the steam bath, relaxing. In the haze, a member wandered in and sat beside him. "Are you going with the fellows on the golf junket to Spain?"

Said Bear, "I'd love to, how can I manage on \$1.85 an hour?"

Big Ed's Gotcha

A definition of "gotcha:" retaliation, getting even. An example: sneezing during your opponent's backswing.

Our friend, north side superintendent Ima Wizard, likes to be in the limelight. His birthday is announced in Irv Kupcinet's column; his golf weather forecast appears in the Tribune's "Locker Room;" at celebrity pro-ams, he embraces Michael Jordan for photo ops.

On with the story . . . Big Ed is driving to work in the predawn hours tuned in to WGN. It's the Wally Phillips show, and lo, Ima is on the air, too.


Wally: "Hello, Ima, what's new on the links?"

Ima: "I have a problem, Wally. Maybe your radio audience can help. Each Tuesday morning my ladies complain about the mess the fox leaves in the bunker on number seven. How can I get rid of this Monday night dilemma?"


Immediately, an idea strikes Big Ed. In his best Scandinavian accent, he phones Ima at work. "Yah, this is Lars Nordstrom, I was hearing about your fox problem. I raise pedigree AKC fox hounds. If you put my dogs' doo-doo in your trap, for sure the varmints will never return. We can't ship you the doo-doo 'cause the scent will be gone. You must come to my kennel on Monday and pick up fragrant fresh droppings."

When last heard from the next Monday night, Ima was close to Harvard, Illinois, gas tank near empty, still searching for the Tally Ho Kennel.

Tuesday morning on his way to work, Big Ed rolled down the window, spat out the juice from his Copenhagen and yelled to Ima, "Gotcha, Ima, yah that's for sure!"



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