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The President's Message

Progress! This is a word we hear every day, read every day and probably try to use every day. Break throughs in manufacturing, science, machines, and even in golf course maintenance are all part of Progress.

Years ago, the GCSAA moved from St. Charles, Illinois to Florida in the name of Progress; then from Florida to Chicago in the name of Progress; and now on to Lawrence Kansas, in the name of Progress! Great! Right? Maybe!

During the past few months since the announcement of the moving of our National Headquarters, the GCSAA has lost many, if not all, of its office staff. Since we're moving anyway, that's no loss, because the turnover of Secretaries was constant, according to Director Sheetz. Secretaries are flocking to work for the GCSAA in Lawrence, because their Husbands are working on their Ph.D.s at the local college, according to Director Sheetz's comments at a December 1972 meeting of the MAGCS. Come on now Director Sheetz — who ya kidding?

More important, we have lost some people who have, in my opinion, shown sincere interest in the GCSAA over the years. Did you know that Mr. Art Morissette has resigned as Business Manager and now we are losing Dr. Paul Alexander, Director of Education? As of this writing, his resignation has been submitted to the Director and Board of Directors. A great loss indeed, to our National Association!

Now on to Lawrence! Temporary office space, no final zoning of the building site, no Business Manager, and no Education Director — Congratulations to the Board of Directors and Director Sheetz for Progress!

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Dr. Paul Alexander

Dr. Paul M. Alexander, Director of Education for the G.C.S.A.A., has presented his resignation to our National board of directors. Paul attended our Midwest April Meeting at which time he was presented with a suitable plaque and received a standing ovation in appreciation for the numerous professional efforts he has performed for the entire greenkeeping profession.

The purpose of our Association is to educate our members. Now we have lost a man that was doing just that. The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents wish him the best of luck, health and happiness in his new endeavor.

— Editor

On April 7th, the Chicago District Golf Charities Charter Group of 173 people returned from Rome, Italy after a 10 day holiday at the Eternal City. The Midwest Golf Association was well represented on this trip with Adolph and Mary Bertucci, Bill and Lucille Saielli, Joe and Minnie Canale, Armando and Linda Scornavacco, and Art and Mary Clesen.

Side trips were made by Adolph, Bill and Joe Canale to visit their relatives. The highlight of the trip was when the Midwest group and their wives had the privilege of shaking hands with Pope Paul at the Vatican.

Also included on their side trips was the city of Florence, Naples, the Island of Capri and Sorrento and also to Circolo Del Golf Di Roma, located just outside of Rome on Via Appis. (The Apean Way) This golf course of 18 beautiful holes, 6344 yds., built in 1903, appeared in excellent condition, thanks to their superintendent, Elio Naplioni. A very interesting conversation, all in Italian, was struck up between him and the above Midwest Italian.

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FIFTH ANNUAL CHICAGO DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION GREEN SEMINAR

by Dennis Davenport

William J. Scott (center of the picture), Attorney General of the State of Illinois, was the featured speaker at the 5th annual CDGA Green Seminar at Rolling Green Country Club in Arlington Heights, Illinois on March 27, 1973. The seminar was attended by 170 green superintendents and green chairmen from the five-state area surrounding Chicago. Scott, acclaimed as one of the nation's leading fighters for a clean environment discussed our ecological problems and what is being done to solve them.

With Scott is William J. Pailey (left end of the picture), President of the Chicago District Golf Association and of Rolling Green Country Club, site of the seminar.

At the right end of the picture is Denis Straus, Green Superintendent at Rolling Green Country Club and the current President of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents.

Other speakers on the C.D.G.A. program were: Stanley Rachesky, University of Illinois — Mosquitoes and their control.

Nels J. Johnson, Tree Experts, Inc. — Trees: defoliation and control.

Paul Voykin, superintendent of Briarwood Country Club — Over grooming is over spending.

Environmental Laws and Regulations in Illinois was discussed by:

John Jackman, superintendent of Medinah Country Club — How they effect green superintendents.

Bruce Sering, superintendent of Glen View Club — Waterways and drainage.

Oscar Miles, superintendent of Olympia Fields Country Club and Roger LaRochelle, superintendent of Woodmar Country Club — Pesticides.

Dudley Smith, superintendent Silver Lake Golf Club — Public course viewpoint.



