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Alby Staudt — President

The President's Message

At this point I imagine it is safe to assume that most everyone has their bags packed and is heading for the Conference in sunny California (?) Now, let's all try to help Mike Bavier get elected by talking this over with friends on Sunday and Monday. Mike's professional contributions in our area are very well known. Let's do our share to contribute to his successful campaign and election.

February is a month for education. First of all we attend the National Conference in California and then February 25th, 26th and 27th is the time set for the Mid-West Regional Turf Conference. The theme is, "My Experience Using Turf Information."

I have attended several meetings this past month and have spoken with supplier, dealer and manufacturer and most of them have the same opinion. Do not panic, the supply will be there, if, you order now. This way they will have knowledge of your needs and it will be easier to meet them.

Hope to see you all at the Conference in California and also the Conference in Purdue.

Albert Staudt

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Please send in your Midwest Association dues for 1974 to Secretary Mike Bavier. If you do not want to continue as a member, let Mike know, as he is updating his records at this time.

There will be no meeting of the Midwest Superintendents Association in February due to the G.C.S.A.A. Conference in Anaheim, California.

Guest Editorial

As I sit here I can't help but reflect back on the past year and what will lie ahead for me, my family, my work, my association and my friends. This past year has been one of fulfillment for me in many ways. My family has been healthy and happy, my work has been very demanding this year but extremely satisfying. My first year as a Director in the MAGCS has been an eye-opener in the amount of work that some of the Directors put into the association.

In reflecting back on our association meetings this past year—they were all well attended. But yet, when it came time for the educational part of the meeting, it seemed half the room got up and left for the bar. Why? And if they didn't get up and leave, then they held a conversation with their friends, making it difficult for the people who were interested to hear anything. Let alone making it difficult for the speaker to get his message across. At a couple of the meetings just plain rudeness prevailed. Again I ask why? Do you already know what the speaker has to say? Do you know the latest on the new variety of grasses, chemicals, or OSHA regulations? Or is the education session just boring and old stuff just being gone over again and again? If this last part is true, then get with it and let your wants be known. Just what does interest you? Do you want outside speakers, do you want round-table discussions, do you want to hear your fellow Superintendent?

At our last Midwest Clinic which was held at the Medinah Country Club we had an attendance of 137 people. This was our total attendance for the two days. The second day, though, only 67 people showed up, which is just less than half. With this type of a showing we are now in the process of deciding if our clinic should maybe cut down to only one day. Attendance itself at the last clinic is not the only reason for maybe cutting the clinic to one day. You have other turf conferences now being presented in our area that in years past didn't exist, like the Wisconsin Symposium, the University of Illinois, or even the Ohio Conference which a few of our members have attended. Another reason is the weather which many times is still good at that time of year and much work is still being done on the courses. Plus we are maybe going to have gas rationing to look forward to. What implications this will bring about is hard to tell. At any rate much thought will be given to this proposal of having only one day for our clinic.

If there are speakers or subject matter which you would like to hear at your meetings, please bring it to the attention of the Board of Directors or myself.

Fred Opperman, CGCS
Glen Oak Country Club

Bruce Sering is our Midwest Association voting delegate in Anaheim, Calif. Bruce will have a pocket full of votes and being a wheeler and dealer he will be willing to make a deal with other delegates. He always has a smile, especially when making a deal. Look him up and see for yourself.

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Midwest Breezes

John Jackman, Superintendent at Medinah Country Club, reports that he is building a new storage building, 45 ft. by 145 ft., for golf cars and other equipment.

Our apology to Charles (Scotty) Stewart. His ad was supposed to be in the January issue of the Bull Sheet. Somehow it got lost in the shuffle. Scotty is one of our first advertisers and has contributed many educational articles. So again, Scotty, accept our apology.

Richard Lemkey, Superintendent at Bryn Mawr Country Club, and Mrs. Lamkey have been vacationing in Hawaii. We all hope you enjoyed yourselves. Speaking from experience, I'm sure you did.

Walter Fuchs Sr., has taken the Superintendent position at Evanston Golf Club. We wish him the best of luck and welcome him back to the Chicago area.

Robert Krom, former Superintendent at Ridgemoor Country Club, is the new Superintendent at Rolling Green Country Club which was vacated by Denis E. Straus.

