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Leonard Berg

August 12 Meetings will be held at Village Greens of Woodridge Country Club.

Leonard Berg, Superintendent, will be our host.

Village Greens of Woodridge Country Club is located at 1575 W. 75th Street, Woodridge, Ill.

Dr. Al Turgeon from University of Illinois will be our speaker at the August 12th meeting. His subject will be "Progress in Reach."

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By J. M. Vargas
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June 6, 1974
Mr. Fred D. Opperman, CGCS
Glen Oak Country Club
21 West 451 Hill Avenue
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Dear Fred:

I believe I have the answer to the "Toronto" (C-15) problem. I believe the fungus causing the problem is stripe smut. The "Toronto" creeping bentgrass appears to be able to withstand the stripe smut infection provided no additional stress is applied. In most cases this additional stress is supplied by high populations of nematodes.

We don't have any direct evidence on controlling stripe smut in creeping bentgrass. All I can do is extrapolate from work done on stripe smut on Kentucky bluegrass which would indicate the ideal time to treat the disease is in the fall after the grass has gone dormant with 6-8 oz/1000 sq. ft. of Tersan 1991. However, I believe it would be worth while to start treating the disease right now with 1 oz/1000 sq. ft. of Tersan 1991 on a bi-weekly basis.

I realize this will steal some of my thunder at the conference this fall, but I feel it is better that people with the problem start treatment. I think greens that have been severely thinned may be slow in recovering. However, the treatment should be helpful on greens that are just beginning with the disease.

P.S.—Alternate weeks a contact fungicide like Dacenil 2787, Acti dione-thiram or Dyrene should be used.

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Editorial

RESPONSIBILITY

Where does the greatest amount of responsibility lie among the three major departments of your club? Have you heard mention "If it wasn't for the golf course, this country club wouldn't be here."? Doesn't set too well with the club manager or golf pro, and rightly so. However we look at it, we all are spokes of a large wheel that keeps the club facility rolling along. We as golf course superintendents can readily understand this situation, but what about the employees that work under us. Their interpretation of golf course maintenance work is just short of construction work, anyhow since O.S.H.A. they feel that way with wearing hard hats and safety shoes, thus the responsibility they feel somehow far exceeds that of the club waitresses or pro shop employees. Surely when it comes to wages, the grounds crew will feel that their wage rate should be considerably higher than employees in other facets of club operation.

Again we are speaking of this realization from our standpoint. Look at it from the club members standpoint. First of all, unless the superintendent has promoted good relations between the grounds operation and the membership through the club newsletter or club bulletin, members scarcely realize the existence of a grounds crew other than that fellow that wouldn't shut off his machine while I was putting. The constant communication between members and club house employees does promote a better understanding of operational problems, because of quick, on-the-spot explanations. By the time any controversial subject about the golf course reaches the superintendent, it has been completely blown out of proportion, in which case a long train of reasoning is required to correct matters of a simple nature.

Getting back to responsibility, valuable real estate is being cared for by the golf course maintenance crew, a fact that is taken for granted by most people, unless the course condition is in a declining state. Employees on our grounds crews are instilled through us, the superintendent, to take pride in caring for the golf course. Seems a shame if this pride is severed because of a communication break down between the superintendent and the membership. A realization that the golf course is in good shape because of the pride the crew takes in their work, must be maintained.

OK, answering the question, does the grounds crew employee carry a higher degree of responsibility in his daily tasks? The fact that he is responsible for performing this task seven days a week, might give it an edge. Also; considering the type of employee, hiring fellows with golfing backgrounds, good golfers themselves and/or fellows who have been former caddies at your club and understand the golf course from two angles; first hand knowledge of the terrain and the knowledge of the type of golf course the members want from favorable comments and criticism received while carrying for most of them. Thus a higher degree of responsibility is shown through higher quality workmanship, stemming from a deeper knowledge of all phases of golf. Food for thought.