Editor

Midwest Breezes

Happy birthday to Amos Lapp on April 1st. After 48 years as a golf course superintendent and twenty-eight of those years superintendent at St. Andrews Golf Club, Amos has decided to retire as a golf course superintendent. His love for the outdoors and the greenery found on a golf course does not permit him to devote his entire time to a rocking chair.

There are occasions when one hears of a golf course superintendent becoming a pro or a club manager. This is not the case of Amos Lapp. He will become the Green Chairman for the golf courses operated by Joe Jemsick, which consist of two eighteen holes at St. Andrews Golf Club; one eighteen at Fresh Meadows Golf Club; four eighteen holes at Coghill Country Club; one eighteen holes at Glenwoodie Golf and Country Club. This should keep him out of the rocking chair most of the day.

Amos has two sons that are golf course superintendents: Kenneth, formerly of Fresh Meadows moves to Coghill Country Club; John, formerly of Glenwoodies Golf Club takes the superintendent's position at St. Andrews Golf Club. Robert Hansen, one of Amos' assistants, moves to Fresh Meadows as superintendent; Dan Brown, another assistant of Amos', takes the superintendent's job at Glenwoodie Country Club. This about takes care of the Lapp family transition. Good luck to all of you.

Fred Opperman, superintendent at Glen Oak Country Club, has completed a new 36' x 90' storage building with five inch reinforced concrete floor and 8 inch reinforced aprons.

The June issue of the Bull Sheet 1973 will be the 26th anniversary of our publication.

The editor would appreciate hearing from you in regards to what you think of your publication. How can it be improved, or do you feel it is O.K. as is? How does the Bull Sheet compare with other superintendents' publications?

The editor knows that a little effort on your part would make it more interesting. Surely there is some happening in your locality that others would like to hear about. How about some words of wisdom for the next issue. Deadline May 10, 1973.

ATTENTION MIDWEST BREEZES

This is a reply to a previous short story by the editor concerning Tom Byrne, superintendent Addison Golf Club.

The story about the quail hunting involved 4 persons (not just himself) and only 241 birds were bagged. It was not mentioned that these birds were pen raised and had never flown more than 50-75 yards. They were also turned loose in the area before the hunt started.

As for some of Tom's friends who have made several trips to the field they did get some shooting in. They also had a very nice game dinner with what they bagged. Some of Tom's quail were also served at this dinner.

Just telling the facts,
Anonymous

P.S. Along with this reply the editor received a box of feathers the friends picked up blowing around their back yards. (Ed. note, **Hawk** feathers.)

Bill Hargrave, one of our former Chicago area superintendents, who now lives in Georgia, sends his best regards to all his brother superintendent friends.

Frank Dinelli, retired superintendent at Northmoor Country Club, sent me the following, in regards to the birth of the Midwest Golf Course Superintendents Association. The first meeting was held at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago in February, 1926. Officers elected were: John MacGregor, President, Chicago Golf Club; Fred Krueger, Secretary, Olympia Fields Country Club; Alex Bennie, Director, Shore Acres Country Club; Peter Stewart, Director, Knollwood Country Club; Edward Dearie, Director, Oak Park Country Club; Fred Sherwood, Treasurer, Northmoor Country Club.