Dudley Smith, Superintendent at Silver Lake Golf Club, is in the hospital getting himself in good condition for the conference in Anaheim. We all wish you the best and will be looking for you in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bavier and family vacationed in Florida during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Reed took a trip to Florida during the holidays, visiting their son and Russel's brother. My information is both families had a wonderful time.

Robert Block, Superintendent at Sportsman Country Club, is recuperating from a heart attack. We all wish you a speedy recovery.

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Mr. Ray Gerber,
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Dear Ray:

In as much as the asbestos-cement pipe now being used on some golf course irrigation systems, I feel you will find the enclosed article timely for Bull Sheet publication.

In as much as the asbestos-cement pipe now being used is confined to irrigation water supply there should be little or no danger; however should drinking fountains on the course be connected to the irrigation system a definite hazard can be created if the suspicions of the medical researchers are confirmed.

Sincerely, Scotty

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Medical researchers have long suspected that asbestos contributes to cancer in the human body. This is somewhat borne out by the fact that workers in factories, and other places, where asbestos is used in the manufacture of products seems to have a somewhat higher cancer rate.

Walter Cronkite in a recent TV news cast stated that some researchers are now looking upon asbestos-cement pipe with suspicion where it carries domestic water. It is presumed that their thought is that the velocity of water flowing in the pipe might tear loose some of the asbestos fibers and carry them into the drinking water. The manufacturers of asbestos-cement pipe state this cannot happen.

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**FROM: Paul M. Alexander, Asst. Vice President —
Golf Sea Pines Co., Hilton Head Island, So. Carolina.**

RE: Michael R. Bavier, GCSAA Director Nominee

I just received material concerning Michael R. Bavier from Paul N. Voykin, Superintendent, Briarwood Country Club, Deerfield, Illinois. Paul is the President Emeritus of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents and is doing what he can to further Mike's candidacy for GCSAA directorship.

Inasmuch as I have known Mike on a personal basis for several years, I have absolutely no qualms in verifying the introductory information shown on the attached material. He is a well-qualified individual and has the drive and energy to do a good job for GCSAA as well as for all individuals within the profession.

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COMMON SENSE

A few weeks after moving to a new country club, a superintendent complained to the retiring superintendent of the golf course about the poor cooperation he had received from the club's general manager and also about how poorly he felt the whole operation was run by the club officials in general. He had hoped the retiring superintendent might repeat his feelings to the management of the club.

The next time the new superintendent went to the club house the general manager greeted him with a big smile, told him how happy he was to see him and that he hoped he liked his new home town and to please let him know if there was anything he could do to help him and his wife get settled. The manager also mentioned that several prominent members of the club were very pleased with the progress on the golf course in the short time he had been there.

Later the superintendent reported to the retiring superintendent of the miraculous change he had encountered with the manager. "I suppose you told the SOB how poor of an operation I thought he was running," he said.

"Well, no", the old superintendent said. "In fact — and I hope you don't mind — I told him you were amazed at the way he had built up this small club into what it is today; and that you thought it was one of the best run country clubs you have ever seen."

Moral to story: It's always easy to criticize something or someone — but where does it get you if you are not offering constructive criticism. The goal of criticism is to leave the person with the feeling he has been helped.

Reprint, Mid-Atlantic News Letter

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On January 12th the G.C.S.A.A. dedicated their new office building in Lawrence, Kansas. The Bull Sheet editor, being one of the past presidents, was invited to be a guest for this occasion. There were nine past presidents that attended. The hospitality I received was beyond my expectation. There was a cocktail hour on Friday evening, Jan. 11th, followed by a wonderful dinner in the Alameda Plaza Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri. We stayed overnight in this hotel. The next morning at 9:15 a bus was waiting for us at the door of the hotel. After a one hour and ten minute ride we arrived at the new office building. Within the building we were introduced to the office staff and taken on a tour of the building. At 11:30 our chartered bus took us to a nearby motel for lunch, at 12:45 we were back at the new office building for the arrival of the Governor of the State of Kansas. Also present was the Senator from Kansas and also the Mayor, which happens to be a lady, from the City of Lawrence, Kansas. Each of these three dignitaries gave a short welcome address to all of us from the State of Kansas.

