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### *The President's Message*

I received about the best gift that I could possibly wish for on father's day — books from my family. (The fascinating **Fox Fire Book** and the beautiful but sad **Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee**.) I have always loved books and my house is full of them, in shelves my wife built especially for them. (She is a great carpenter.) I don't remember too vividly when I first began my infatuation with books, but I know that I inherited my enjoyment for them from my parents. As a young boy I remember peering over my Father's shoulder trying to make out the words. Much later when words began to make sense I began to read his books — the English ones, anyways. My father was born in Kars, Turkey, and he could read and write fluently in Russian. He read Doestovesky, Tolstoy, Nicholas Gogol, and others, in Russian and English. But he also had some books, even in those days, that he wouldn't let me read. (I think they were by Erskine Caldwell.) He also liked other "baddies," such as **Police Gazette** and **True Detective**. My father used to enjoy reading to my mother at night by the old kerosene lamp, and she in turn would read to him. Many of them were love stories in the Russian and Ukrainian languages, and their beautiful eloquence would lull my brothers and me to sleep. My dad liked to trade his latest journals (such as **Soviet Life**) and old earmarked books with his favorite cousin, whom we fondly called "Uncle Sam." They would discuss the pros and cons of what they read, much as a teacher does with students, late into evenings. If the book was a good one, or a great one, they would discuss or argue about some of its merits, but if it was a worthless one they would dismiss it without a word — except it never was traded with anyone, but stayed on the shelf gathering dust and cobwebs.

I never leave a convention town without first searching out its book stores, especially the old bargain ones, and usually finding some wonderful book I have missed or one I have read but don't have at home. My favorite author is Thomas Wolfe. I read everything I can find on him. It was my great fortune to meet and have coffee with Leslie Field, head of the English Department at Purdue University, last spring. He is one of the few remaining recognized authorities on Thomas Wolfe, and has edited a critique on him, including the famous "Purdue Speech," and has written many papers on this brilliant author.

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And when I told him how my little kids saved their pennies a few years ago, and opened a special account for me at the local bank one Christmas, in order for me to add to it and purchase all the works of Thomas Wolfe, Mr. Field said, "Paul, you call on me every spring when you come to Purdue for your turf conference, and we will sit and chat." You'll have to forgive me if I tell you that I am terribly impressed with this invitation.

I guess the point I am trying to get across is that for me books have been a relaxation that I couldn't do without. Really, almost a therapy. Through them I have also met some wonderful people. I am sure that many of you feel the same way I do about the wonderful world of books. Reading good books is a good way to forget about Poa Annuua, hot weather, and the high cost of living. Best of all is to have a friend who also loves books, because then the enjoyment is furthered by the fact that you have some one with whom you can discuss what you have read.

My good friend Dudley just called. He has finished reading my book about Rodeos and wants me to return his best seller about Mayor Daley. Now here's a great combination for discussion during an election year, bronco busting and politics. — I think my father would have liked that.

Paul N. Voykin, President



**Brad Anderson, Superintendent**

The August meeting of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents will be held on Tuesday the 22nd at Thorngate Country Club. Brad Anderson will be host Superintendent. Thorngate Country Club is located at 600 Sanders Rd., Deerfield, Illinois. Check your road map for correct directions.

**FUTURE MEETINGS !!!**

- September 18th — Flossmoor Country Club, Flossmoor, Illinois
- October 10th — Briarwood Country Club, Deerfield, Illinois
- November Clinic: Tuesday the 14th and Wednesday the 15th at Medinah Country Club, Medinah, Illinois

Midwest Association dinner dance will be held at River Forest Golf Club on Saturday Night, October 14.



**Editor**

**Editorial**

This is the time of year that we start thinking about the national association for next year. Who is going to be responsible for its function? Will the men elected at our next annual Meeting in Boston in January, 1973 be the ones who are most qualified to carry out the many duties that they will be asked to perform?

The men chosen should be willing to sacrifice many hours of their time toward their appointment. If they are not willing to give this time, they should never accept the nomination.

Our Midwest Association, for the past nine years, has not had a man on the Board of Directors or as an officer in the G.C.S.A.A. Why? Certainly the Midwest Association has capable men who could do a very outstanding job. Where are we failing?

The Chicago area is looked upon by golfers who travel in all parts of the country as being an area that has some of the finest conditioned golf courses to be found any where. Many of our Superintendents have college degrees, and others have many years of experience. They are sure not lacking in education.

