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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Those of us who took advantage of the opportunity to work the booth at the Flower Show again came away with the satisfaction that can be achieved by helping someone in an effort to beautify his environment. This is also public relations at best. I would like to recommend that we elaborate on it and take it one step further.

I mentioned this at the board meeting back in January and all seemed interested. What we decided was to ask for volunteers to speak to garden clubs, homeowners associations and other interested groups on the subject we know best—"Lawn Maintenance". We would need to write a more or less basic speech to ensure a uniform presentation. The speaker should be from the area where the talk will be presented, and if possible, two speakers would share the podium.

It would be necessary to have a sign printed to display at the Flower Show with forms available to obtain the group's name, the address, time and location where the presentation would take place, as well as the name, address and phone number of the chairman of the group. It would be prudent to limit the appearances to the winter months, probably November through March. Basically, what it amounts to is a chance to showcase the talent that keeps popping up at the Fall Clinic. There is no shortage of speakers in the M.A.G.C.S.

If we were to start at the 1980 Flower Show we will have better than a year to write the speech and make all necessary refinements. I think it would be a worthy challenge and an opportunity to improve our public image. To ensure success we will need more than a few participants. It may seem a long way off, but if there is enough interest shown it would be feasible to start as soon as possible. Of course, if there is lack of interest or it becomes apparent that we cannot do it in a professional manner, it would be wise to postpone it until such time as it can be done right.

I would like at this time to thank Dr. Bill Daniels, Joe Grenko and, as always, Ben Warren, who again furnished the sod. And, of course, those members whose participation made it a success. Also, Albie Staudt for his assistance in dismantling the booth. It is a paradox of nature that the more you help another, the more you help yourself and in conversation with both the commercial people and the superintendents who contributed time at the booth, they have invariably commented on how much they enjoyed the discussion of the turf problems with the people who visited the booth. I think it can be the same if we implement a speaker program.

Robert Breen

HERB GRAFFIS AWARD FOR 'GOLF FOR FUN'

NORTH PALM BEACH, FL., March -- Golf is basically a game and, as a perennial reminder of this, the National Golf Foundation has established the Herb Graffis Award to honor one of the game's most colorful and enterprising journalists. The award will go annually to the individual who, in the judgment of the selectors, has made a memorable contribution to golf as recreation, gold fellowship and health.

The new award will serve as a companion piece to the 8-year-old 'Joe Graffis Award', honoring Herb's late brother, which recognizes an important contribution to the advancement of education in the game.

In making the announcement of the new award, Don A. Rossi, Executive Director of the National Golf Foundation, said, "Herb was agreeable to the establishment of this award only on the condition that it should recognize that golf is a game and that it's important that it be played for fun, friendship and health. This was entirely in accord with our thinking in proposing the award because, in the pressure cooker of today's growing professionalism in sport, the ideal of sport for enjoyment tends to become lost.

"We hope the new Graffis Award will contribute in some small way to preserving the spirit of play," said Rossi.

Graffis, elected two years ago to the World Golf Hall of Fame, has long been regarded as one of the game's most prolific and entertaining journalists. He and his brother founded the two most successful early golf publications, GOLFING (now GOLF magazine) and GOLFDOM, the game's first business journal. Now 85, Herb lives in retirement in Ft. Myers Beach, FL., where he plays a nine-hole round two or three days a week "for the fun of it".

The National Golf Foundation itself was a creation 43 years ago of the Graffis brothers who urged its establishment by the manufacturers of golf equipment.

The Foundation will solicit nominations for the new award, said Rossi, who added that the nominations will be evaluated by a jury to be named at a later date.

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I think we should all follow the professional code of ethics that prevails in other fields or simply stated The Golden Rule. Should a particular individual need another opinion regarding a certain problem or help in direction to follow, I don't think we should keep our mouths shut waiting for your neighbor to botch something up. By the same token, an individual who does have a problem shouldn't be afraid to ask your neighboring superintendent for his thoughts on a matter.

