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On August 23, 1976 the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation is going to be holding their 2nd Annual Golf Day at the Indian Lakes Country Club in Bloomingdale, Illinois. The purpose of this event is to raise research money for Dr. Al Turgeon to be used at the University of Illinois Turf Plots. Last year's Golf Day raised about \$7,500.00. This year the state has been divided into three zones and there will be a Golf Day in each of these zones, one being held in the Springfield area and the other in the St. Louis area.

The same format will be again used as last year where Golf Day tickets are sold along with books of raffle tickets. Dick Lamkey, Golf Day Chairman, reports that there will be some super prizes and a wonderful trip for the lucky raffle ticket winners.

The Illinois Turfgrass Foundation is in dire need of funds to continue and keep up with all the research that it can so our industry can prosper. Golfers are demanding better and better conditions all the time. For us in the field it means we need more and better "tools of the trade" to keep up with this demand.

If each Golf Course Superintendent would approach their club and ask for at least \$1.00 per member or \$1.00 per golfer for one day at a public fee course, this would put thousands of dollars into turf research. This then might enable the foundation to put on a full time staff to maintain the experimental turf plots located around the state. At the present time "volunteers" are keeping the plots up to the best of their time and ability.

Let's all make an effort to drum up support for this very worthy cause and get our clubs and ourselves to contribute financially to it.

NEWS RELEASE

Sprinkler Irrigation Supply Co. has recently hired John Olman who is graduated from the University of Maryland in Golf Course Architecture. John has recently worked with Edmund B. Ault Golf Course Architects out of Bethesda, Md. on irrigation design. John will be calling on all of the golf courses in the Chicago area for our company. Please feel free to call John on your irrigation problem. Area 312, phone 629-7730.

Mrs. Grass "L"
846 N. Fairview Ave.
Park Ridge, Ill. 60068

Hi Ladies! Hope you're enjoying the busy summer. By the time you read this we would have had our Luncheon at Long Grove. As I'm praying for now, it was a sunny day. Heaven knows if it rained we would have had to stay home and watched our green shag rugs. When it rains, Hubbies are liable to mow anything at 3/4 of an inch. Of course it could be worse, they could always aerate it.

Glad to report no one is on vacation. I guess everyone has decided to wait for the ideal month. Had a nice talk with Lucy Rosset and as any mother of five, she is quite busy. Especially with Daddy Ron on the twenty-four hour shift at the club.

Thank you, Ray (our male editor), for your most understanding statement. It was a real boost to my morale. If the men don't realize your efforts, I sure do and your shoes would be hard to fill. Well, no more encouragement towards you or the women will fill mine with cement.

THOUGHT: Impossible things are simply those which so far have never been done. Bye Bye.

LETTERS TO MRS. GRASS "L"

Dear Mrs. Grass "L":

Just thought I'd pass a helpful hint to those of you with small children. I've used it for years. With the accident season upon us and knowing that we treat everything from a bump on the head to a twisted ankle with an ice pack -- the perfect, always ready, never messy ice pack is a FROZEN CAN OF JUICE!!! Just take it from the freezer, wrap it in a wash cloth, and apply. It always helps the injury and generally makes the patient laugh, too! (When the pain is gone, it goes back into the freezer).

Meredith Gilman

Dear Meredith,

Thanks ever so much for sharing your first aid technique with us. In fact, it's a double standard, after the child resumes his playful state, just mix juice as directed and add a pinch of vodka for Mom. Also Meredith, your added message was warmly accepted, and Thank you. Don't hesitate to send anything, we ladies need every helpful tip!!!

Dear Ray:

I am interested in locating some golf courses in the area where the superintendents may be having an insect problem on the turf. If you know of any, would you have them contact me? Your help is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Stanley Rachesky
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Dear Joe:

Please convey to the members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents my sincere appreciation naming me an honorary member this year. There are a number of 50th Anniversaries this year but none is more meaningful to us as is yours.

