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**PRESIDENT' MESSAGE**

CONGRATULATIONS, Mike Bavier on being elected Vice President of the G.C.S.A.A., a great choice for a demanding job. I am proud of our members, who worked so very hard to get Mike elected. Paul Voykin, Len Berg, and Carl Hopphan, our delegates, did an outstanding job; but all our members helped by talking to their friends, class mates, and acquaintances. We all can be proud of the job that was done. A big "Thank You" is needed for the contribution of time and resources of members, who made the Midwest Hospitality Room in St. Louis one of the best.

A new Turf Program is being started at the University of Illinois with a complete new staff being hired. I think we felt betrayed when Dr. Turgeon and Dr. Street both announced their departure from the U. of I. The Turf Program at Illinois suffered for many years because of the lack of interest from the school itself and the industry on a whole. Al Turgeon arrived, and with his enthusiasm the Turf Program expanded. I felt that in a short time the Turf Program at Illinois would rival any in the country. Last November the bottom fell out with the announcement that Al Turgeon would be going to Texas A & M, and John Street was returning to Ohio State.

Many phone calls were made to Dr. George, the department head, expressing our concern for the Turf Program. We did not want to retreat, but to continue going forward. Today, February 29th, I talked with Dr. George and the news was good.

Dr. Dave Wehner from the University of Maryland has been hired to replace Dr. Al Turgeon, and will assume command some time in May. Dr. Wehner is from northern Indiana, and was a crew member for Ed Wollenberg at Gary C.C. He earned his B.S. in Chemistry from Notre Dame University, and his Masters and PhD. in Pathology from Penn State University. I feel our message was received and that the Turf Program will proceed with more support from the University administration. Now it's our turn. We as Superintendents must give support to Dr. Wehner. I don't mean just our monetary support. Let's make Dr. Wehner welcome, let's participate and put the Illinois Turf Program where it belongs, on top of the list!!

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### FERTILIZER FOR NEW SEEDING

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These are the things we seldom see. Nor do we see the extensive fertilizing of the greens and fairways, the tremendous work undertaken when traps are extended and rebuilt (what an improvement on the 10th!), or when carpaths are provided...the dispersment of fungicides to prevent damage to the grass...or the fight to keep weeds from getting a hold in the traps or overtaking the greens. Now the work to repair the damage to turf and greens after a hard weekend of play, or the diligence with which roughs and fairways are trimmed to playable levels, not to mention the greens.

But it's done. Day in and day out. Mostly when you're not around. All you have to do is come and enjoy it. And part of that enjoyment is, perhaps, grousing a little that the tees aren't mowed enough (or too much) or that greens are too slow or too fast, or that the rough is too low or too high. That's the privilege of Membership.

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Boy, do we get emergencies! Like a couple of riderless horses breaking loose and cavorting over the greens and fairways, threatening to make the course look like Saratoga Racetrack after the Travers...or some idiot showing off the tight turning circles of his car on the 3rd and 10th greens the night before the Championship...or the character who apparently fell asleep and plowed his car and part of the fence across the 12th fairway, leaving a furrow as big as the Panama Canal.

Yep, we take a lot for granted. And the only reason why we can is that we've got a great Green Committee and one of the best Green Superintendents...a great guy, a talented gent and a scratch golfer. And, last but not least his staff. They've done a fantastic job all year. We're sure every member of the Club joins us in a thanks, well done.

Credit - L.I.G.C.S.A. Super News

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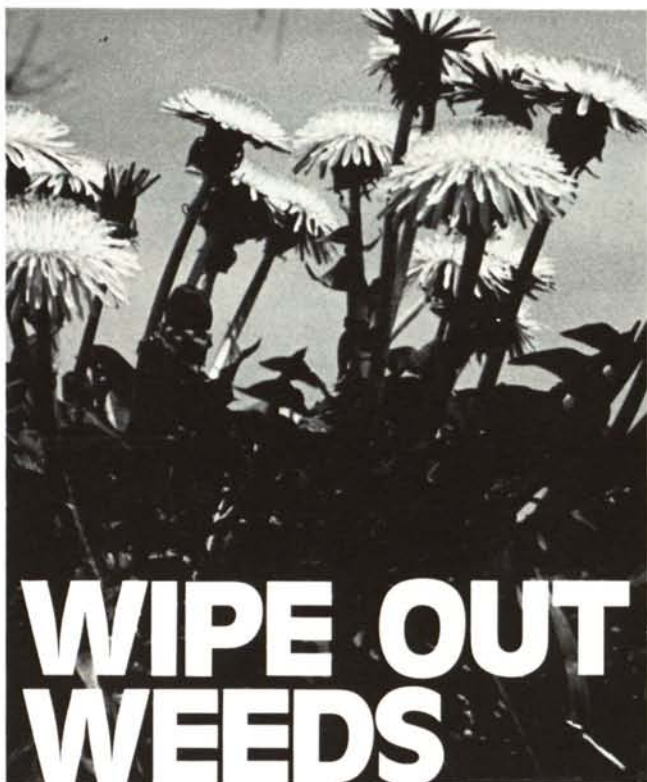
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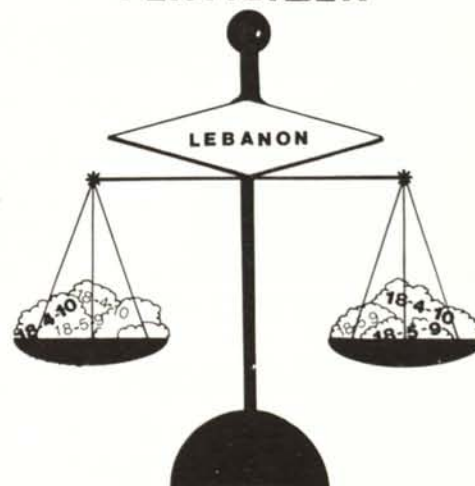
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In regards to the tournament itself, the nine golfers from our area didn't fare too well. However, the Chicagoland team represented by Adolph Bertucci, Carl Landgrebe, Mike Bavier and John Berarducci did place second in the low net event. The Midwest team of Ken Goodman, Don Pakkla, Joe Williamson and Bill Saielli had their troubles. The only player from our area who wasn't on a team was Paul Voykin, who incidently was the low medalist from our area. Paul was so busy chasing the beautiful women and playing cards that we completely forgot about him. Sorry P.!

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Balance left from 1944 fees	14.00
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