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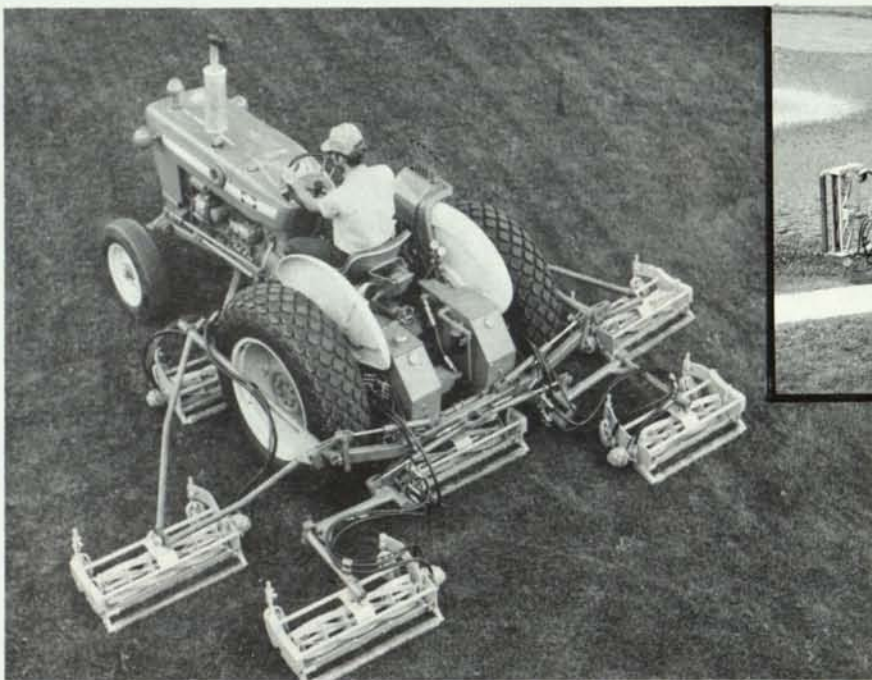
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Editorial

by Cliff Behrendt
Director Midwest A G C S

Spring is upon us and how wet it is! We find advantages and disadvantages to this kind of a beginning. With the mild winter we had we welcome the rain as an aid in offsetting any winter desiccation experienced in localized areas.

Last spring and fall was also rather wet leaving many of us who had fall projects planned with our hands tied, and delaying these projects until spring. In the Crystal Lake area 32.3 inches of rain fell during July, August, September and October. Our yearly average rainfall is about 35.2 inches, but well over 46. inches hit us in 1972. I know other areas in the Chicago area were even higher.

There was one case where a hand mower had to be put into a row boat to get greens mowed last fall. I drove by this course a couple of days ago and it is in the same condition as last fall. The fairways are flooded and water surrounds some greens and others are covered. Situations like this sure make it discouraging for superintendents and the golfers.


It's now the first part of April as I write this and most of us are waiting for the rains to cease. Many of my spring projects are still on paper because of overly wet soil conditions.

Let us hope that conditions improve rapidly so that we can complete necessary projects and provide pleasurable playing conditions for all our members and golfers.

I would like to thank the members for electing me to represent them as a new director. I feel honored and want to serve in any way I can. As a member of the Arrangement Committee I would remind you that there are openings for clubs wishing to host the Association for several summer and fall meetings. Please contact Ed Smith (Committee Chairman 312-234-2600) or myself (815-459-8570).

Let's all work together to make this a successful year for the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents.

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5. Development of extensive turfgrass varietal plots at Urbana, and two satellite stations located at Glencoe and Belleville.
6. Initiation of extensive field research in many aspects of turfgrass weed, disease and insect control, renovation, establishment and fertility.

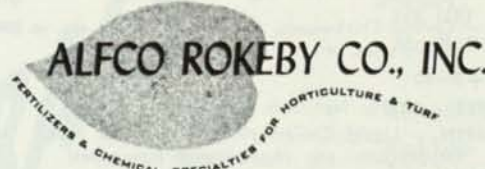
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Sincerely,
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Dennis Willms

ASSISTANT-SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

The business-oriented superintendent likes to be well informed on operations pertaining to his golf course. With more and more activity on golf courses, a superintendent must stay abreast of current activities on his course.

As an assistant I have had the responsibility of the superintendent during his absence. I try to run the golf course including the maintenance shop as I think the superintendent would like to have it run.

I compile all my notes into an informal report so that when he returns, he can sit down and look over the report. In a matter of minutes, he can bring himself up to date on happenings that took place while he was away.

The following is an example of such a report that I gave John Ebel (superintendent) upon his return after an absence from October 20 through October 26, 1972. First of all, the memos he gave me upon his departure, and then the report which I handed him upon his return. Notice that I included weather conditions for each day which enables the superintendent to see why I chose the direction for each day's work.

Memo to: Dennis Willms

From: John Ebel

Subject: Work schedule

I will be away Oct. 20 - Oct. 26. Please use the following outline to help you supervise the men.

Regular Maintenance

1. Check course daily for damage, etc. Change tee markers as necessary.
2. Mow greens — tees — fairways if possible on Friday, Oct. 20. Rake traps.
3. Police club house grounds.
4. Leaf removal.
5. Log daily hours and labor distribution.
6. Record all important messages.
7. Be sure to secure buildings and check tools and equipment daily.
8. Check lights and thermostats.
9. Other — Be Careful — Safety First.