A Fiftieth Anniversary tempts us to look backward and be proud of our heritage and accomplishments. It should also demand that we look ahead to an even greater "second 50". The difficulties in the future will be more severe and certainly more varied with less elbow room in which to operate.

In the next 50 years your Association can mean more to the individual member than ever before. But more individual effort will be required to help the officers and directors achieve that potential. I'll be glad to assist if I can.

Thanks again for the honor.

Sincerely,

James M. Latham, Jr.
Chief Field Agronomist
Turf Service Bureau

Dear Joe:

Thank you very much for the Honorary Membership in your organization. I always enjoyed being with your group and getting involved in discussions with the members on problems concerning the turfgrass management.

I am enjoying my work in Oregon very much. Hopefully someday we will develop a new improved ryegrass or bluegrass variety that is well adapted to the Chicago area.

Our third daughter, Bridget Kathleen, was born last weekend which is really keeping us busy.

Please give my regards to all of the fellows in the Chicago area.

Sincerely,

William A. Meyer, Ph. D.
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Editorial by

Peter Voykin, Supt., Idlewild C. C.

Ever since I can remember I have liked the colors of green and blue. These colors never seem crowded and feel free.

Maybe that is why so many beautiful years ago I, Peter Voykin, was attracted to working in a golf course in Saskatoon Sask, Canada in 1949.

It was simple then, cut the grass, water the grass, put in my eight hours and then hurry to practice or play golf. Why not? I was a laborer then.

After Saskatoon, brother Paul and I decided to go to Jasper, Canada; one of the most beautiful places I have ever been or worked.

I worked for a wonderful and understanding man; Paps Brinkworth. Many of you may know his sons, Gordon, a golf course superintendent in California, and Babe, a V.I.P. with Toro Sales.

That year I was made foreman and with this responsibility I started to realize about green and blue. Green is for the grass and blue is for the sky and the water. I also realized how these colors need each other.

From Jasper, I was hired by Gordon Brinkworth to be his assistant at Olympia Fields Country Club. After three years I became head superintendent at Elcona in Elkhart, Indiana for one year.

I left there to start at Idlewild Country Club where I have held the superintendent position for 18 years to this date.

My cycle in golf course work has taken 26 years and I am still learning, and I want to continue contributing to my favorite colors; green and blue.



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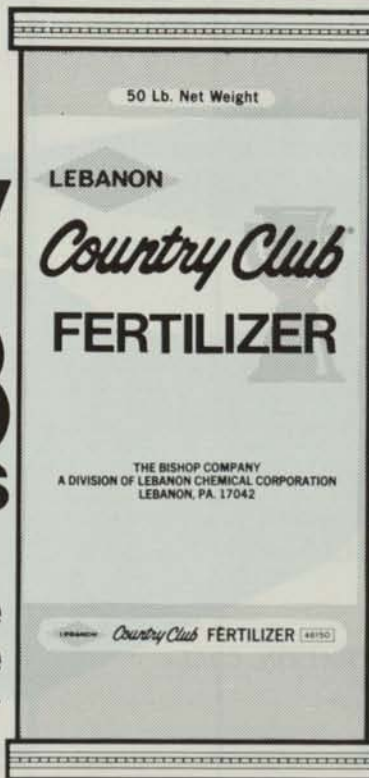
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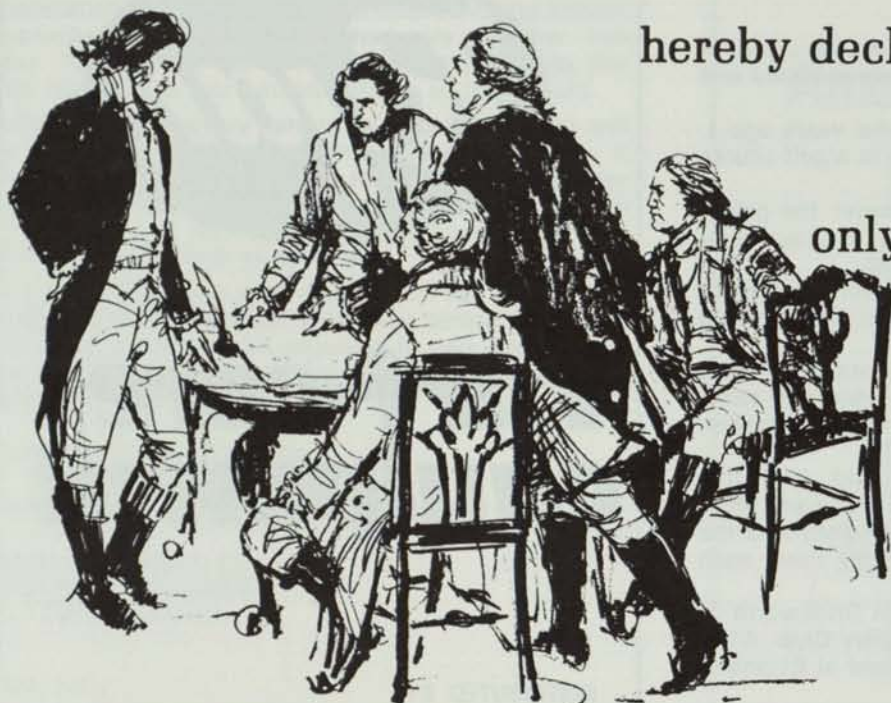


