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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

No doubt there are more than a few of us whose knowledge and appreciation of art is limited to being able to differentiate between "Whistler's Mother" and Grandma Moses. We usually identify an artist by looking for a name at the bottom of the painting.

The Chicago area golfer experiences a similar situation when trying to ascertain the person responsible for the verdant beauty that can be enjoyed on almost any area course. If he seeks the name of the greenkeeper on a score card he usually finds at best the name of the golf pro.

There is a gradual movement toward adding the name of the course superintendent to the score card and such a move is long overdue.

Although there are a great many clubs that have no names whatsoever on their card, I do feel, however, that the creativity and artistry demonstrated by some of the superintendents in the area are surely a work of art and that recognition should be given to the person responsible as well as a credit on the score card.

As is usually the case, the achievement of this is the responsibility of the individual superintendent who is all too often content to "hide his light under a bushel". It is not wrong to want recognition. A phrase that I believe comes from "The Fiddler on the Roof" comes to mind: "Being poor is no sin but on the other hand it's no great honor". To paraphrase this; It is no great honor to have your name on the score card but on the other hand it is no sin.

I have been fortunate to have had my name on our score card for the last 12 years and as Clarence Birdseye says in his commercial, "When your name is on the package you are mighty fussy about what goes into it."

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Hi Ray;

With inflation, lack of fringe benefits, etc. I feel a word should be said for the many dedicated Superintendents that deserve consideration.

"CONTROVERSY"

I wonder what we all can do,
To open proper eyes.
That most in our profession,
Are payed as though despised.
Our lives would be much better,
If we were throughout the years,
Equally compensated,
As those that shed their tears.
They cry "inflation is making life unreal",
Always having representatives,
Working out a fairer deal.
We lack in that department,
This for sure I know.
Demands are getting greater,
But what's happened to the dough?

Kenneth R. Zanzig
Green Garden C.C.

Dear Bob:

I would like to thank you and the M.A.G.C.S. for the opportunity to host the August 6th meeting. It was quite an honor for me to cater to the best that golf has to offer in Superintendents. Being a relatively new member I enjoyed meeting and discussing the business with the experienced professionals that participated in the meeting.

I hope that all who came enjoyed the day as much as I did. Thanks again.

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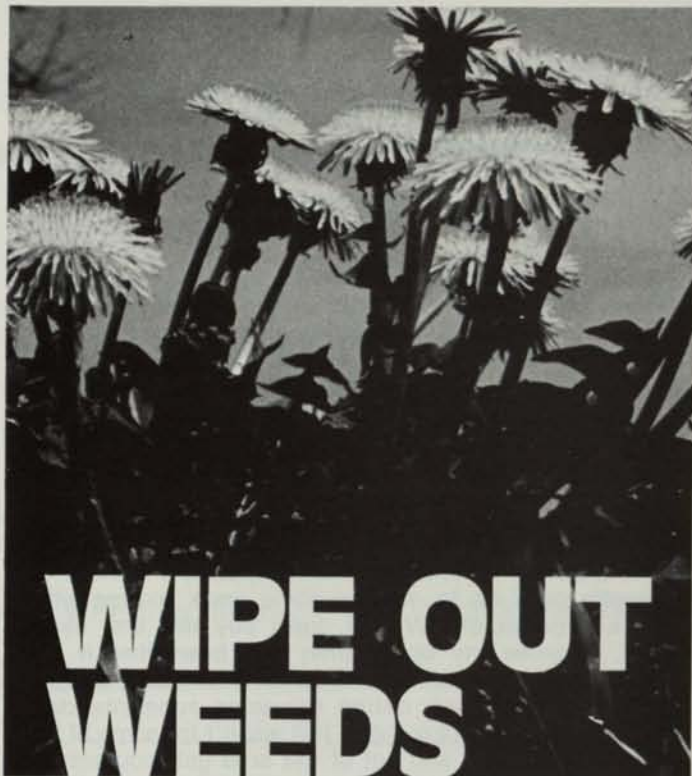
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Dear Ray:

It has always been my nature to vent my feelings whenever something has perturbed me. That's why I haven't got ulcers---yet. Somerset Maugham in his novel, "Cakes and Ale", wrote that the only free man is a writer. For whatever and whenever anything bothers a writer he can immediately get rid of it by writing out his feelings on a piece of paper. I shall now do the same.