Carl J. Grassl

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The following letter is one I recently received from Melvin Lucas Jr., chairman of the G.C.S.A.A. Historian committee. I pass it on to you for your help. Anything you can do will be appreciated.

June 21, 1974

Mr. Ray H. Gerber
865 Hillside Avenue
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137
Dear Ray:

An active membership is the lifeblood of any association. I am pleased that you have agreed to work with me on the Historian's Committee.

I am required to report on the activities of this phase of the association's activities at each Executive Committee Meeting, and welcome your input. I hope that this committee can be an active one. If you have any suggestions, complaints, or comments, please tell me so that I can include them in my reports.

The activities of this committee are currently directed at determining sources of memorabilia and artifacts which relate to the history of GCSAA. There are two golf halls of fame which are in various stages of development. The first is at Pinehurst, and we understand their building is now constructed and they are starting to induct members into their hall. The second is the Foxburg Country Club in Pennsylvania. They are not quite so far along with their facility, however. In addition, the GCSAA will be celebrating its Fiftieth Anniversary at the Sylvania Country Club in Ohio in 1976.

Current thinking of the Executive Committee is that we will have exhibits at each of these locations depicting our history. Current plans call for these exhibits to be pictorial as well as physical. Unfortunately, because of space and transportation considerations, the physical items must necessarily be small. For instance, at this point we could not display gang mowers and other such equipment.

I would appreciate as much help as you or any of your friends can give me in this matter. I have recently met Mr. Will Grimsley, author of *Golf, Its History, People and Events*, which was written in 1966. He has offered to help us during his travels. Also recently, I had the opportunity to spend some time with Robert Koontz, of Dayton, Ohio, who is said to be the single largest collector of golf memorabilia in the country. He has shown much interest in our task and is willing to aid in any way he can in setting up our Fiftieth Anniversary display at Sylvania. Also, we have been in contact with Mr. Joe Murdoch, who is Historian of the USGA Museum in Far Hills, New Jersey. Several members of our Historian Committee have also been contacted.

At this point, I would appreciate your writing to me and telling me what is available and where it is. We can then make arrangements for displays at these various places.

On another matter, we would appreciate hearing from you your comments on any activities that the association is involved in. The Executive Committee, of course, is interested in hearing from the membership. If your comments and/or suggestions fall outside my particular areas of responsibility, we will forward them to the Executive Committee member who is charged with that area.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Very cordially yours,
Melvin B. Lucas, Jr.
GCSAA Historian

Money is like fertilizer; it does no good unless it is spread around.



Editor

Midwest Breezes

On June 26th nine of our M.A.G.S.A. members attended a retirement party at Elcona country club, Elkhart, Indiana in honor of Bert Rost, Supt. Those who made the trip to Elkhart were Amos Lapp, Oscar Borgmeier, Russ Reed, Dom Grotti, Frank Dinelli, Bennie Kronn, Chuck Daugherty, Leon Hartogh, and this editor. Golfing was in order during the day. Many prizes were awarded. Chuck Daugherty was called to the prize table to receive a prize. There were many more winners and some losers. As I was walking through the locker room I heard considerable chatter in one of the aisles. Looking for news I investigated. It just so happened one of the foursomes playing golf was from the Chicago area. R. Reed, D. Grotti, F. Dinelli, B. Kronn. It appeared that senior Dom was making a collection from junior Bennie. It sounded like a rare occasion.

Grampa Frank also had a problem. He had to visit the pro. shop to borrow a jacket or coat before going into the dining room for dinner.

Ted Woehrle, Supt. at Oakland Hills C.C. and a director of the G.C.S.A.A., was also present. He represented the G.C.S.A.A. and gave a talk using chosen words in behalf of Bert.

Bert received many useful gifts from the club along with a sizable check and also a gift from the club employees. Truly a wonderful party and a fine group of members. This party could not of happened to a more dedicated person than Bert Rost.