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- * One drop of Scotch in 16 gallons of water - a very weak highball indeed.

Submitted by C. E. (Scotty) Stewart

Automatic irrigation systems are now being installed at the Pipe O' Peace Golf Course and Edgebrook Golf Course, both of these courses are owned and operated by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, and C. E. (Scotty) Stewart, who is the irrigation consultant for the District, reports that this now makes seven of the golf courses owned by the District to have automated irrigation systems.

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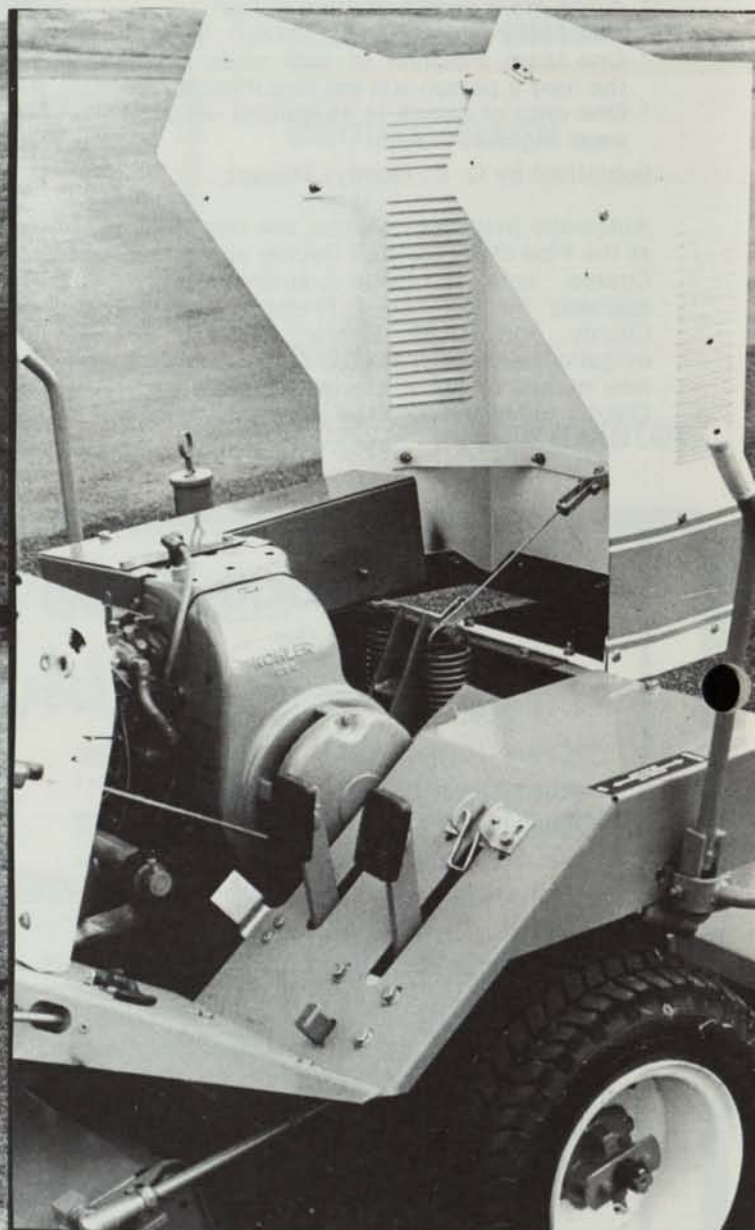
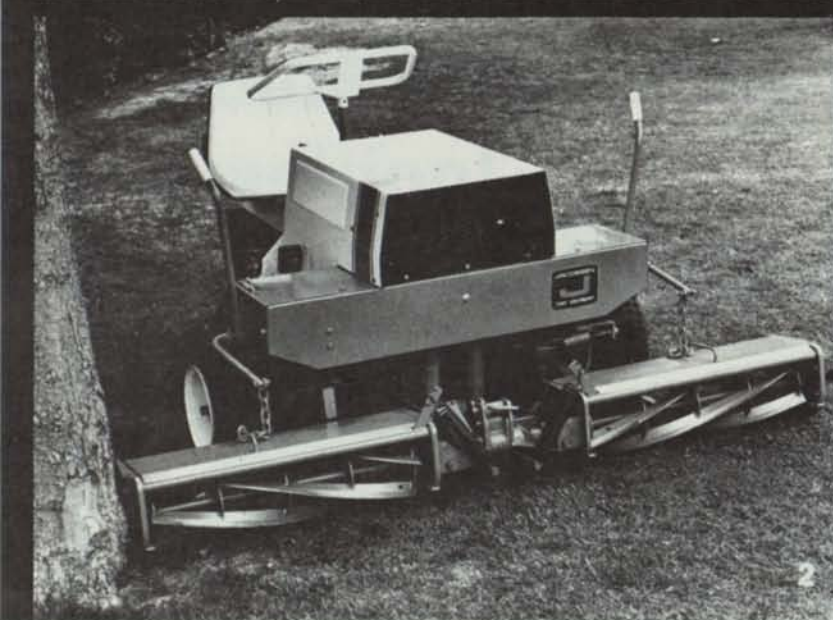
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Preliminary plans for the event call for a full day of festivities including demonstrations of 1926, or older equipment, and historic displays.

As a member of the Golden Anniversary Committee, part of my responsibilities are to find "Old Equipment" dated somewhere between 1926 and 1936 for an "Inside Display".

The Inside Display will consist of small golf course equipment, pictures, books, magazines, letters and other old golf course items. A list is to follow. If you should have anything that would help in reliving those days of 'yesteryears', please contact me at AC 219-747-3016 or write to the address below so we can make the proper arrangements for transportation to Sylvania C. C. for the Golden Anniversary Celebration. Anything loaned will be treated gently and returned after the festivities at our expense.

A helpful list of old equipment for the Inside Display:

small golf course equipment: divot tools; old spiking shoes; wooden rakes; cup changers; flags, poles, cups; leather horse shoes; spreaders; tee marker stations; horse drawn sod cutter; verti-cut rakes.

pictures: of old golf course equipment; before and after of golf courses; courses in construction - being done by horses!; golfers (men and women) in 1926 clothes; picture postcards; cartoons of golfers or golf courses; newspaper picture clippings; old prints or paintings.

books: on golf course maintenance; turfgrass books; golf course architecture; golf course construction; bibliography books; golf course superintendent magazines; golf course rules.

letters: from other superintendents; maybe from a United States President or Foreign leader; newspaper clippings.

misc.: information pamphlets from manufactures on chemicals; pamphlets from universities on golf course maintenance; unusual wooden golf clubs.

