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Fred Opperman — President.

The President's Message

Did you ever stop to think of the one quality that everyone has? I mean, everyone has it. The butcher, baker, candlestick maker, husband, wife, sons & daughters, Superintendents and Green Chairmen. What is this quality that puts everyone together. Is it friendliness, compassion, love, hate, ice cream, or a good cold beer? No, it can't be any of those for I know some people who don't like beer. Faith, hope, religion, an optimist or a pessimist. No, they don't qualify either.

The quality that I feel that everyone has is HINDSIGHT. Webster's Dictionary defines hindsight as: ability to see, after the event, what should have been done; opposed to "foresight".

Good old hindsight - "If only I would have ...", "I wish I had a chance to do it over", "Had I only listened to his advice". What lessons are taught every day with hindsight. Novels are written about hindsight. It's the best instructor in the world and you don't need a college education to learn from it. One could say hindsight is from the school of hard knocks.

The important thing of hindsight is as the definition states: "the ability to see after the event, what should have been done." Hindsight is a learning experience only if we improve upon our **foresight**. May we all have the quality of foresight to improve and better ourselves in our profession and our everyday lives.

Ed Fischer is to be congratulated on the fine job he did on preparing and maintaining Butler National for the Western Open. The Western Golf Association is to be thanked for extending the courtesy of allowing G.C.S.A.A. Superintendents to be admitted free during the tournament.

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GOLF

There are definitely things in life which are much more important than classroom assignments. I strongly feel that golf has been the most important factor in shaping my life and personality.

Through my golfing experiences I have met older men whose conduct has always reflected the consumation of the highest possible principles and ideals. During my exposure to such men, I have come to realize the value of hard work, extremely fine self-expression, and most of all the value of becoming

a gentleman in every sense of that word.

In addition to helping me form relationships with wonderful people, golf has given me a code upon which I intend to base my entire life. All of golf is based upon three simple philosophies which are: play the ball as it lies, play the course as you find it, and always play fairly. When a person's life is based upon interpretations of these ideas, it cannot help but become a life of integrity and of the highest possible attainment. A golfer who plays the ball as it lies will never try to make a fast buck nor will he try to do things the easy way instead of the right way. When one plays the course as he finds it, he proves that he has the honor and the guts to face a challenge without complaint since he knows that personal achievement without any dishonest or even remotely dishonest assistance is a supreme reward. The last rule of golf which states that one must always play the game fairly applies not only to golf but to everything one does thru out his life. Anything done on the level is always a thing to be proud of.

I am glad I am a golf player because golf, when played as it was meant to be played, gives a man strength of character far and beyond any such strength

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Anonymous

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It should be borne in mind that PVC pipe has a thermal expansion, or contraction, of 2" per 100 ft. per 50 degree F change in temperature. This indicates that if a 50 degree F temperature change takes place in 1000 ft. of PVC pipe in the winter time, this length of pipe would be 20 inches shorter. This contraction makes the pipe pull apart or stretch the walls so they become weakened and produce pin hole leaks.

In those early days the PVC pipe was fabricated with solvent welded joints and no provision was made for pipe movement due to temperature changes. Today's method of installation is to fabricate the pipe in 20 ft. lengths with push-on joints, each joint acts as an expansion joint, this has eliminated the troubles we encountered in former years.

In view of all of the above, I am apprehensive of some recent construction methods where the plastic pipe is being pulled into the fairways. In order to do this the pipe must be fabricated with solvent weld joints for the modern push-on joint cannot be used. In other words, no provision is being made for movement due to temperature changes. ARE WE HEADING BACK FOR THE SAME TROUBLE WE RAN INTO 20 YEARS AGO BY PERMITTING PIPE TO BE PULLED INTO THE FAIRWAYS?

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Chi Chi Rodriguez - Tony Meyer

Woodridge Golf Club, 6300 S. Rte. 53, Lisle, Illinois was the site of an exhibition by former Western Open Champion Chi Chi Rodriguez on Monday, June 28th. Mr. Michael Lyons, Valley Forge, Pa. of Certain-Teed Products hosted 25 representatives from companies selling their products with a Golf Clinic by Chi Chi. followed by 18 holes of golf on the Woodland Course. which he played also.

At the end of the fifth hole Chi Chi was six under par and scored a 28 - seven under par on the first nine, which is a new course record. On the fourth hole, 137 yards, he made a HOLE IN ONE, which added to the excitement of the day. On the back nine he scored 40, which gave him a three under par - 68 for the day.

