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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now, this is the law of the jungle--as old and as true as the sky: and the wolf that shall keep it may prosper, but the wolf that shall break it must die.

As the creeper that girdles the tree trunk, the law runneth forward and back.

For the strength of the pack is the wolf, and the strength of the wolf is the pack!

As most of us know, our "Poet Laureat", Ken Zanzig, is not the author of these line, but it is the opening of Rudyard Kipling's "The Law of the Jungle" and I cannot think of a better way to describe my thoughts on the role of the members in the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents. To have a strong and effective association, we must work together and have an awareness of the fact that if we help the MAGCS, the MAGCS can help us!!

I'm sure that in many of the clubs in the area, most members know the names of the lockerman and the bartenders, but aren't quite sure just who the superintendent is. We are in a lot of respects like Jackson, Sorey, Albrecht, Neal and Lick, about the only time their names are mentioned in the paper is when they are caught holding. The superintendent's name is usually bantered around the lockerroom and the bar--when there is something less than perfect on the course!

To be sure, I know of no positive "cure all" for this, but, if we are going to get any recognition, it will have to come from a well planned and just as well organized effort. What, you may say, is to be gained ... if we are to get the recognition we deserve. Hopefully, more money! There is little doubt that most managers and pros are making a better living out of golf than the superintendent at their club. The superintendent's efforts to provide an enjoyable time on the course is a much more necessary factor than any other phase of the operation, and he should be rewarded in proportion. He will never win in a popularity contest that includes the manager and pro, but he should at least get a fair share of the pie. We as an association have to make that happen!

Soon it will be time to seek names to man the booth at the flower show. This is one of the events that can benefit both the association and the members by participating. So get involved--you will like it!

This may come as a surprise to some, but these messages do not come down from a mountain chiseled in tablets of stone. So if anyone disagrees with the contents, thoughts, or as little as a sentence in these messages, I am sure Ray will give you equal space to express your view in the **Bull Sheet**.

Robert Breen

GOLF COURSE SUPTS. SUMMARY

A man of many hats, the Golf Course Superintendent is required to be versed in agronomy, horticulture, entomology, plant pathology, landscape architecture, construction, accounting, meteorology, civil engineering and mechanics, as well as public and labor relations.

The Superintendent's qualifications, responsibilities and requirements will vary tremendously from course to course, but the basic aspects will always be present in one form or another. Dedicated to the ideal of producing the highest quality playing conditions, in the most efficient and economical manner, the Golf Course Superintendent will endeavor to accomplish that ideal regardless of any diversity he may face.

Being cognizant of the Golf Course Superintendent's qualifications, responsibilities and requirements should ultimately result in a greater understanding and appreciation of the game of golf and the importance of the Superintendent's role. In reality, the game can progress only as rapidly as the Golf Course Superintendent's profession realizes greater heights and is given full opportunity to implement its speciality.

In 1926 the men of the fledgling turfgrass maintenance industry realized that there was tremendous education and professional opportunities to be gained by uniting, and in that year formed the National Association of Greenkeepers of America. The organization had, as one of its primary objectives, the promotion of efficient, economical and up-to-date maintenance of golf courses.

Today, after two name changes, the Superintendent's professional organization, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, continues to operate under those objectives, placing more emphasis on the management aspects of golf course operations. The progress achieved in the profession and playing conditions is due in no small measure to the accomplishments of the Association and the cooperation of its members.

Mr. George Haddad
BoJo Turf Supply Co.
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Dear George:

This letter is to express my appreciation to you for the courtesies extended during my participation in the 26th Annual Midwest Turf Clinic. I appreciated your picking me up at the airport and giving me all the important sights into the turf situation in that area.

I was pleased to attend the Conference and share the information we have gained through our years of work with the black turfgrass ateniensis. The visitation we had Wednesday night with the rest of the superintendents was indeed very informative. Through this discussion I think we have some trials set up on at least Ravisloe Country Club and Jim Mitteer's course, Calumet Country Club. Dr. Randall will be arranging for some trials at these locations and I plan to participate by being there when the data from the treated and untreated areas are taken.

May I also take this opportunity to express my thanks to you for your financial support for the ateniensis program. I know that you thoroughly understand the value of contribution such as the one you made. Perhaps those funds will help defray the cost of our coming to the Medinah area in 1979 to evaluate some of the trials that Dr. Randall will set up.

Harry D. Niemczyk, Ph. D.
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"A WINTER THOUGHT"

It's that time of the year, we all can look back.

