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Alby Staudt — President

The President's Message

Our annual voyage to the National Conference is over. All of us somewhat sad that Mike did not make it as Director — he certainly did put up a good fight. I personally would like to thank everyone who worked in Mike's behalf. Bruce Sering and Roger La Rochelle did an outstanding job just short of bringing him home a winner.

The Hospitality Room was enjoyed by all, whenever I stopped by there was a full house. Jerry Hanko, Carl Grassl and wives had everything under control. Many thanks for a job well done.

Ray Gerber did himself and the Midwest proud by the way he handled the opening educational program as moderator. Bruce Sering gave a fine report on "Living with Poa annua."

The weather was perfect and to my knowledge a most enjoyable time was had by everyone in attendance at Anaheim. The golfers of the Midwest team also reported good weather and a wonderful time playing the tournament. However, no one talked about their scores.

In closing I must say, as usual it was very gratifying to have had the opportunity to meet new friends and most of all renewing old friendships.

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Guest Editorial

Carl Hoppfan
REPORTS???

YOU BET!!!

To look back over the past years and analysis how one's feelings and opinion can and do change could very easily provide adequate material to write a book. For quite a number of years after having assumed golf course responsibilities I remained firmly convinced that my one and only purpose in life was to basically grow good turf. The truth of the matter is that growing good turf is but one of a number of responsibilities that are required before one can truthfully say he has filled the bill. To be able to communicate, not only to a Green Committee or Board of Directors, but to your golfer in general and make them all some what aware of the involvements that are a part of proper turf management ranks very high on the list. A report, no matter how long or short, but properly prepared and presented will bring about results equivalent to Spring fertilization.

For the past six years I have kept a very close record on golf course labor distribution. A daily recording of all job assignments by every member of my department has provided a tool that I have benefited from tremendously. Actually to break down the various care or maintenance requirements that are performed on the golf course is not that involved. If taken by categories such as greens, tees, fairways, etc., a rather easily understood system can be set up.

For instance, the lead category on my form is:

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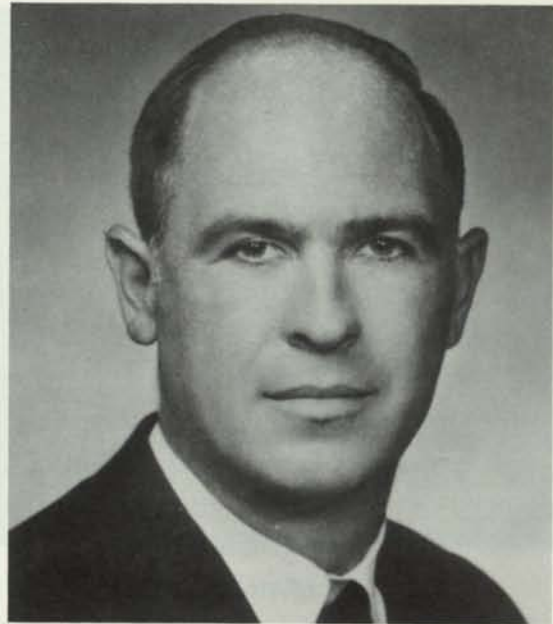
- A1 — mowing
- A2 — mowing banks
- A3 — changing cups
- A4 — aeration & topdressing
- A5 — fertilization
- A6 — spraying — pest
- A7 — watering
- A8 — misc.

Each worker has a breakdown card right in his time card slot and as he punches out each day just a few extra seconds are required to record the endeavors of the day.

Immediately adjacent to the time clock I have posted a form chart of all the various jobs and their respective code numbers. At the bottom of this chart, printed in very large and bold letters, is a small paragraph expounding on the importance of this labor report and the fact that compiling these figures is a waste of time unless everyone is completely honest as well as accurate in the recording of their duties. Bi-monthly I then collect and record the results of all the cards into a general ledger book.

To verbally attempt to convince a Green Committee or Board of Directors of the definite need for a certain piece of equipment too often fails. We now enter with something that everyone understands; numbers and dollar signs on a piece of paper. Six years ago, 1967, my labor records show that 4.5 men spent 2136 man hours maintaining our 84 sand traps. This was 15.9% of the total hours spent maintaining the entire golf course. Now, in 1973, 1.5 men spent 824 man hours maintaining the same traps, which was 7.4% of total hours worked.

A report clearly showing how one initial investment will in turn do a better job, save time, and most important of all cost no more and maybe even save money has sold more proposals of mine than days and weeks of talking has ever done.



Charles G. Baskin, G.C.S.A.A. President

ANAHEIM, CALIF.—The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America today announced that New Orleans, Louisiana has been selected as the site for the organization's 46th International Turfgrass Conference & Show, which will be held February 16-21, 1975, at The Rivergate.

"The Conference has been both gratifying and encouraging in its overall effect based on the participation of the many who are attending," stated newly elected GCSAA president Charles G. Baskin, who is superintendent of the Country Club of Waterbury (Conn.). "Record crowd attended the Conference. We expect to exceed these records in 1975," Baskin added.

Based in Lawrence, Kansas, GCSAA has nearly 3,600 members, including the nation's top golf course superintendents who are the pace setters in the production and maintenance of the world's finest golf turf.

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Editor

Midwest Breezes

Mr. and Mrs. William Saielli have become grandparents for the first time, a boy, on September 22. Congratulations.

The Western Open Golf Tournament will be held at Butler National Golf Club in the latter part of June. Ed Fisher is Superintendent.

Frank Krueger, former superintendent at Bartlett Hills Golf Club, has resigned and he has become superintendent at Palatine Hills Golf Club. Bill Miller, former superintendent, is retiring.