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EDITORIAL

By Ed Fischer, Supt.

The 1976 Western Open Golf Tournament is history, and I can safely say a much bigger success than last year. Some of our sports writers called it a "Ho-Hum Tournament", but anyone watching the Sunday round found it anything but "Ho-Hum."

There are a lot of problems and worries and believe it or not, even some humor in hosting a major tournament. On Monday morning when the caddies draw for their player, their conversation generally sounds like "Who is this guy?" and "I bet mine finishes higher than yours."

On Pro-Am day the rain evidently got to some of the pros. Chi Chi Rodriguez was playing so bad that on his 17th hole (the eighth hole on the course) he gave his club to the small boy carrying the standard. The youngster hit the first ball in the water and the second in the trees. Chi Chi said that's exactly how he would have played the hole.

After the afternoon round was washed out, one of the amateurs, after playing five holes and drinking five Scotches, joked that the afternoon had cost him \$100 a hole.

On Thursday the serious golf started along with the serious girl watching. The TPD officials have radios and it doesn't take long for the word to get spread about the good looking female spectators.

This past spring we had a pair of Canadian geese hatch four young and they have owned the waters of Butler National ever since. On Monday morning some of their relatives arrived to watch the tournament. This made the total about 30 geese. On Friday some of them decided to nap on the front of 5 green and there was no way to move them. For two hours play continued while the geese napped on the front of the green.

It's a good feeling Sunday night when it is all over and the winner is in the Press Conference telling how he won or was given the tournament. But on Monday morning the work starts again along with the chance to look back with satisfaction at a job well done.

A HINT FROM AN OLD TIMER PAUL N. VOYKIN

At this time of the year the greens are terribly pock-marked with ball-marks. The usual procedure has been to mix a little dirt, seed and fertilizer, then on some Monday fill in all the deep ball-mark holes with this top-dressing mixture. The only problem with this old method is that no matter how porous the topsoil used for filling in the ball-mark holes the dirt is usually spread by the mowers in the early mornings when the grass is wet, making unsightly dirt streaks, and leaving a "gum" like appearance all over the greens. Rarely does the grass come up the way that we would like it to. I think now I have a better way to do this. Here's what I do. I mix seaside bent, along with some Milorganite (the real fine type) together with the very fine TERRA GREEN CALCINED CLAY. This works out beautiful. It's easy to apply and there are no dirt or streak marks and no "gummy" appearance afterwards. The mowing units ride over the calcined repair-marks smoothing out the putting surface and leaving the green perfectly clean. In a few days usually up pops the seed. It's a clean practical solution to an old problem and it works one hundred percent all the time. Best of all, when the members see the seeded brown ball-mark holes, before the grass comes up, they say, "Did we do that?" Then for awhile (a very short while) everyone fixes their ball-marks like everything.

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Hi, Ladies! Hope your month was a fun one, and that you can get that favorite husband to slow down and enjoy some of his summer. Too bad we can't initiate a comfortable summer for our fellas. Linda, a belated but sincerely sent congratulations to you and Roger on the arrival of your long awaited baby. Is Roger as good changing diapers as he is Cups?? Good luck to Ma Ma and Da Da LaRochelle. Remember, girls, anything that may interest you surely interests us so send it.

THOUGHT: The people who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than those who try to do

nothing and succeed.

Dear Mrs. Grass 'L',

Sorry to hear you're not getting much response to your column. I suppose everyone thinks they're not creative enough to come up with something good enough for print. I, for one, know I'm not, but I've enjoyed reading it, and I don't want to see it end so I'll make an attempt. I thought Nita's idea about a luncheon was terrific. I was not able to attend as I work during the week, but as of mid-September I will become a full time wife and MOTHER!!! I'm really looking forward to it, so I hope the luncheon is a great success and it becomes a permanent fixture on our calendars, so the next time around I can attend. Like I said, nothing creative, just a little news. Let you know more in September after the Big Arrival.

Sue Matchen

Dear Sue,

Thanks for taking the time to drop me your most welcomed letter. If it's a question to you on your creativity, just hang in there, come September you'll have all the proof of where a good part of your creativity lies. Good luck to you and Mike.

Dear Mrs. Grass 'L',

I thought the ladies would like to try my Old Fashioned Fondue, a crabmeat fondue. My guests have always asked for the recipe.

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No Name Submitted

CHICKEN SOUP VOYKIN

Our Editor, Ray Gerber, and now Mrs. Grass 'L' continue to ask us to contribute articles. So, here is my contribution for the Ladies Column.