Was it a good year? Was I on the right track?
How can I improve? Where did I lack?

Tomorrow's a new season, so let's look ahead.

Let's fluff the pillows, remake the bed.

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Keep warm, Superintendently;

Kenneth R. Zanzig
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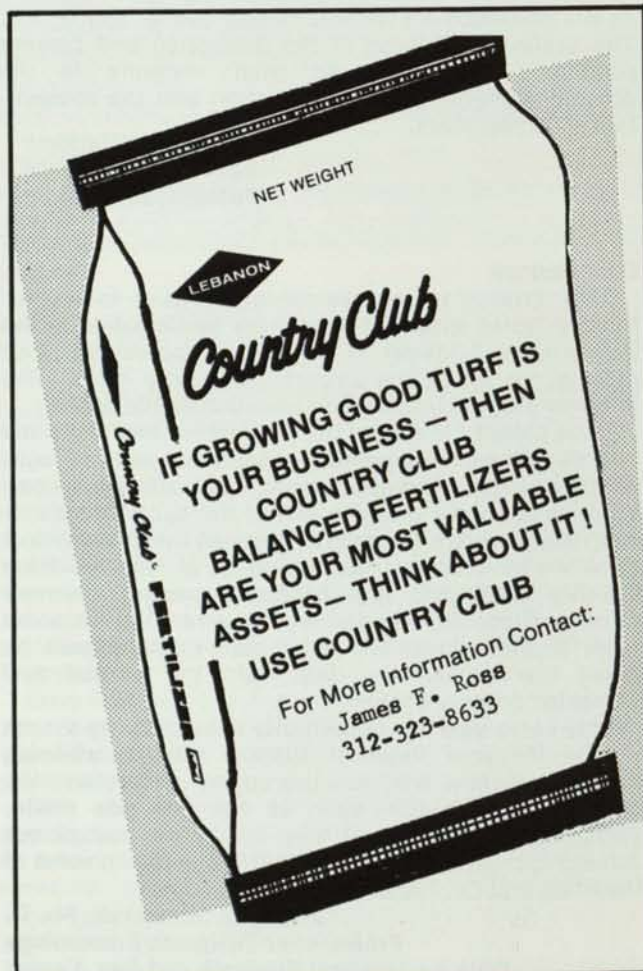
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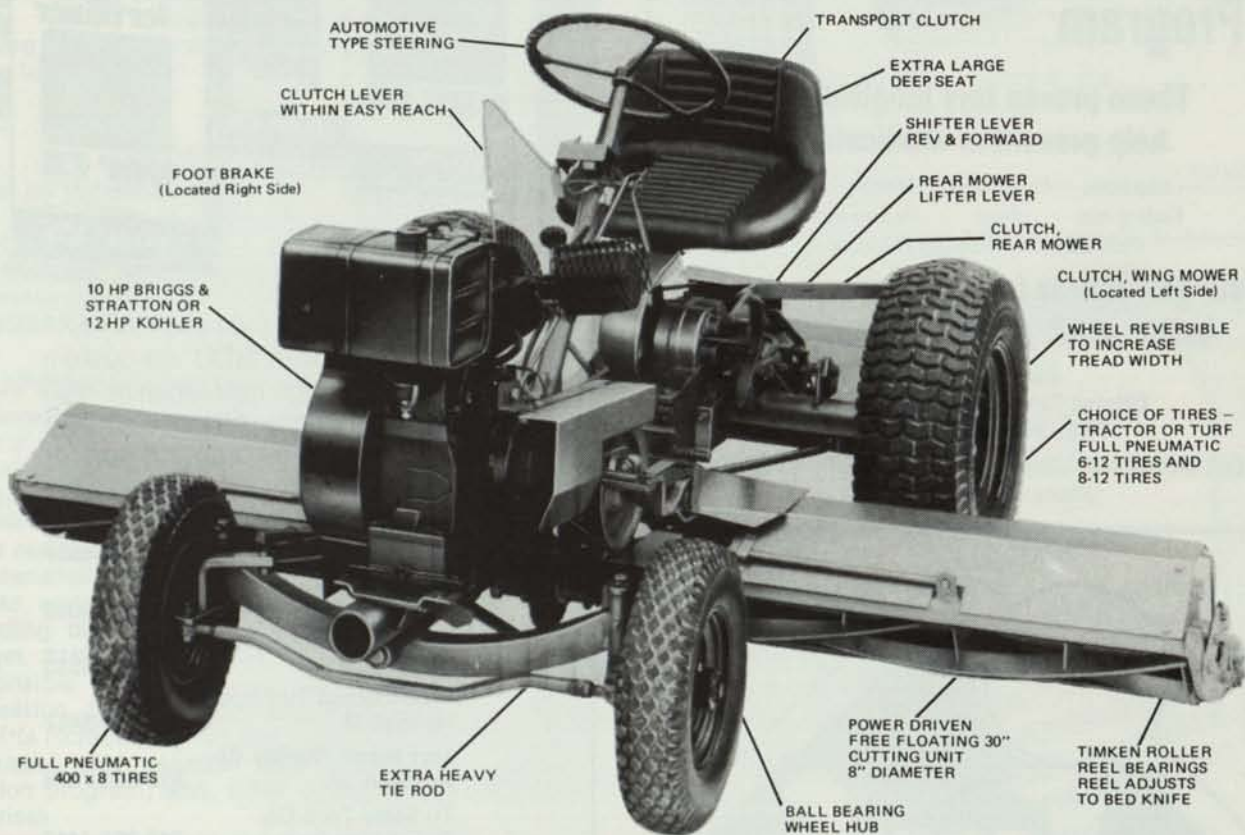
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COMPARING BUDGETS