My response to a recent editorial by board member Don Hoffman, "Where Have All The Members Gone", is this - the majority of our members who superintendent top-notch private golf courses do not want to give up their golf courses for a Midwest golf outing and monthly meeting. It isn't that they can't, they won't. (Though there are some extreme situations at some private country clubs where it may be prohibitive).

The usual response from a superintendent of a private club where we would like to have a golf outing and a dinner meeting is, "It's impossible". Then he usually goes on to give us some weak excuse why, "it's impossible". Well, I don't buy this and never will, because my observation has been that if the managers, professionals or general managers want the course for their outing the same superintendent will bust his butt to comply. If it wasn't for some of the fine semi-private and out of the area golf courses we wouldn't have a club some months for a Midwest meeting. Of course someone will immediately respond by saying, "Well, this year's board isn't trying", "if we had a strong board and strong people running it we would get outstanding private clubs." My reply to this is baloney. (And I happen to think this year's board under Bob Breen is super). The Midwest always tries to get top clubs for our monthly meetings. Agreed some years it's better than others, and some arrangement chairmen are more aggressive and know more superintendents than others, but they always try and my thanks goes out to them for the hard job they sometimes have to do of almost begging some superintendents to give up their club just for one lousy meeting. (I was arrangements chairman for many years and I know how tough the job is). My recommendation to the Midwest Association is to now follow the progressive example of other chapters in North America which is, that every member give up his club for one meeting. Once every fifteen or twenty years or whatever. It should not be hard to figure out. Let's start with the ones who never have given us their clubs. Some of them are our biggest critics, complainers, golf enthusiasts and have even served on the Midwest board but I am tired of "sacred cows" in our Association and maybe the solution to the problem is this. I will make a motion at the Midwest annual meeting that every member give up his club for one Midwest meeting. Let's put it in our by-laws if it can be done legally. Let's also print the names of every club we have been at in the last twenty years and the names OF ALL THE CLUBS THAT WE HAVE NOT BEEN AT. Secondly, I don't really think that we need a golf outing every month. Why not just have a dinner meeting and an education session in the months of July and August. The emphasis and competition on maintenance is so great in our area that we can't all get away during the heavy stress pressure months of July and August. So why not just have a golf game in May and June and then again in September and October? There are outstanding private clubs that we haven't been at with large accommodating dining rooms that would give us their facilities for a dinner educational meeting during the hot summer months on

other days than Mondays if we don't ask for golf.

Well, what do you think? Let us hear some comments. Remember I will make that motion. The only question is can it be legally instrumented and will I get any support? Otherwise let's quit complaining.

Paul N. Voykin, Supt.
Briarwood C.C.

LAWNSEED COVERAGE

Autumn is the ideal time of year for seeding new bluegrass lawns, or for bolstering turfs of lesser grasses with improved cultivars of a newer stripe. What coverage can you expect from selections such as Glade and Fylking Kentucky bluegrass, and what when compounded in mixture with supporting kinds like Citation perennial ryegrass?

When bluegrass is planted alone to a good soilbed, approximately two pounds of seed to the thousand square feet, evenly distributed, is about optimum. Much more than this wastes seed unnecessarily, because bluegrass plants spread so well even from light sowings. Much less and the stand will fill more slowly, giving weeds a better shot at a toehold. About five pounds of perennial ryegrass seed is ordinarily suggested. Even though ryegrass is more aggressive than bluegrass, it doesn't spread, and a pound of seed contains only about 20% as many individual seeds as does bluegrass (i.e. the seeds are bigger, therefore fewer).

Nick Christians, at Ohio State University, showed Fylking bluegrass to run a shade under one million seeds to the pound, not a bad bargain. But Glade bluegrass had even more seeds to the pound, about 20% more. Both of these cultivars boast robust, potent seeds compared to many other bluegrasses; Merion, for example, contains about 2 million smaller seeds to the pound. Thus both Fylking and Glade can be expected to start speedily and establish well, although a slightly higher seeding rate might be desirable for them than where Merion is the piece de resistance.