The picture taking was in action all during the day. Some of these pictures you will see at a later date. The board of directors did a wonderful job along with the G.C.S.A.A. personnel in executing the many details that are required to make a dedication of this kind perform so well, as this one did. At 3 P.M. we boarded our charter bus for the airport. This is usually a one hour ride. I personally enjoyed the entire program. I had a chance to visit with many of my long time friends and made acquaintance with many new ones.

The new building is attractive next to a golf course. My other comment would be it appears to be a little far from the airport or other convenient public transportation. But then, again, maybe my age has something to do with this last statement.

Ray H. Gerber

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EPA REGULATIONS COULD SHUT DOWN CLUBS

Proposed EPA generic standards and regulations controlling the reentry of workers and others could force the closing of golf courses for a minimum of two days, and for as much as a week, after the application of pesticides and herbicides.

According to the EPA, limitations on entering treated areas will be established as follows:

1. Where labels on the chemicals bear the words, "Danger, Poison, and the Skull and Crossbones symbol" the period before reentry will be three days. Such chemicals will be defined as "Highly Toxic."
2. Labels with the word, "Warning" will be categorized as "Moderately Toxic" and reentry to treated areas will be restricted to 2 days.
3. Chemicals with labels bearing the word, "Caution" will be classified as "Slightly Toxic" and entry to treated areas will be permitted only after inspection shows that all dust has settled and all spray has dried.
4. Some pesticides, under ill-defined circumstances have been implicated as being especially dangerous in certain parts of the country. Reentry into fields treated with these will be permitted only after 5 days.

The proposed regulations will permit early reentry into any restricted area only if protective clothing is worn by the person or persons in the area. The minimum protection allowed for class 2 and 3 chemicals is "a coverall of closely woven material, normal footwear to cover the entire foot and an approved respirator." Classes 1 or 4 will require "an impermeable garment to cover the entire body, hat, natural rubber gloves, impermeable shoe coverings, and goggles or a face shield and an approved respirator."

While these proposed regulations do not single out golf courses, other soon-to-be-issued regulations dealing with the certification of applicators make specific reference to "turf". At the forthcoming hearings NCA will seek to clarify references and establish specific standards for golf courses.

Anyone can be a nobody. But it takes a special effort to be a somebody.

On January 23rd, 1974, the Midwest Golf Course Superintendents were saddened by the death of Ira W. Jury, retired superintendent from Forest Hills Country Club, Rockford, Illinois. Ira was one of our long-time devoted superintendents. He will be missed by his many friends. Our deepest sympathy to the entire Jury family.

Our January meeting was held at King's Palace in Lisle, Ill. It was well attended. Seventy-four members enjoyed a wonderful dinner. The highlight of the evening was the educational part. Jim Latham from the Milwaukee Sewerage Commission was in the spotlight and showed a moving picture of some of the past and present methods used in maintaining a golf course.



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INSECT PROBLEMS
 by Stanley Rachesky
 Entomologist — University of Illinois

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Every person in the world, without exception, has insect and small animal problems sometime in his life. Highly urbanized areas from New York to San Francisco will have identical problems occurring every year about the same time. The common seasonal occurrences, of course, involve mosquitoes in the summer, flies on picnics, house mice in the fall, a snake in the backyard, a tick invasion in late fall or winter—and the list goes on and on.

On the other hand, there are those problems that occur the year 'round—ants are a good example, pantry pests, cockroaches, carpet beetles, silverfish, termites, house flies, fleas, book lice (psocids). The list just seems endless, creating year 'round headaches for metropolitan residents.

Since January, 1967, I've been keeping records of the inquiries on pest problems that have arrived in my office from Chicagoland residents. Most of the questions and requests for help arrive in the form of letters. Over 250,000 inquiries have been received. Inquiries also were recorded from Chicagoland residents via telephone calls (35,000 plus) and office visitors (2,500 plus).

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There's no reason why the year 1974 will be any different where insects are concerned. They've inhabited this earth long before man, and will probably be here long after man is gone. Two of the reasons for the insect's great success is ability to reproduce in fantastic numbers and his ability to adapt to all environments—even manmade.

Every year brings with it new ideas. Let's keep safety first and foremost in our minds. Last year over 26,000 people died due to careless home accidents. Poisonings increased 14 percent. It could happen to you or to your children. Let's all use common sense this year when we use any type of pesticides. Read all labels and use the product according to instructions.

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