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The Trouble With Ball Marks

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Ignoring the little crater, the golfer walked up to his ball, cleaned it, holed his putt and glowed with self-satisfaction.

Some hours later, after the exposed earth in the ball mark had dried out, another golfer found the damaged area in his line of putt. He attempted repairs, but the result was not very satisfactory. An unflattened bit of turf twisted his putt off line.

Next morning an inexperienced greenkeeper mowed the putting surface without repairing ball marks. The result was a putting surface pocked-marked, untrue and covered with bare spots where the mower scalped the grass from the turf.

What Happens

What actually happens when a ball mark is not promptly and properly repaired?

1. Soil is exposed, and so the area immediately surrounding the ball dries up faster than it would if the ball marks were repaired; and thus a blemish is left on the green.

2. There is a chance that the raised turf caused by the ball will dry quickly and may die out.

3. The open soil invites weed invasion, such as crabgrass, silver crabgrass, POA ANNUA, dandelion, plantain, or Pearlwort ... seed of which could be brought in on the shoes of golfers, caddies or workers or on mowing equipment.

4. The improperly repaired or neglected ball marks leaves a bumpy spot in the green. If not corrected before cutting the next day, then the spot is scalped by the mower and the bruise mark remains for several days. This is especially noticeable in the Northeast during the summer season.

William H. Benegyfield, Western Director of the Green Section, says:

"From an agronomic viewpoint, a ball mark bruises the grass plant and severely damages or destroys the meristem or growing point. This means that turf recovery must take place from the perimeter of the damaged area, and this takes considerable time. Rapid drying of the damaged area is a major factor in delaying recovery. Some soil compaction also results from the ball's impact."

How To Make Repairs

There is a correct way to repair a ball mark and, simply stated, it is to stretch the turf back over the bruised area, then loosen the soil beneath so that the bruised turf is able to root again.

To loosen the soil, some sharp-pointed instrument is required, such as a golf tee. The instrument must be sharp enough to penetrate the soil easily, and strong enough to cut through soil laterally at a depth of one inch or less.

In stretching the turf back over the ball mark area, try not to tear it loose. After the soil is loosened, the bruised and stretched turf must be firmed or pressed down to make contact with the soil again; otherwise, it may dry and die.