There was a time, and probably still is, when golf club members considered it a great honor to have their superintendents hold an office in the National or local association. Where has the interest and desire gone?

I was elected president of the G.C.S.A.A. in Boston in 1950, some twenty-two years ago. I considered it a great honor and so did Glen Oak C. C. It has done a great deal for me. In 1958, Bob Williams, Superintendent at Bob O Link G. C., was elected president. In 1963, Roy Nelson, Superintendent at Ravisloe C. C., was elected president. In these past nine years, the Midwest Association has had not one on the Board. Let us all make an effort to change this and get our Midwest Association on the front page. First, we must find the man who is willing and capable to permit his name to be sent to the G.C.S.A.A. nominating committee for their consideration. Should he become one of their choices, then it is up to every member to give him their full support and get him elected. If we are going to start grinding axes, we will get nowhere.

## Midwest Breezes

Ye editor did a little visiting . . . . .

Tom DiGuido, Superintendent at Oak Hills Golf Club, has the golf course and club house grounds in beautiful condition, in spite of some vandalism.

Dudley Smith, Superintendent at Silver Lake Golf Club, reports vandals know where his club is, also.

Kenneth R. Zanzig, who used to be Superintendent at Walnut Hills Golf Club for fourteen years, is now the Superintendent at Palos Country Club in Palos Park, Illinois. He started in February of this year. He has planted 325 maple trees and 120 birch trees. Ken expects to plant several more later on.

Stopped in to see George Dalman, Superintendent at Coghill Country Club. He has been Superintendent at this club for many years. Some of you may wonder why he does not attend more monthly meetings. No doubt the reason is due to the heavy play on his four eighteen hole golf courses that he is responsible for. At the end of the day, a good soft chair is more than welcome.

Lester Mach, Superintendent at Ruth Lake Country Club, has made several improvements at his club. He has built several new greens, tees, and sand traps; excavated for a new lake and built a beautiful new bridge across the lake; and planted several new trees.

John Boyd, Superintendent at Naperville Country Club, has some good blue grass fairways.

Ed Bronsky, who has recently become the Superintendent at Prest Bury Golf Club, is doing a fine job. My observation was that he will find plenty of work at the club. But knowing Ed, and seeing him function, Prest Bury is in good hands.

Peter Voykin, Superintendent at Idlewild Country Club, has under construction a new maintenance building.

Rodney Voykin, Superintendent at Deerfield Park, reports he has recently constructed sixty-seven new sand traps at his club.

Mrs. Paul Voykin is vacationing in Alberta, Canada. I hope Paul has the dishes all washed and the house in good order when she returns.

Bill Fallecher, Superintendent at Hillside National Golf Club, reports fire has destroyed his maintenance building.

The Western Golf Association held its 59th annual golf tournament at the beautiful Sunset Ridge Country Club in Northbrook, Illinois.

Sunset Ridge was in magnificent condition. The credit goes to Superintendent Dominic Grotti. Dom has been Superintendent at Sunset Ridge for the past thirty-seven years. He was interviewed on television on a national hook-up — certainly an honor and something to be proud of! Things of this kind do not happen very often. I hope other golf tournament officials will show their appreciation in the same respect to other golf course superintendents.



**Dr. Paul Alexander, G.C.S.A.A. Director of Education, presents a certificate of certification to Fred Opperman, Superintendent at Glen Oak Country Club.**

C. E. (Scotty) Stewart reports that June is a busy month for golf course irrigation system installation. For instance Scotty reports that he has just let the contract for systems at Foss Park District Golf Course, the Big Run Golf Course and the Billy Caldwell Golf Course, the system at this latter course will be automatic which now makes this the third automatic system for the Forest Preserve District which Scotty has designed, the District still has four more courses, plus two new ones in the design stage, all of which will be automated.

C. E. (Scotty) Stewart wishes his many friends to know that his services will not be available during the month of August for it is his intention to make a trip to England, Scotland and Ireland during that time.

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The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents held its meeting this month at Plum Tree National Golf Club. Charles Shiley, host superintendent, had the course in splendid condition. 92 played golf on this hot, humid day. The golf winners were: Tim Miles — 72 gross; low net winners were Charles Shiley, Bob Kronn, John Jackman, Bob Rychtarik, Bob Williams, R. Clifford, Tom Guthner, Brad Anderson, Bob White, Ed Smith.

