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Thank God there is one ray of light in the whole mess, and that is the news that our good old trusted friend Paul Alexander, according to the latest GCSAA communication March 26, will still be with us. Believe me that's good news. He is a real professional in our business who knows our needs. We can't afford to lose his experience or his know how. But let's reflect. How much wiser and less expensive it would have been if we had stayed put until the new headquarters were completed and ready to move in after the decision was made to move from the mainstream of things. But of course that would have been too much to expect. A decision like that would have taken good thinking and professionalism. Unfortunately we don't have that any more.

Thank you Mr. Editor for allowing me to write my annual ad.

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The announcement was made as United States District Judge Barrington Parker held a hearing on a suit by the AFL-CIO to block the department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) from granting any extensions and to require the federal government to assume responsibility for enforcing job safety and health regulations.

The 26 states given a deadline extension were Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

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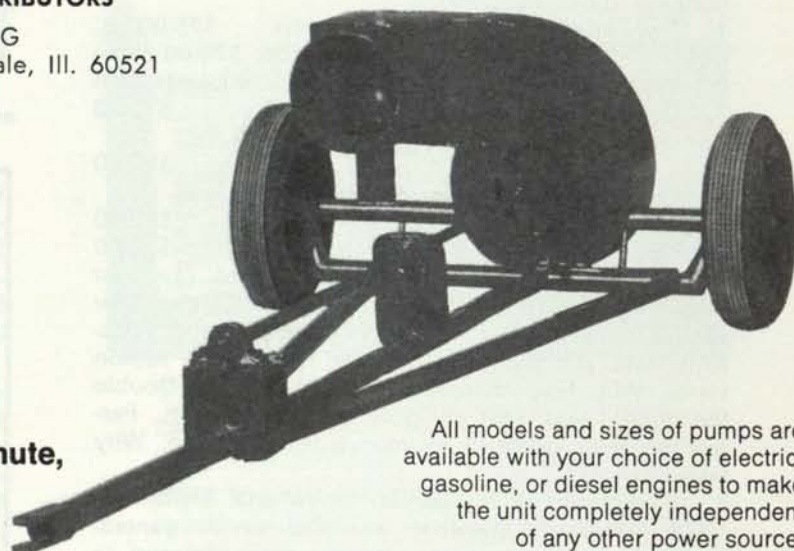
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"ALL OF US ARE FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY" says Congressman Wilmer Mizell (R-North Carolina), "but I think you can have health and safety without some of these ridiculous requirements which are coming down. I understand the regulations on the Occupational Safety and Health Act have grown to about 50 feet high right now. It always seems to happen when the I's aren't dotted and the T's not crossed in the regulations. It's the result of bureaucratic regulations that have been handed down and many times you have men writing them who have little practical experience in the field. Hopefully, the Congress will be looking at these regulations and try to offer guidance through legislation and restore some reason."

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A dollar won't do as much for people as it used to, but then, people won't do as much for a dollar as they used to.

Bea von Boeselager

Editor's Note: Ladies' view of a Green's Seminar.

**By Jeannie Morris
Chicago Today News
Let golf courses return to nature**

TIME TO DE-ESCALATE GREEN GAME

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN to a green seminar? There are red seminars, of course, which are said to be subversive, and blue seminars, which are notably depressing, but a green seminar?

Illinois Atty. Gen. William Scott has been to one and so have I. The same one, as a matter of fact, and I don't think it was terribly exciting for either of us.

The people who ordinarily go to green seminars are green supervisors; that is to say, they're not sick or any thing, they're just the guys who are in charge of administering and grooming golf courses.

The men present at the Chicago District Golf Association's annual green meeting nodded in agreement when Paul Voykin of Briarwood Country Club in Deerfield referred to Illinois area links as the "major league of golf," the best, he said, in the United States—and maybe the world.

THE TALK WAS ABOUT budgets and pesticides and budgets and refuse burning and budgets and drainage—and budgets. Until Scott arrived, and he talked about the problems and achievements of his administration in the areas of air, water and even noise pollution. It was his very slick environment talk, his "green" speech, if you will.

I was impressed, I really was.

But Scott didn't have much to say about golf courses, except for one almost casual thought that maybe the state should eventually give some support (tax breaks) to golf clubs, with a view to keeping their very valuable land open and, well . . . green. Otherwise, the attorney general conjectured, the courses could be gulped up by the large-mouthed machines that forerun condominium developers.

Now, I believe in equitable real estate taxes but the more I thought about private country clubs getting state support in the form of tax considerations the more the idea irritated me.

I saw that sign when I drove in: It said: "Rolling Green Country Club, Members Only." There are 250 members of the club and none of them is me. They pay \$5,000 initiation fee, \$100 a month in dues, fees for almost every service and must spend a minimum of \$40 a month in the clubhouse. Budget squeeze or no budget squeeze, neither Rolling Green nor the members of the other 109 private clubs in Illinois qualify as welfare cases.

BRIARWOOD'S VOYKIN has a more digestible suggestion. He is trying to start a revolution in course maintenance which counters the trend of the past few years. He says we overgroom our courses here in the U. S. and offers as an alternative the wild—and often more challenging—links of Europe.

Voykin backed with figures his contention that the material and man hours spent on meticulous mowing, pruning and feeding of many course areas are frivolous and cater to the American golfer's insatiable need for a "good lie." "Golf," says Voykin, "should be a game of accuracy. But there is more and more preoccupation with the long drive."