As you examine the results of various course maintenance surveys, please remember that practically every golf club has a different objective when it comes to a standard of course maintenance. Thus, as Bob Williams noted in a discussion of efficiency and course maintenance, "let us be mindful that we have to adjust the shoe to fit the foot. Few statements can be made to apply to the majority of cases. No standard can be set to apply to all of our clubs."

Should we really compare budgets after all? William Bengueyfield, director of the Western Region of the USGA Green Section once noted that "it doesn't really matter if a superintendent's answer to this question is NO! It doesn't really matter if we respond in the firmest possible way. That fact is — budgets and golf courses will be compared by club officials — always! When it comes to economic matters, man must be logical. He must standardize, make a formula, figure the percentages. This is his nature."

Golf courses are entirely dissimilar. They cannot be standardized, do not fit any formula. Their value, beauty and enjoyment depend on their individuality. This is their nature.

Should we compare budgets? I would say very little is accomplished. Each golf course is different. One should consider the age of the course, acreage, winter play, annual amount of play, golf carts, grass varieties, special requirements, soil types, cart paths & service roads, irrigation systems, (automatic vs. manual), source of water, unionization, pesticide restrictions, style of maintenance.

The **Bull Sheet** editor, with the help of a couple of supts., made some telephone calls as well as personal visits and came up with some interesting figures. Check them, you may be as confused when you have finished as when you started.

BUDGET REPORT - 1979

Club #1	
Operating budget	\$243,000.00
Capital, trees & eqpt.	24,000.00
Labor	149,000.00
Chemicals	28,000.00
Fert.	10,000.00
Seed	2,000.00
Top wage rate	\$5.75 per hour
Retirement, dental, medical	
Crew	6-12 men
Club #2	
Operating budget	\$229,475.00
Capital, trees-cart paths-bridges-const.	108,000.00
Labor	141,500.00
Chemicals	23,000.00
Water cost	8,000.00
Top wage	\$7.00 per hour
Low wage	4.10 per hour
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Club #3	
Operating	\$147,000.00
Capital	49,855.00
Labor	102,000.00
New equipment	13,000.00
Chemicals	20,000.00
Wage range	\$2.90-6.90 per hour