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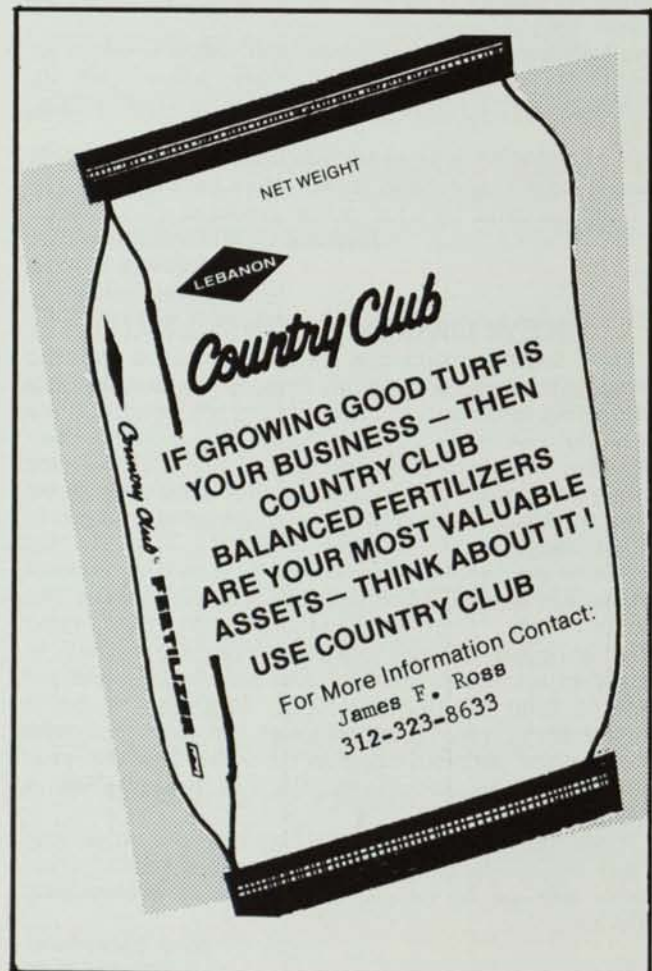
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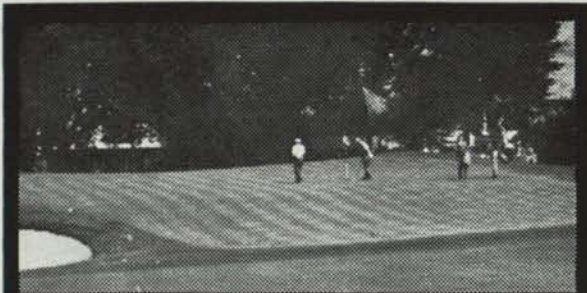
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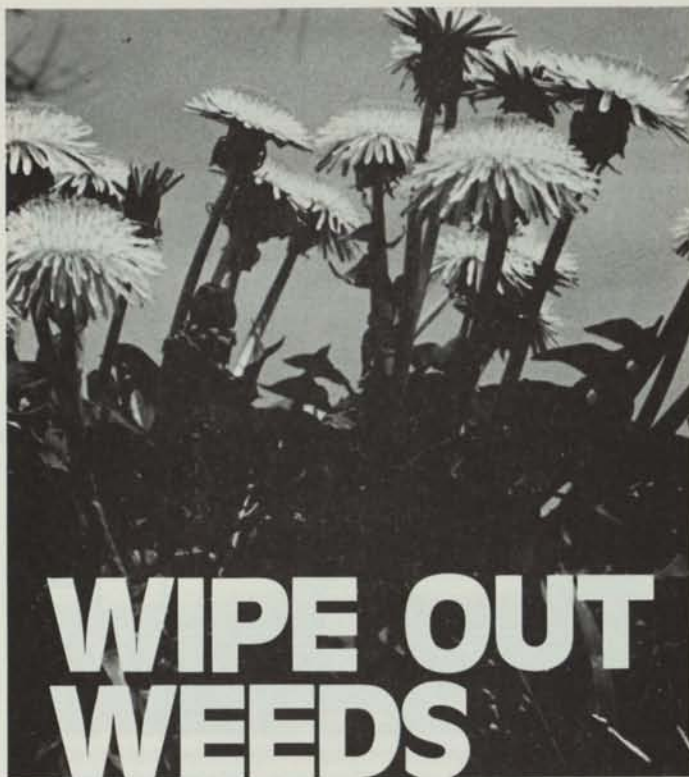
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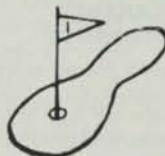
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After the guests had enjoyed the dinner, the cook came in white-faced with the dessert and whispered to her employer, "Ma'am, the dog's dead."

Sometime later when the guests were lying around in various states of recovery and the doctor had departed with his stomach pump, the lady wearily asked, "Nora, where is the poor dog?"

"Still out in the street, Ma'am, where the car hit him."

The Chicago Tribune recently carried an article stating that the Chicago Flower Show will be discontinued, this is sad news. M.A.G.C.S. has had a booth at this show for the past several years, showing many strains of grass and weeds. It always created considerable interest among the many people that attended the show. They were looking for information in regards to problems on their home lawns. What a shame this had to happen.



Len Berg



Len Berg, Don Hoffman



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July 16 M.A.G.C.S. meeting will be held at Kemper C.C. Members only. More details later.



Editor

MIDWEST BREEZES

The **Bull Sheet** has a birthday. This June issue will make thirty-three years, that adds up to 396 issues. Several of our advertisers have been with us all these years and we sure thank them, as well as the more recent ones. They are the ones that help make this publication possible. There has been several editors during this period but only one printer. **Ever-Redi Printing Service** in La Grange, IL has done a remarkable job and our many thanks goes to them.