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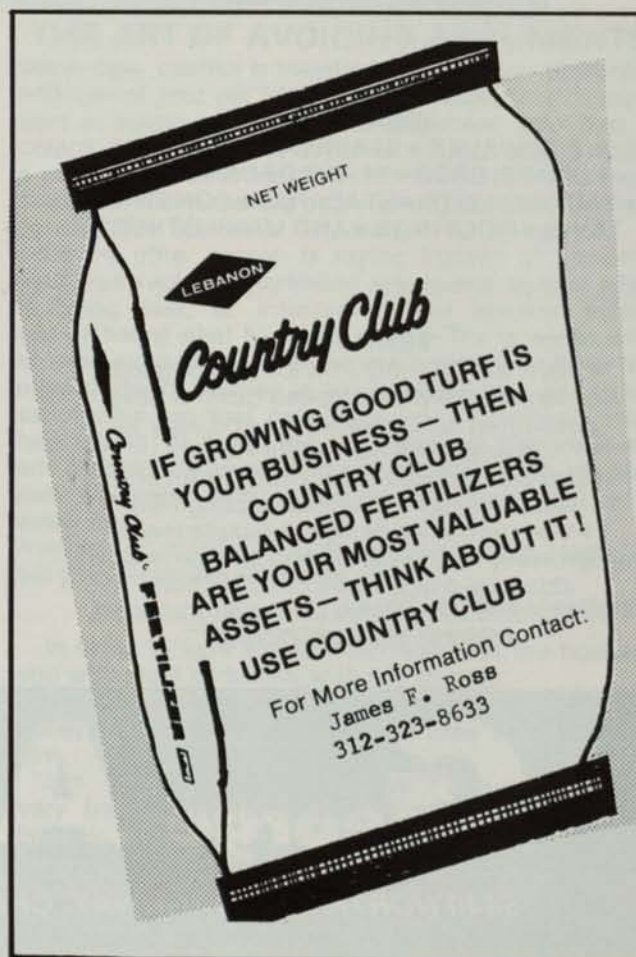
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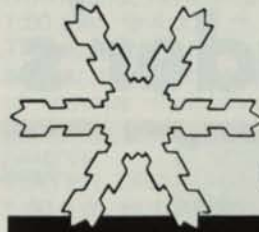


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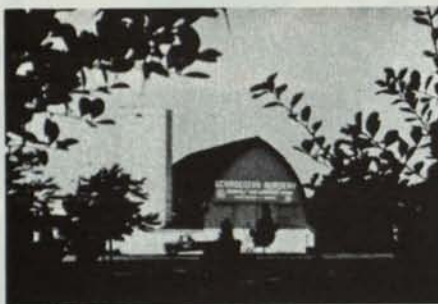
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To: Green Chairmen Green Superintendents of CDGA Member Clubs

Gentlemen:

This is the first announcement of the second Basic Golf Course Maintenance program sponsored by the Chicago District Golf Association, the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents and the Chicagoland Golf Course Superintendents Association. The program is directed toward those working on the grounds crew, a person who is not college oriented, does not want to study for credit, but wants to increase his knowledge and vocabulary in his own field. It will tell them the why and the when certain things are done in a certain way on a golf course.

The course was given last year and was very well received. We cannot accommodate more than 35 students at one time so we ask you to inform your grounds crew of the course and urge their immediate registration if they wish to participate. In most cases last year the clubs paid the tuition for the students and from all of the comments we received, it was considered money very well invested. The school is operated at a slight deficit by the Association despite the \$60 tuition fee for students. The series will help the worker, the superintendent and will ultimately help member clubs by developing and training better-informed grounds people.

We will have highly qualified instructors, as we did last year, and are currently working with the MAGCS and CGCSA to conform this year's teachers. As soon as the instructors are confirmed we will send an additional announcement. In the meantime, please have your staff members return the enclosed registration form if they wish to participate.