Leon Hartogh, Supt. at Oak Park C.C., reports the club will be installing an automatic irrigation system on the golf course this fall. This will be a double row system. Miller Irrigation Co. will do the installing. Considerable drainage work will also take place this fall. The building of new tennis courts is under consideration at this date.

Richard Lamkey, Supt. at Bryn Mawr C.C., says his club will be installing a new automatic sprinkling system before the winter is upon us. Good luck to both Richard and Leon—no more night watering men!

Our August 12th Midwest meeting will be held at Village Greens of Woodridge C.C. Leonard Berg, Supt. will be our host. Bring your golf clubs and enjoy yourself.

The Western Golf Associations championship Open Golf Tournament held at Butler National G.C. is now past history. I doubt if there ever was a golf tournament that received more publicity than this one. The attendance was excellent, nearly one hundred thousand; thirty-three thousand on Sunday, the last day. The weather all four days was perfect. Par for the golf course sure gave the players something to shoot for, some of them finished with a happy mood, others the opposite. Then again there are always a few crybabys.

Ed. Fisher, the Supt., had the course in good condition considering that the course is only two years old. I know he spent many hours, days, months and the entire year after the construction to get the course in the fine condition it was.

The thing that gripes me is that when the bouquets are being passed out by the radio and television announcers the Supts. name is very seldom mentioned. Maybe they do not know there is someone by this title, or care less. If it were not for the grounds department employees, there would be no golf course. There could be and have been many golf tournaments without someone setting in a booth or in an air conditioned room wearing a set of earphones.

The Supt's. responsibility does not end when the last ball goes into the cup. He must repair all the damage done on the grounds by the many motor vehicles used for various reasons. The damage created by the spectators and also the players. The amount is usually determined by the type of weather that occurred during the event.

The U.S. Open Golf Tournament in 1975 will be held at Medinah Country Club. John Jackman, Supt., has been working for over a year getting #3 course in the finest playing condition possible and also making a few improvements. I hope our news media remembers the work that has taken place many months and years before the men with the earphones and the typewriters make their appearance.

By the date you receive this Bull Sheet the Womens U.S. Open golf tournament will also be past history. It was held at LaGrange C.C. The golf course was in excellent condition under the supervision of Howard Baerwald. Howard has worked many extra hours giving the course extra attention to make it more pleasant for the ladies and I am sure they appreciated it, they usually do.

According to Dick DeLano, an old friend of the association, all golf course superintendents and their employees are invited to The Illinois Landscape Contractors Field Day at Kishwaukee Community College in Malta. The date, Wednesday, August 7. Malta is out Roosevelt Road, 6 miles west of DeKalb. Of special interest will be equipment displays and flower and perennial beds including an All-America test garden featuring about 300 varieties of annuals about to be released. If you really want to dress up the club house, here's a good place to obtain ideas. Registration of \$8.00 includes a 16 oz. steak luncheon. DeLano, by the way, maintains a training program in horticulture at the school.

The editor makes a correction in reference to a notice in the July Bull Sheet.

Mike Gruening, one of Howard Baerwald's key employees at La Grange Country Club, moves to Nordic Hills Country Club to become Superintendent as of August 1st.



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Dear Ray:

You continue to gather interesting and informative material and put together an outstanding newsletter. The editorial by Jerry Hanko in the last **Bull Sheet** did stir my thoughts and some points should be brought forth in defense of us superintendents of today and hopefully of tomorrow.

Jerry mentioned our many talents. Many of us do have some good basic knowledge in weather forecasting, plant pathology, engineering, and many other fields. But, unfortunately, most of us are really not proficient enough in any of these fields to walk into one of these jobs and start working.

Most of us golf course superintendents would be bored with an 8 to 5 job, for too many of us enjoy the versatility of our profession. The game of chess we play with employees, weather, and chemical applications never ceases to amaze me and, I'm sure, many of my counterparts. Many of us also enjoy grooming our courses and thus creating a means of relaxation and pleasure for our golfers.