How To Make Chicken Soup

In these days of Equal Rights there is no reason why a Golf Course Superintendent can't don an apron and excel in the kitchen as well as out on the Golf Course. After all, we just about do everything else and aren't men the best cooks in the world?? But there is no need for the ladies to be alarmed, their position as housewife will be safe. My encroachment into the interesting field of cuisine is limited to only one dish -CHICKEN SOUP.

Here now is my recipe, guaranteed to be the best chicken soup you will ever taste. (or you can take the chicken back) First of all - get a nice stewing chicken, but be sure it's on sale and never over 39 cents a pound. The stewing chicken I like the best, if you can get them, are "gift wrapped" with expensive looking covering, usually with a well known brand name stamped on the breast. However, a defrocked stewing chicken is almost as good though often less fatty.

Chop up the chicken into about five large pieces, and don't throw the gizzard, heart or liver away unless you are throwing it into the pot along with the rest of the chicken. (The pot should hold about 3 gallons of water). Now put in two medium sized whole onions and bring everything to a fast boil; then turn the flame down to a simmer position. Now, this is the most important part of the recipe - go to sleep for two hours or so. I don't know why this is so important but, I know one thing, if you stay awake and don't take a nap, the soup never tastes as good. Leave the soup alone, simmering slowly with the lid covering all but a small portion of the top to let the aroma float through the air to make the nap that much more pleasant.

After you awaken, skim the fat off carefully then proceed to chop up 3 or 4 carrots along with the same amount of celery stalks. Throw the vegetables into the pot but take one of the onions out, just one, and throw it out. Quickly put in about 3/4 cup of washed rice along with some chopped parsley (being careful to leave the fingers on the hand) and a good dash of black pepper. Then fast boil everything in the pot for about 20 minutes more. NOW, turn the flame off and salt to taste.

Now, call the kids in for a most divine experience -CHICKEN SOUP A LA VOYKIN. Since my wife has been ill for some time, we have had it for three straight weeks and we are all doing nicely (and so is she).

Paul Voykin **Grounds Superintendent Briarwood Country Club** Deerfield Road Deerfield, Illinois 60015

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MIDWEST BREEZES

The June 21 meeting of the MAGCS held at Ruth Lake Country Club was enjoyed by 120 members. 79 played golf on a beautiful conditioned course. Even though it was held on a Monday when normally the club is closed, the service was super! Mr. C. Mangrum, guest speaker of the evening who represents the Tournament Pro. Division, was asked why some pros. criticize the condition of the golf course when others state it is in perfect condition. The reply was most of us only know what the **news media** puts in the paper and that is not always the same statement that was made in the press tent by the pros.

We are all sorry to hear that Ed Braunsky, Supt. at Prestbury Golf Course is in the hospital in Aurora. We all hope it is for only a short stay and he will soon be back on the job and may be doing a little fishing.

The MAGCS has a ruling that anyone attending meetings who does not have a sport coat or suit coat should pay a visit to his men's store and purchase one. You will be compelled to wear a sport coat or suit coat during the dinner hour.

At the June 21 MAGCS meeting the members voted Mike Bavier as their voting delegate at the G.C.S.A.A. annual conference in February 1977, and Roger LaRochelle as alternate.

The Western Open golf tournament played at Butler National Golf Club the later part of June is now past history. I am sure that many of the Western Open players would like to forget that there was such a place as Butler National Golf Course. Instead of the pro's taking the golf course apart, the course took the pro's apart. It sure was good to see many of the touring pros come out and support a worthy tournament such as the Western Open.

Those who would quality and said no, in my book they would be classed as chicken. By taking part in an event such as one of this nature would help make it possible for many, boy or girl, to get a college education. Evidently a percentage of the big name players care very little if the caddie gets a college

education. But they are happy to have him carry their golf bag and help them find their ball that found its way in the rough and many other duties.

The editor made a visit to Butler National Golf Course during the Western Open and found the golf course in beautiful condition. This proves what time, patience and hard work will do. It also proved that Ed Fischer, Superintendent, has been burning midnight oil and not paying any attention to the clock on the wall.

Paul Ardissono, assistant Superintendent at Glen Oak Country Club has taken the position as head Supt. at Long Beach Country Club, Michigan City, Indiana. Good luck, Paul and may the wind always be at your back.

We are all sorry to hear that Ben Warren was taken to a hospital on July 7 due to a heart problem. We hope it will be for a very short period of time.



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