The course will be given in a private room at Andy's Steak House, 17 W 611 West 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL (corner of 22nd St. and Summit Rd.), convenient to Illinois Expressways.

Donald F. Johnson, Pres.
David L. Amory, Chairman - Green Committee

The Basic Turf Maintenance School is not limited to private clubs or member clubs of the CDGA. Anyone who works on any golf course is eligible to attend.

BASIC GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE

ARCHITECTURE - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 18

reasons why certain holes are laid out as they are; purpose of golf course design to reward a good shot; penalize a bad one and how maintenance ties in (mowing heights, etc.); whys of positioning of greens & tees

TEES - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 25

types of grasses; mowing heights; placement of tee plates in relation to pin placement; weeds, insects, diseases, etc.; costs of various maintenance practices; time necessary; frequency of various maintenance operations

FAIRWAYS - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 1

types of grasses; mowing heights; weeds, insects, diseases, etc.; costs of various maintenance practices; time of various maintenance practices; frequency of various maintenance practices

GREENS - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 8

types of grasses; mowing heights; weeds, insects, diseases, etc.; costs, time & frequency of various maintenance practices; placement of cup

BUNKERS, ROUGHS AND WATER HAZARDS

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 15

weeds, insects, diseases, etc.; costs, time & frequency of various maintenance practices; sand or grass bunkers; grass and water control in roughs and hazards

WATER, DRAINAGE AND WEATHER

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 29

automatic and manual water systems; wells; costs of buying systems and/or buying water; maintenance, etc.; influence of weather; warning signs in turf caused by weather conditions; winter problems; spring problems

HORTICULTURE - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 6

trees & shrubs - best kinds for golf courses; maintenance - pruning, etc.; time & costs involved in maintenance; diseases, etc.; Flowers - seasons, kinds, care (time) costs

EQUIPMENT - 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 13

kinds necessary for minimum & maximum maintenance; costs to purchase, operate, maintain, amortize; time and cost saving factors of one mower or piece of equipment versus another; methods of repairing equipment

For additional information, please telephone the Chicago District Golf Association at (312) 920-0130 - ask for: Dennis Davenport, Carol McCue, Donna Kubic, or Sue Kaszewicz. Certificates of Achievement will be presented to those who successfully complete the course during the 1980 Green Seminar.

Dear Ray:

It is a relief to have a reputable plant pathologist like Dr. Houston Couch prove once more with valuable evidence, that we superintendents have always been right...wilt is wilt on poa annua when high temperature stress occurs and anthracnose is mostly peculiar to oak trees, sorghum, wheat, oats, barley and rye. This appeared in a recent quote... "to date no research has been reported in which inoculation experiments were carried out to test whether or not this particular fungus (co-oectotrichum graminicolum) can actually infect annual bluegrass." Those of us who might have been influenced by recent articles by plant pathologists who haven't done their homework, should now write a letter of thanks to our good friend Dr. Couch for his objective look into the subject of anthracnose as well as other turf problems. His recent two superb articles, "Is it Anthracnose or is it Wilt?" which appeared in **Weeds, Trees and Turf**, and also **The Canadian Greenmaster**, and the one about nematodes not being the primary cause of fusarium blight which appeared in **Golf Business**, should be read by every conscientious superintendent in the country.

In this inflationary period of sky high chemical prices, superintendents should only rely on reputable research data gathered by reputable plant pathologists who have done years of research on our turf problems and not by neophytes who spend their time writing misleading articles based on hazy research. For the ill-informed, this can be wasteful and costly misinformation.

Paul N. Voykin, Supt.
Briarwood Country Club

CHOOSING THE RIGHT TREE FOR YOUR GOLF COURSE

Trees can greatly enhance the value and appearance of your golf course, but only if they are chosen wisely, with an eye to both function and aesthetics. Trees can serve as windbreaks, camouflage unattractive views, alter the difficulty of a hole, provide shade to a weary golfer, or perhaps, enhance an undistinguished clubhouse entrance. In the best of situations, one tree can answer several of these needs.

The considerations you should make when choosing a tree fall into three categories; the intended site, whether the tree is appropriate for your area, and the tree's growth characteristics.