Jerry mentioned the inflation. Most of us are well aware of the rising rate of inflation, and not many of us have been able to get raises to compensate for this spiraling rate. But who has? You might think of a few, probably the first on the list being politicians. Also brought to mind might be those that were on strike for a big raise—they are the people that made the headlines, but one never sits down to figure out how much they lost trying to get their big raise. By the time their three-year contract is up, they many times haven't even made up what they lost while on strike.

Every man strives to make more money and to improve himself. In this fine country, anyone who is not satisfied with his occupation has the option to change. Jerry should be saluted for having the nerve to move on to farming. We need good farmers just as we need good men to manage our golf courses. But let us just consider what Jerry has to look forward to—long hours, weather forecasting, mechanical repairs, engineering, drainage expert, and putting up with the middle men milking off profits. Many of his problems will be similar to what he encountered as a golf course superintendent. We sure wish him luck and success in his endeavor. But rest assured—us common superintendents will be keeping tabs on him to make sure he doesn't "fatten his pockets" too much!

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Dr. Al Turgeon, Turf Specialist, University of Illinois, discussing the effects of nitrogen carriers on the spring green up of greens.



Merits of various ground covers are explained by Floyd Giles, Extension landscape expert with the University of Illinois.



Dr. Roscoe Randall, Entomologist, University of Illinois, fields questions on insecticides and thatch accumulation.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS SATELLITE PLOTS STAGE 1ST FIELD DAY

Turfmen in Northern Illinois got an official look at the New Glencoe experimental plots as the University of Illinois presented its first satellite field day.

The plots, located at the Botanic Gardens of the Chicago Horticulture Society were laid out just over one year ago to supplement work at the Urbana experiment station.

The group was welcomed by James A. Fizzell, Extension Horticulturist in Northeastern Illinois and M.C. of the program, and by Dr. Francis DeVos, Director of the Botanic Gardens.

Taking advantage of the exceptionally nice weather (a rarity this spring) the crowd was divided into groups which toured various stops in the plots to hear discussions of experiments in progress. Providing expertise were Dr. A. J. Turgeon, University of Illinois, speaking on varieties and fertility; Drs. William Meyers, Warrens Turf Farm, and Malcom Shurtleff, University of Illinois, who discussed diseases; Dr. Roscoe Randall, University of Illinois, on insect problems and Floyd Giles, University of Illinois, ground covers.

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Ed Fisher, Superintendent, would like to thank **Toro** and **Illinois Lawn** for the fine cooperation in the use of turf equipment in the preparation for the Western Open at Butler National Golf Course.

The Bull Sheet editor has received many inquiries as to the whereabouts of our longtime friend Jim Holms. Oscar Borgmeier recently received a letter from Jim stating some of his activities in recent years. I will pass on to you some of the work he has accomplished.

Many of you know Jim was with the U.S.G.A. Green Section for many years prior to March 1, 1969. At this time he joined Marvin Ferguson in greens designing and rebuilding.

These later years Jim has gone on his own in designing and rebuilding golf courses. He has two eighteen hole courses in Ft. Smith, Arkansas that he designed and built. Also rebuilt another one in the same city. He also built the Fianna Hills C.C. It can be made to play from 6,200 or 7,320 yds. Greens average 6,800 sq. ft. Jim also did some work in the Galesburg, Ill. area, helped build two nine hole courses in St. Louis area and rebuilt a green at Baleview C.C., Mo. and also at Spring Lake C.C. at Quincy, Ill. He also redesigned 3 greens at Kankakee C.C., Ill. Jim has signed up to design and build 9 holes at Pekin, Ill. this fall and 18 in Conway, Ark. He says he would like to get some work designing or redesigning some of the older golf holes in the Chicago area. I hope your wish comes true. We all wish you the best of luck. Address: James L. Holmes, 4103 Carter Creek, Bryan, Texas 77801.