Paul N. Voykin flew to Toronto, Canada on April 7th to attend a wild rice dinner party at **Gordon Witteveen's** place. We understand that Gordon is quite a chef. On April 19th Paul was the educational speaker in New York at the joint meeting of the Long Island and the Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Associations. His topic was very relevant: "How to Survive General Managers". (Editor's note - **How come we never heard it here?**)

The March/April issue of the U.S.G.A. Green Section Record is an exceptionally good educational publication. If golfers could read this publication or if golf course superintendents would read it and inform golfers of the benefits that can be derived from using less irrigation water, a significant service would be accomplished. Superintendents who have had many years of experience know that withholding water in the early part of the season as long as possible will give the grass plant a chance to develop a deep root system that is so important during hot weather. The only good that comes from over-watering benefits the golfer that does not execute an approach shot properly. Most of us know that a green that is firm has a better putting surface and will not show spike marks nearly as much as one that is soft and spongy.

We all should start now to conserve water not only for the good of the grass plant but also for the good of the water supply we now have.

The M.A.G.C.S. May 7 meeting held at Pine Crest C.C. was enjoyed by many members and guests. Those who played golf reported the course in excellent condition. The strong winds were not to be desired and made the game a little rough at times. Supt. **Jim Ford** has done a wonderful job and we congratulate him. The dinner and service was superb and we hope we will be invited back in the near future.

On May 2, this editor had the pleasure of visiting with **Al Radko**, National Director of the USGA Green Section, and **Carl Schwartzkopf**, Director of the North Central Region, at The Chicago Golf Club which will be the site of the USGA Senior Golf Tournament on September 17-22, 1979. I think the seniors will find a different style of golf course than those that they have been playing.

M.A.G.C.S. June 4 meeting will be held at Ruth Lake C.C., Hinsdale, IL. This will be Senior day. All double A Seniors who are members of the M.A.G.C.S. will be guests of the association. No other guest will be permitted. Double A Seniors - remember this is your day. Come and enjoy yourself. **Ray Schei**, Supt. will be our host. He will be waiting for you, along with all other M.A.G.C.S. members.

Wedding bells were ringing in the vicinity of Hillcrest C.C. **Bruce Burchfield**, Supt. has taken the bow. We all wish the new bride and Bruce the best of everything. The wedding took place on May 5th.

June 25, 1979 an outing will be held at Medinah C.C. consisting of Golf Club Managers, Superintendents, Club Presidents and Pro's. Mark your calendar for this day. Come out and enjoy yourself.

The first golf outing of the 1979 season was held at Pinecrest Golf Course. Jim Ford, the superintendent had the golf course in excellent condition. A 25 to 30 M.P.H. wind greeted all of the 19 golfers, and gave us other problems than just hitting the golf ball.

The days winners were: Carl Hopphan closest to the pin, using a 3 wood on a 155 yard par 3 hole, long drive went to Dave Meyer, and his new driver. Low gross winners were Ed Fischer with an 81, Vern Rasher with an 84, and Bill Krafft with an 88. Low net winners were Clem Potthoff 71, Ted Potthoff 72, Walter Fuchs Jr. 73, John Lebedevs 75, Steve Van Acker 76, Ed Joerns 76, Frank Krueger 76, and Joe Canale 77.

Next month's meeting is at Ruth Lake C.C. We will have a special event or two for our AA members. Don't forget if you wish a handicap please send your cards to Ed Fischer right away.

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The sympathy of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents is extended to the family of **Peter Bild** due to the passing away of Peter on May 6th, 1979. Mr. Bild was a member of the M.A.G.C.S. He was a former golf course superintendent at Glen Flora C.C., Plum Tree National C.C., and Woodridge G.C.

He certainly will be missed by his many friends in the turfgrass professional line of work.

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