Donald Gerber, Superintendent at Chicago Golf Club, and wife Lyn are vacationing at Martinique Island, French West Indies.

There are many well educated golf course superintendents that receive a monthly issue of the Bull Sheet. How many have ever made an effort to contribute local news happenings or educational articles?

If the Midwest Superintendents Association is interested in continuing to publish a monthly news publication, it will be necessary, for every one to contribute items of interest. I do not believe it would be asking too much for each one of our Midwest members to write one article a year that I could publish.

There are approximately two hundred fifty on our golf courses in the Chicago area who would be qualified for this assignment. The timber is there but it appears the willing is lacking.

The board members are doing their share. Someday you may be one of them. How about getting some practice?

The cost of each issue of the Bull Sheet, to your mail box is approximately one dollar. None of this comes from your dues. Where can you get a better deal. The circulation of the Bull Sheet is four hundred twenty-five mailed to various parts of the United States and Canada. Your name could become known in various parts of the country, and the article could be picked up by some well-known magazine.

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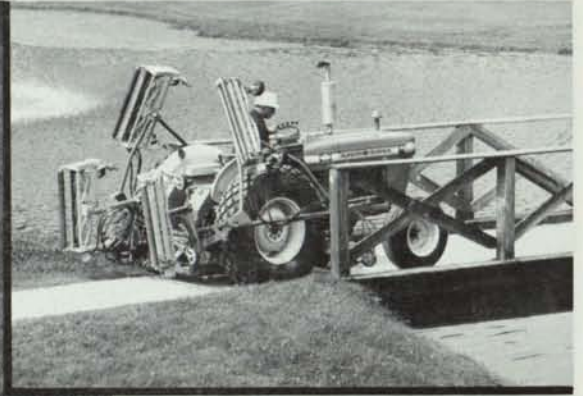
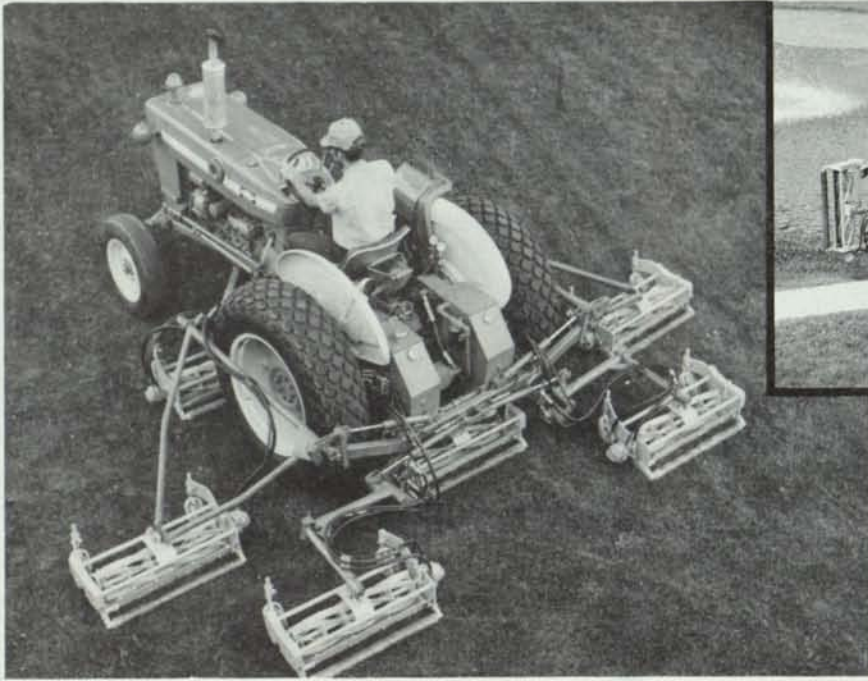
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Pat Sokolis



Into the violent fray
 the gallent golfer goes.
 With naught but his flimsy handicap
 to protect him though he knows
 The battle is hot and heavy
 and the chances to win are few.
 But bravely he marches forward,
 there's nothing else to do.

The morning is bright and quiet
 and green is the battleground,
 With grimly determined comrades
 striding all around.
 They all are prepared for conquest.
 Their eyes betray a glint,
 Yelling occasional battle crys
 in language I can't print.

The golfer is girded for battle
 in colorful combat dress.
 His boots are spiked and costly,
 His sweater is Arnie's best.
 His lips are parched, his forehead's wet
 and he prays with his heart and soul
 To break a hundred just this once,
 before the 19th hole.

The enemy stands before him
 secure in its little nest,
 Gleaming whitely defiant,
 waiting to see who's best.
 Elusive pars and birdies
 prepare yourselves to kneel!
 The golfer is ready to strike a blow.
 The battle's begun for real.

Time and again his weapon's raised -
 there couldn't be more at stake,
 But time and again his shot falls short
 and the ball goes in the lake!
 He won't give up! He won't lose face!
 A soldier's not mild or meek.
 No matter what he's won or lost,
 he'll do it again next week.

Weary and glad it's over
 our soldier straggles home,
 Ready to drop in a chair that's soft
 and tip a mug of foam.
 From the look of him and his weapons,
 You'd think he'd been through hell,
 But he's fought the war of his choosing
 and Oh! what a tale to tell!



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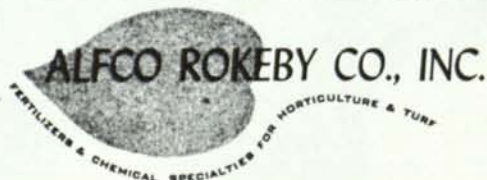
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