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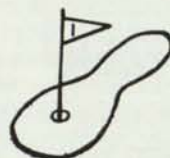
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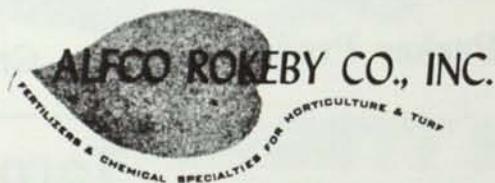
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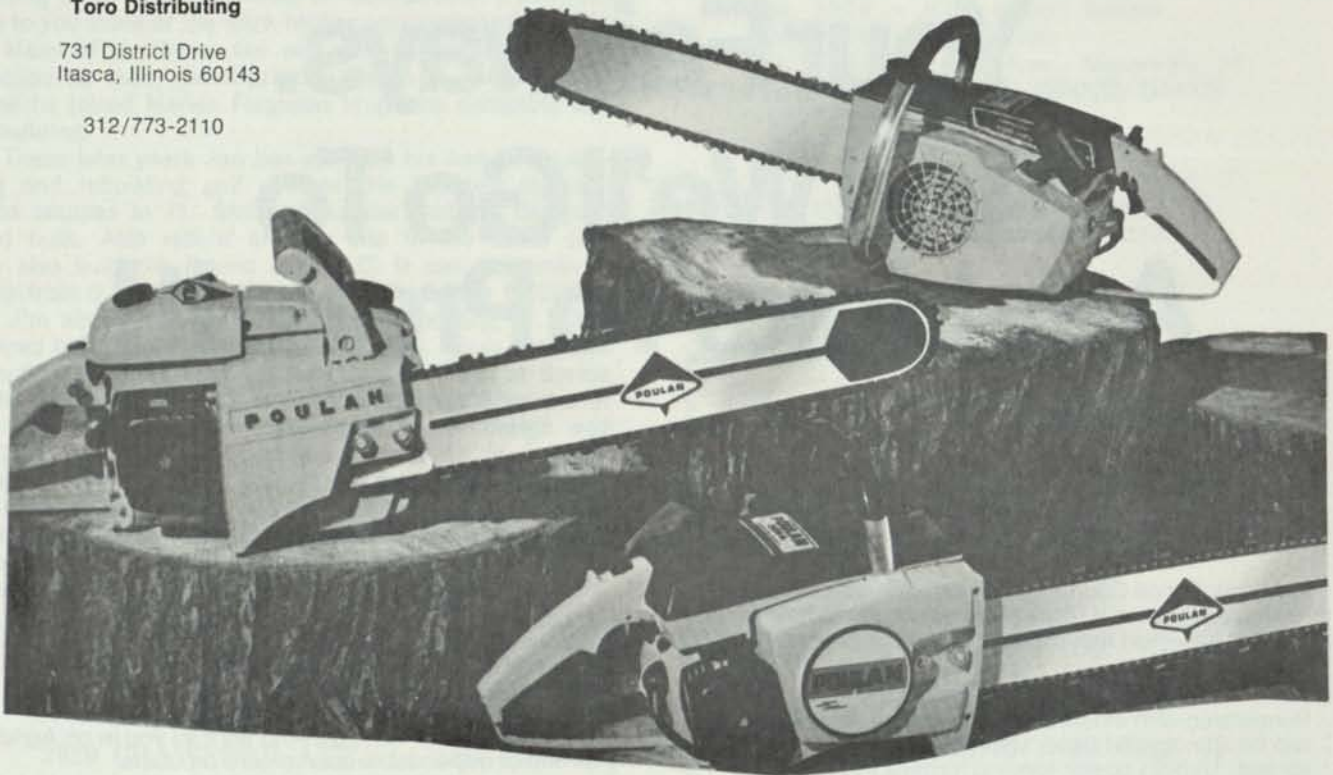
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