Club #4	
Operating	\$220,000.00
Capital	15,000.00
Construction	10,000.00
Trees	25,000.00
Club #5	
Operating	\$300,000.00
Labor	157,000.00
Club #6	
Operating	\$173,000.00
Capital	17,000.00
Labor	110,000.00
Top wage	\$7.75 per hour
Club #7	
Operating	\$144,400.00
Capital, equipment	15,000.00
Labor	104,500.00
Chemicals	17,500.00
Wage range	\$4.25-7.00 per hour
Club #8	
Operating	\$130,000.00
Labor	95,000.00
Club #9	
Operating	\$160,000.00
Labor	110,000.00
Crew	5-13 men
Club #10	
Operating	\$152,500.00
Labor	104,000.00
Capital, equipment	15,000.00
Chemicals	23,000.00
Top wage	\$6.50 per hour
Crew	5-13 men
Club #11	
Operating	\$196,000.00
Capital, equipment & const.	55,000.00
Chemicals	17,500.00
Labor	120,000.00
Wage range	\$4.00-6.00 per hour
Crew	5-12 men
Club #12	
Operating	\$168,000.00
Labor	105,900.00
Capital, equipment	17,000.00
Chemicals	27,000.00
Wage range	\$2.90-4.00 per hour
Crew	3-12 men
Club #13	
Operating	\$184,400.00
Labor	120,000.00
Capital, equipment	12,000.00
Construction	51,000.00
Chemicals	24,600.00
Crew	5-13 men
Club #1	-\$37,000.00 + 3,000.00 bonus - No house
Club #2	-\$40,000.00 - No house
Club #3	-\$28,000.00 - House
Club #4	- No report
Club #5	- No report
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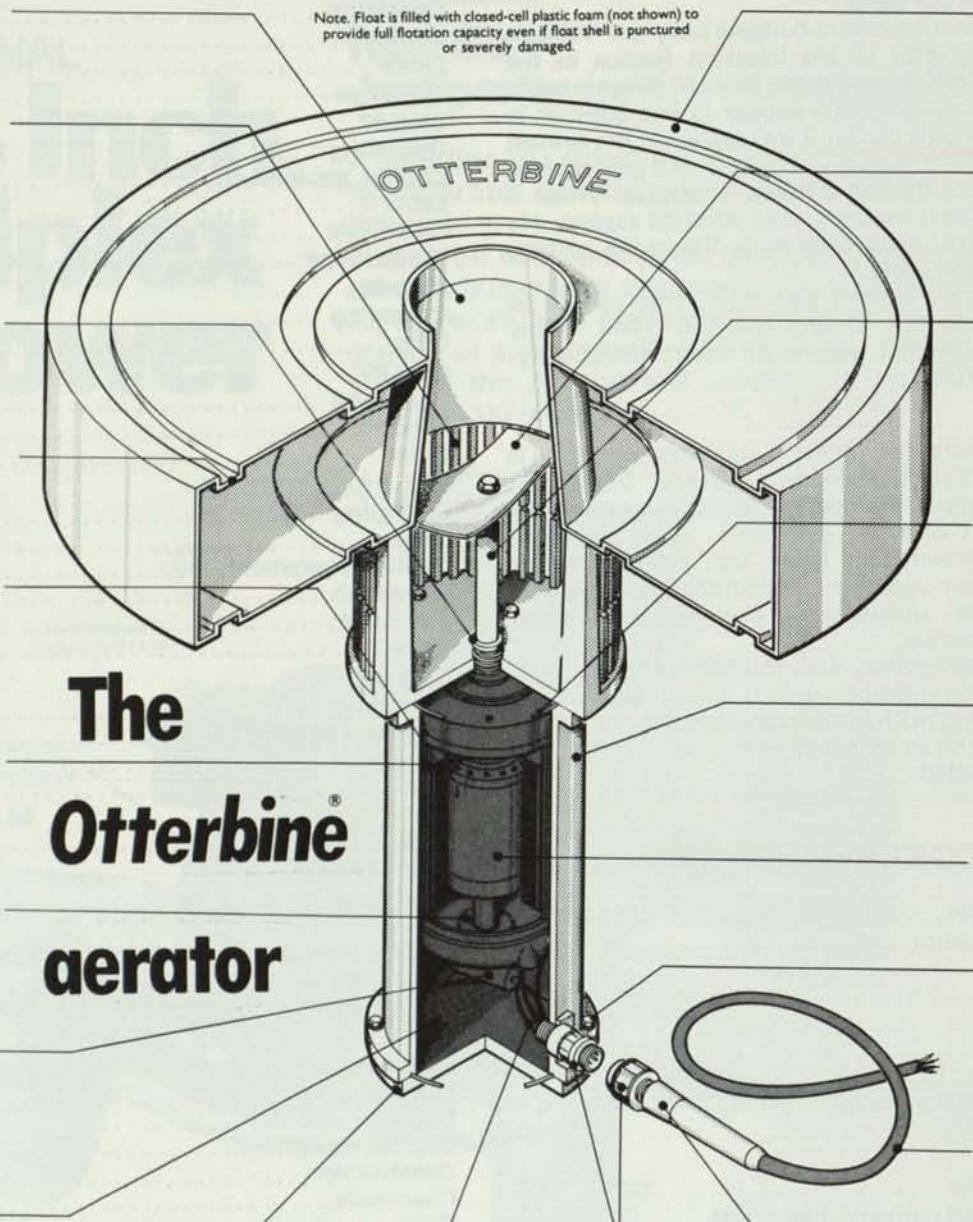
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Editor

MIDWEST BREEZES

The farmers always figured a good depth of snow was an indication of a good grain crop the next season. If this holds true then turfgrass golf courses can look forward to an excellent season in 1979. However, the supt. should keep his fingers crossed. This editor has experienced the opposite. As we go into the new year we have a snow cover of approximately 60 inches.