The tree's growing requirements must be compatible with conditions at its intended site. Soil drainage and pH are critical in determining whether a tree thrives and grows rapidly or just struggles along. Other conditions such as whether the tree will be subjected to deicing salts in the winter and how the projected planting will affect and be affected by its surroundings should also be carefully considered.

Find out whether the tree you want to plant is adapted to your area. Some trees simply will not survive hard winters and the number of pests and diseases which attack trees is enormous. The best way to determine which trees are likely to thrive is to observe what types are doing well in your area. Your local extension agent or reputable nurseryman can give you further guidance.

Growth characteristics which influence whether a tree is satisfactory include its shape and size, which determine whether a tree will answer the purpose you have purchased it for. For example, you should decide whether you want a tall column, a wide, spreading tree or small accent plant.

Large leaves and some fruits will require time consuming cleanup operations. Roots can interfere with turf, drains, and paths, but don't overlook tree roots as a means of controlling erosion. Be sure not to choose a tree that will eventually grow so large it will tangle in powerlines or droop over sidewalks or driveways.

The tree you select will be on your course for decades. Be sure the tree you choose will be a sound investment, not a liability.

L.I.G.C.S.A. - Supernews

OFFICIAL GCSAA BLAZER CHANGED

GCSAA has switched from blazers made of 100 percent polyester to a polyester-wool blend. The jackets are traditionally styled with patch pockets, double topstitching and metal buttons. The new blazers are a somewhat darker green and the cost of the jacket is \$50.00. Order blanks for the blazer are available and can be obtained by contacting the GCSAA Membership Department, 1617 St. Andrews Dr., Lawrence, Kansas 66044.

GUADALAJARA TO BE SITE FOR 1980 GCSAA GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 1980 GCSAA Golf Tournament will be a post-conference tournament instead of the traditional pre-conference tournament and will be held in Guadalajara, Mexico. The golf courses that will be used are: Men - San Isidro Country Club and Club de Golf Santa Anita; Ladies - Guadalajara Country Club. More information will be forthcoming.

THE RAINS OF AUGUST

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Sunday, August 5	1.60''
Wednesday, August 8	.10''
Thursday, August 9	.55''
Friday, August 10	3.55''
Friday, August 17	1.15''
Saturday, August 18	.90''
Monday, August 20	1.60''
Wednesday, August 22	.40''
Thursday, August 23	.20''
Monday, August 27	.25''
Wednesday, August 29	.90''
Total rain as of August 29, 11.85'' — that is a record!	
In September, 1970 - 11.65''; August, 1972 - 11.10''	

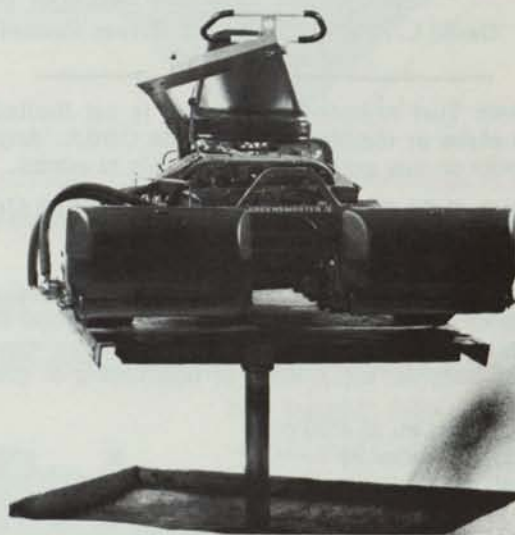
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1980 GCSAA GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BE IN GUADALAJARA, MEXICO - AFTER CONFERENCE

The site of the 1980 GCSAA Golf Tournament has been chosen. Tournament players will compete in Guadalajara, Mexico, at San Isidro Country Club and Club de Golf Santa Anita. The ladies tournament will be held at Guadalajara Country Club.

The tournament will be moved to a post-conference date for 1980 in order to better accommodate travel plans for those attending.

HYDRAULIC LIFT TABLE



Comfortable height - lubrication
Adjustments - visual inspection

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