Voykin told how he had allowed two acres of previously manicured rough on his course go back to nature, "and even a few wild flowers came up," he said. Wow! How disconcerting!

And why not go back to nature? The average 18-hole course in Illinois costs \$110,000 per year to maintain. Bob-O'Link, the marvelous all-male bastion in Highland Park spend \$130-140,000. Ladies are allowed to enjoy the parking lot. A little man will even serve you a drink — if you promise to stay in your car.

VOYKIN'S IDEAS of ameliorating the cost squeeze appeal to me a lot more than Scott's. All that most of us get out of that gorgeous acreage is a look-see over the fence. Scott says it's ridiculous to allow a private club to go broke (when a little tax relief might help), turn around and spend the taxpayers' money to buy the land back for a park. Frankly, I don't see why that's so bad; at least, in such a case, the taxpayers could USE the land.

As much as I admire Scott's pollution solutions, Voykin gets my vote in the links league. He says the hooker in his plan is that many of the "green" men equate beauty with a nifty manicure and there is considerable competition to achieve the best-groomed course. But there is also beauty in "challenge," and in nature as well. Voykin is right. It's time to de-escalate the green game.

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REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS IN ILLINOIS AS THEY AFFECT GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS

This presentation given at the Chicago District Golf Association Seminar on March 27, 1973

By Oscar Miles

"Pesticides"

My remarks concerning the pesticide regulations in the State of Illinois will be common sense thoughts that all of us know but, now and then need to be reviewed and discussed at a meeting such as this Green Seminar.

Pesticides, a chemical used to control unwanted pests, which might be weeds, insects, mites, fungi, bacteria, rodents, nematodes and other organisms have played a very important part in producing better turf on golf courses throughout the Chicagoland area. The golf course superintendents in this assembly have been the leaders in our battle against "Dollar Spot", pythium, cutworms, crabgrass, goosegrass and "failure grass" *Poa Annuua*. It would be impossible to grow the kind of turf for golf today without the help of chemical pesticides.

Purchase the Correct Pesticide

The first step in using a pesticide is choosing the correct material after accurately identifying the pest. Pesticides should only be used at the recommended rates to achieve effective control. Always follow the directions as read on the label. Purchase only those pesticides that can be used during the current season.

STORAGE

Store pesticides in a locked, safe, dry, well ventilated area in the original container. Keep the original label intact. Try to purchase corrosive liquid chemicals in plastic jugs or metal containers lined with plastic. Periodically, inspect containers for leakage. Herbicides should be kept separate from other pesticides and seeds. Gas from volatilization can contaminate seed if stored together.

Usage: A — Personnel

With usage, consideration must be given to the applicator and his helper, the equipment, materials (pesticides) and finally maintaining records.

It is imperative that we establish work rules with our employees. It is an absolute must that they be properly dressed, from head to toe, so to speak, before they hook up the tractor to the sprayer. They should wear rubber footwear, not tennis shoes. They are very little protection against pesticides saturating the fabric and penetrating to the skin which might cause contact burn or allergies. Full length pants, long sleeve shirts, rubber gloves, goggles to protect the eyes, face mask to keep poisons out of the mouth and nose. A hard hat to deflect golf balls and the use of hand cream applied over exposed skin surfaces. Hand cream will allow you to more easily wash exposed areas free of pesticide contaminants.

B — Equipment

To apply pesticides on golf courses, sprayers and spreaders are generally used. They are pulled by a turf tractor or other motorized unit. Equipment must be inspected every time it is used to see if it is working properly. Several times during the season, the sprayer should be recalibrated to be certain the "output per unit area" is accurate. Check the tractor ground speed also. Odometer and tachometers have mechanical problems also.

Materials — Pesticides

Read the label of all pesticides. Understand the warnings and anti-dotes in case of poisoning.

Know the important signs of pesticide poisoning, they might be: headache, blurred vision, nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and chest discomfort. If poisoning is suspected, call a physician immediately or contact your nearest poison control center, relate the label information and follow their instructions. If poisoning has occurred, remove contaminated clothing and wash thoroughly with warm water and soap.

Records

Maintain accurate records of all pesticide applications that have been made. At the end of the season, it is wise to have this information typed up and a copy placed in the club file as a permanent record. This record is a very valuable tool to every good turf manager when determining what practices have been good ones. Without good and complete records, a sound year-end evaluation and projection for the following year can not be made.

Don't

The responsibility of wise pesticide usage to protect our natural and unnatural golf course environments is in your hands.

When using pesticides, we must always be aware of the following "do not's":

1. Do not reuse containers, render them unusable by breaking or disposing through normal collections.
2. Do not dispose of large amounts (which are dry materials 5 lbs., liquid 1 gal.) in landfill dumps or directly on the ground.
3. Do not dump diluted materials or wash equipment within 500 feet of ground water, wells, ponds, or streams. Calculate closely the last load, so there will not be any leftover materials.
4. Do not stop learning.
5. Do not stop sharing your experiences at Green Seminars and other professional and not so professional informal meetings with your neighbor superintendents.

Be cautious at all times when using pesticides. Pesticides can be used to improve our environment. We must practice conservation. Dr. R. W. Stevens, Rutgers University, in the July issue of the U.S.G.A. Green Section Record said "conservation is directed primarily at conserving man and those plants and creatures and areas which serve man: anything else is not conservation but merely conversation".

You are practicing conservation with each and every pesticide application you make. Are you confident your pesticide program is the best thing for your club? Practice conservation, not merely conversation.

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