The question is asked many times, where should bunker rakes or sand trap rakes be placed?

Answer: The USGA recommends that rakes be placed outside bunkers as far away from bunkers as is practical and at spots where they will be least likely to deflect balls. (USGA 65-5 revised; MISC.)

It's been reported that **George Druzisky** who was Supt. at Thorngate C.C. at one time till he left Chicago in 1970 to go to California has been in the hospital since November 4th with a rare disease known as San Joaquin Valley Fever. It is fungus that is present in the soils in the San Joaquin Valley where George works in Bakersfield, CA. He thinks he got it from all the trenching that has been going on in the installation of a new irrigation system. He may miss six months work.

Bo/Jo Turf Supply Co. had their annual Christmas party. It is reported it was a grand success. **Ken Quandt** was awarded a pin for traveling the farthest. **Harold Frederickson** had the most slippery trip. **Dudley Smith** the wildest, **Ray Schmidt** liked it so much he came back on Saturday and Sunday. **Meyers, Trevarthan, Wallenberg, Piepers** and **Frankowski** went home singing in the rain. Next year to avoid the snowy weather **George Haddad** is planning a **Fall Round Up**.

It is reported that our good friend **Charlie Wilson**, one of the top men in the Milorganite Division at Milwaukee, WI has taken an early retirement. We all wish him happiness and that he will find time to do the many things he did not have time to do in the past.

The MAGCS January 9th meeting was held at Arrowhead G.C. **Bob Breen**, Supt. was our host. Prior to the meeting 26 members were given a tour of the Fermi Lab in Batavia. This was a most educational and interesting tour. It is one we all will be talking about for a long time. After the tour everyone joined 17 others at Arrowhead for a wonderful steak lunch.

Our MAGCS March meeting will be held at Nordic C.C. No date has been set. There will be no meeting in February. The reason is we will be attending the G.C.S.A.A. Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Edward Fischer
Superintendent
Butler National Golf Club

Dear Ed:

My thanks to you and your association for the opportunity to participate in the Midwest Clinic. I thoroughly enjoyed visiting with you and your associates and reviewing the subject matter assigned to me for discussion.

Time sure flies. If Ray had not reminded me that I conducted the second clinic held by the Chicago group, I don't think I would have realized how many years ago it took place. I thought you had an outstanding program and I only regretted that I was not able to participate in the second day's activities. I would have liked an opportunity to have contributed to the winter protection panel. Weather being what it is and what it's been for the last few weeks in the upper Midwest, especially Minnesota, I anticipate we may have difficulty next spring when the snow cover begins to leave.

Thank you again for the invitation to speak at the clinic. With warm regards to you and the entire association and a sincere wish for a most pleasant and happy holiday season for all, I am

Jim Watson
Vice President, Toro

The sympathy of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Supts. is extended to the **Carl A. Petersen** family due to the death of **Mr. Petersen** who passed away on January 3. Carl was the golf course supt. at South Shore C.C. for 40 years prior to his retirement several years ago. He had the ability to repair anything on the golf course or club house. His nickname was "**The Man With the Golden Hands**". He was a pioneer member of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents.

"JUSTICE"

The Superintendent stood at the Golden Gate
His head was bent and low.

He merely asked the man of fate
Which way he ought to go.

"What have you done", St. Pete said

"To seek admittance here?"

"I ran a golf course on the earth

For many and many a year"

St. Peter opened wide the gate

And gently pressed the bell.

"Come in", he said, "And choose your harp"

"You've had your share of hell"

Reprint NEWSLETTER
Southern Arizona GCSA

A new M.A.G.C.S. membership roster is in the making. All dues for 1979 must be paid by March 1st, or your name will not be listed in this roster.

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Suppose every member served on as many projects as you do.
Suppose every member treated guests as you do.
Suppose every member contacted and brought in prospects as often as you do.
Suppose every member supported ways and means and special events as you do.
Suppose every member were as tactful and understanding as you are.

Suppose every member were as friendly, thoughtful, considerate and appreciate as you are.
Suppose every member were as dependable, conscientious, enthusiastic and willing as you are.
Suppose every member had as many, or as few alibis as you do.
Suppose every member followed your example.
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