Other Projects

1. Clean, wash, wax pickup truck.
2. Karl install plugs and points in truck.
3. Remove screens, install storms, wash all windows inside and out, in employees quarters.

4. Clean out flower beds, bring in the flower boxes.
5. Start setting up skeet about Wednesday.
6. Check roof halfway house and tar leaks.
7. Clean out ditch along service road near #12 tee.
9. Bring in equipment, rakes, signs, etc.
10. Apply lime to greens and tees, approx. 200 lbs. of lime per green. Also nursery.
11. Put cover on septic tank.
12. Repair tile lines.

Memo to: John Ebel

From: Dennis Willms

Subject: Weekly work report. Week running Oct. 20 - Oct. 26.

Friday, October 20

- Tem. 25 degrees A.M. — Heavy frost.
 Tem. 50 degrees P.M. — Cloudy, Windy.
- A. Put storms on house.
 - B. Put lid on the septic system.
 - C. Mowed all greens and started on tees.
 - D. Started picking up equipment.
 - E. Brought flower boxes in.
 - F. Finished project by tennis courts.
 - G. Picked up leaves and used blower.
 - H. Repaired halfway house roof.
 1. Karl and Don off for day.

Saturday, October 21

- Tem. 44 degrees A.M.
 Tem. 51 degrees P.M. Rained all day.
- A. Worked on truck, cleaned, painted, waxed.
 - B. Brought in more equipment all day.
 1. Karl and Don and Juan off all day.

Sunday, October 22

- Tem. 41 degrees A.M.
 Tem. 45 degrees P.M. Rained all day.
- A. Dennis — Checked course and unlocked gates.

Monday, October 23

- Tem. 51 A.M.
 Tem. 44 P.M. Rained off and on all day.
- * Course flooded #17 and #18, total amount of rain 2".
- A. Brought in more equipment
 - B. Worked on truck, waxed, painted, tuned up and replaced upper hose.
 - C. Worked on loader, cleaned, degreased, painted, touched up, waxed, tuned up, complete service.
 - D. Picked up leaves and used blower.
 - E. Unplugged drain on #17 — five times because of leaves.

Tuesday, October 24

- Tem. 40 degrees A.M.
 Tem. 46 degrees P.M. Cloudy — Windy.
- * Course flooded, no carts allowed out.
- A. Worked on truck and cleaned engine.
 - B. Worked on loader, finished touch up paint.
 - C. Picked up leaves and used blower.
 - D. Unplugged drain on #17 three times because of leaves.
 - E. Applied lime to greens and tees.
 - F. Watered all greens and tees.
 - G. Finished taking all flowers out and spaded beds.
 - H. Karl serviced tractors for anti-freeze.

Wednesday, October 25

- Tem. 32 degrees A.M. Light frost.
 Tem. 57 degrees P.M. Sunny.
- * Course flooded, no golf carts allowed.
- A. Cleaned shop and wash rooms.
 - B. Finished applying lime to greens and tees.
 - C. Drained roller.
 - D. Unplugged drain behind #18 tee.

- E. Started putting skeet up.
- F. Karl filled tank at septic system.

Thursday, October 26

- Tem. 36 degrees A.M.
 Tem. 62 degrees P.M. Windy and Sunny.
- * Carts allowed only on front nine in A.M. and on total eighteen holes in P.M.
- A. Finished work on skeet.
 - B. Mulched leaves.
 - C. Unplugged drain behind #18.
 - D. Picked up leaves and used blower.
 - E. Gave Ford truck last touch up.
 - F. Karl — serviced pumps and made sure they're in good working order.

Conclusion

All things ran smoothly at Barrington Hills, except the weather that is!
 I believe everyone put forth a very good effort during this week's period.

Respectfully submitted
 Dennis Willms, Assist-Superintendent
 Barrington Hills Country Club

* Dennis "Skip" Willms — Started golf course maintenance in Omaha, Nebraska. Held position as assist-superintendent on Benson Park Golf Course, Highland Country Club and Applewood Golf Course. Presently assist-superintendent at Barrington Hills Country Club.



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