There were a total of one hundred and ten who attended the meeting. Those who did come had an opportunity to listen to an educational program on conservation, delivered by the University of Illinois. It appeared that everyone found this type of program interesting, judging from the many questions that were asked. The large attendance proves the distance to travel means very little. The knowledge gained is far greater.

Two of our retired superintendents, who now are living in Florida, Ray Davis and Walter Hoyt, attended the meeting and visited with many of their good friends. We sure were glad to see them, and glad that they're looking so well.

Bill Kraft and Tony Sella, both from Indiana, traveled well over 130 miles to be with us. It is always good to see the boys from the Hoosier state!

From, Nick G. Geannopoulos

GCSAA HEADQUARTERS — Readers of the GOLF SUPERINTENDENT are reminded that because the 44th GCSAA Conference and Show will be held January 7-12, 1973, in Boston, Massachusetts, a month earlier than in past years, it has become necessary to change the publication's schedule.

It will be issued as follows for the remainder of the year: July, August/September, October/November and December (Special show issue). The journal will continue to follow its rigid mailing schedule of the first week of each publishing month and readers can still expect to receive their copies early in July, August, October and December.

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The sympathy of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents is extended to Mrs. Stanley A. Arendt and family due to the death of Mr. Stanley Arendt, 252 W. Kenilworth, Palatine, Illinois. Stan was the pro and golf course superintendent at Inverness Country Club for 36 years. He retired nine years ago. Inverness Country Club was his second home. He enjoyed playing golf and visiting with his many friends at the club. He continued in his favorite sport until a short time before passing away on June 21, 1972. Stan contributed much toward the game of golf, not only to the player but also to the maintenance on the golf course.

He will be missed by all of his friends, which there were many.

## GROWTH RETARDANTS

By John Jackman

### Superintendent at Medinah Country Club

For the past two seasons, I have been using growth retardants to reduce hand trimming on my golf course. I have treated along creek banks and around trees with great success. The materials used were: CF 125 and Maintain 3, National Chemsearch, and Retard (Malic hydracide). All materials have performed satisfactorily when put down at the recommended rate.

When spraying around trees, how do you calculate area?

This is something that needs to be worked out in each case because different persons spray differently.

I put one gallon of material per every 200 gallons of water and operate at 40-60 lb. pressure on the gauge, spraying to run off. With those conditions, I cover approximately one-half acre.

The grass is off color after spray is down for one week or so. If growth is not reduced, rate was light. If rate is too heavy, some turf may be thinned. By using these materials last season in areas sprayed, I mowed once before spraying and once in August. In other words, twice each season. We must remember that last summer was dry. It will be interesting to see how materials perform if we get normal rainfall during the season.

Up to now, I have had control in most areas. Some areas at this date (July 10th, 1972) are going to have to be mowed. I still feel in my case, the materials have been a saving in labor and I have used this in other areas.

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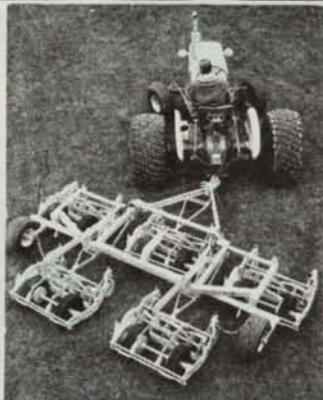
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On Wednesday, July 12, the editor visited with Edward Fischer, Superintendent at the new Butler National Golf Club, Oak Brook, Ill. The Course was laid out by George Fazio and it will be truly a real test of golf. The course will play to a length of 7,463 yards and will rank among the most difficult courses in America. The winding streams and several lakes and the many native trees that were not destroyed make it a very picturesque golf course. The greens are planted with C-15, bent grass. The fairways are planted with A-20, bluegrass. To the best of my knowledge, this is the first eighteen hole golf course to have this strain of grass on the fairways. It will be something to observe during the coming years. It may bring on a new outlook on fairway turf grass, if it turns out to be as satisfactory at Butler National as on the fairway areas at Chicago Golf Club where it originated.

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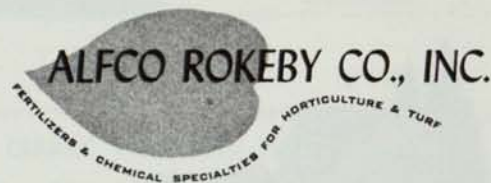
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