Your help would be most appreciated to relive those 'yesteryears' and to help make your Golden Anniversary a success!

Thanking you in advance for looking in those dark attics and closets and in those out of the way places around the maintenance building, I remain

Sincerely yours,

John P. Leeper, CGCS
Golden Anniversary Committee Member
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MIDWEST BREEZES

The M.A.G.C.S. May 24th meeting held at Fox Lake Country Club had an attendance of 86. Sixty-five golfers enjoyed their game on a fine conditioned course. This was made possible by the supervision of Superintendent Ray Kearney.

The highlight of the day was a **hole in one** made by Bob Dugid, the on the line shooter, from Roseman Mower Corp. Congratulations, Bob! This event was witnessed by his playing partner, Joe Canale of Deer Park Golf Club. Joe says this ties him because he also has had the same experience.

 The M.A.G.C.S. 1976 fall dinner dance will be held at Silver Lake Country Club on November 19. More details later.

 Congratulations are in order to Mr. and Mrs. Roger LaRochelle. A boy named Bradley, weighing 7 lbs. 10 oz., came to live with them on May 27, 1976.

 The M.A.G.C.S. Secretary Joe Grenko reports there are several Midwest members that are delinquent in the payment of their dues for 1976. To those of you who failed to pay your dues by July 6th, 1976, your name will be removed from the **Bull Sheet** mailing list.

 The M.A.G.C.S. July 19th meeting will be held at Exmoor Country Club. John Jaeger, Superintendent, will be our host. You old-timers try to attend and say hello to Bill Stupple, the long-time Superintendent at Exmoor prior to his retirement. Bill may be in a position to teach you some new card tricks that he has learned in recent years.

 Ben and Dorothy "Carey" Warren have returned from a honeymoon trip to Hawaii, and from visiting friends in California. Welcome back and we all sure hope you had a grand time.

 Ray Schei, former golf course Supt. at Fox Lake C. C. will take over the Supt.'s position at Ruth Lake C. C. on July 1st. This position is vacated by Lester Mach.

Dear Mr. Grenko:

Thank you and your fellow members of the Midwest for honoring my brother Joe and me with honorary memberships in the Midwest.

These memberships are thoughtfulness we deeply appreciate because we grew up in golf with the Midwest Association. We were there when it was born and its parents were dear friends of ours when the going was simple but rough.

Joe and I always have taken high pride in being regarded as teammates of the Midwest members and in their character, achievements and standards of responsibility and performance in a very exacting and important element of golf.

Many times we have spoken and written of what pioneer Midwest superintendents have done in contributing more to the beauty of the country, the development of environmental values and the brightening of American aesthetics; far more than any other men in sports.

Now, again, Joe, you know how warmly two of your old fellow members regard you all.

Sincerely,

Herb Graffis

MAGCS Golf Outing Rules and Procedures

- (1) All members must show MAGCS card to starter before teeing off.
- (2) No guests are allowed other than club officials.
- (3) A fee of \$4.00 for prizes is required from every member before teeing off.
- (4) Any member playing golf must pay for a dinner ticket before teeing off.
- (5) Any member winning a prize must be present at the MAGCS meeting in order to receive his prize. There will be no holding of prizes for members not present at the business meeting.

MAGCS Golf Team To Toledo

- (1) MAGCS A and B members are eligible.
- (2) All scores are being kept from MAGCS outings to determine low four players to represent the MAGCS in The GCSAA Tournament. Three scores are to be used to average net score.
- (3) MAGCS Tournament Winner at Exmoor C. C. on July 19, will be designated as team captain if he makes the trip to Toledo. Otherwise the player with the net low stroke average on the team in Toledo will be designated as captain.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce A. Burchfield
Golf Chairman

Dear Joe:

Should like to thank you and the Midwest Association for honoring me with membership again this year. It was very thoughtful of you and I am most grateful for the consideration.

I look forward to having an opportunity to visit in the Chicago area this coming season. Should like to wish you and entire association a most successful season.

With best personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,

James R. Watson
Vice President - Toro Mfg. Co.