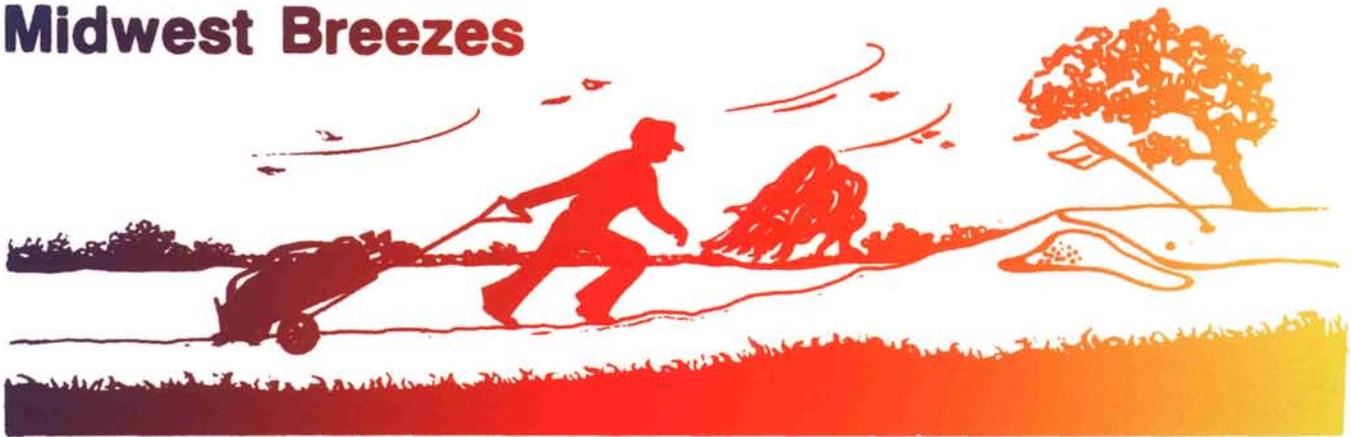


Midwest Breezes



The Oak Park Country Club, Alan Fierst, CGCS

Last year The Oak Park Country Club contracted Rick Jacobson to remodel bunkers and resurface the tees. During the closure of the course the Oak Park Board of Governors also opted to use the opportunity to regrass greens to A-4 and fairways to a 50/50 blend of Pennlinks II and Penneagle II.

On July 31 the fairways were sprayed with Round-Up QuikPro® at the high rate. The fairways had been maintained with adequate moisture and fertility so that a healthy plant would actively absorb and translocate the active ingredient. Alan benefited from a spell of dry weather after the Round-up began taking effect. A second application of Round-up was applied on August 4. And a third application was deemed necessary several days later in many fairway shaded areas where the Poa annua was beginning to reestablish itself.

After the Round-Up did it's work, the Oak Park staff began to mow and verticut the dying leaf matter, and

blow the debris off the fairway where it was mulched into the rough. To prepare the fairway seed surface, it entailed two solid weeks of constant mowing, verti-cutting, and blowing for vegetative material removal. Alan utilized two fairway units with carbide verticut units, and two fairway mowers.

On August 20 the fairways were seeded two directions with a Land Pride seeder, set to apply 1 pound of bentgrass each direction. A starter fertilizer had been applied a few days prior. Then it was time to turn on the water. By mid-September the fairways were being mowed on a regular basis.

The greens were fumigated with methyl bromide and seeded three directions with A-4.

Two greens plus the practice putting green were relocated and constructed to USGA specifications.



The last picture of the fairways prior to re-grassing.

Employees at The Oak Park CC mow and blow the roundup non-resistant leaf matter prior to seeding.



Bunker reconstruction, fumigated greens, fairways prepped for re-grassing at The Oak Park CC.

A fairway seeded to 50% Pennlinks II and 50% Penneagle II at The Oak Park CC.

