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PRESIDENT' MESSAGE

The job of Golf Course Superintendent has its ups and downs, but usually not at the same time as I am having right now. I know that a few of us who are having problems with our C-15 greens are really down. We are dealing with a disease that is so strange and as of today no one has identified it. It is a disease that seems to be arrested one day, but the next day everything that was gained the two previous days is lost. Beside Butler there are other courses having the same problem. I'm sure they are as frustrated as I am. That is the down part. Now for the up part. I have had many fellow Superintendents call me to see if there was some way that they could help, if not physically by giving a pep talk. Superintendents have given me different ideas or have let me try my ideas out on them and then given me their opinion of that idea. Unfortunately, so far, nothing has worked, but I couldn't be prouder of my profession. I'm sure that the others who are having this problem feel as I do, that we here in Chicago have one of the closest and friendliest bunch of guys. I wish we could find the answer to our problems, but it sure feels great to have the moral support behind us that you are giving us. I hope that someday I will get the opportunity to give my support to someone else, like others have supported me.

Ed Fischer

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Think

If you think you are beaten, you are,
If you think you dare not, you don't.
If you like to win - but you think you can't
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If you think you'll lose, you've lost,
For out of this world we find
Success begins with the fellow's will.
It's all in the state of mind.

If you think you're out-classed, you are,
You've got to think high to rise
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Dear Ray,

When I attended the past GCSAA conference in St. Louis, I took the certification examination and passed. I thought some of the MAGCS members might be interested in my recent experiences with the certification program.

I took the certification examination at the earliest possible date. I was interested in becoming certified purely for reasons of personal satisfaction. I had no elusions that certification was the ticket to solving all my problems in the technical aspects of turf management or in the public relations end of my job. I participated in the program to refresh myself of the immense amount of knowledge and technique available to me to do my job. The certification program does this very nicely. The preparation one must do for the exam is not overwhelming but does tend to jar loose the cobwebs and get the gears turning. I enjoyed this aspect of the program and if for no other reason will continue to participate. We all must strive to improve ourselves as professionals and we all can benefit from this type of endeavor. If everyone looked at the certification program as a means of sharpening one's ability to perform his job we would have many more Certified Golf Course Superintendent's today.

A very gratifying experience accompanied my certification. The letter from the GCSAA was received by my Green Committee alerting them to the fact that I had passed the certification examination. My Green Committee informed the Board of Directors and many of the members. The GCSAA letter was posted in the locker room. The response from the members of my club has been great. This was an added bonus as I had not promoted the subject at all. It therefore turned out to be an excellent public relations tool when I never had intended it to be.

In conclusion, I fully support this program and recommend that all GCSAA members participate. Not all people will get the same reaction from their club members but the personal satisfaction and recognition by your peers makes it worth effort, just ask a certified superintendent.

Roger A. Stewart, Jr. CGCS
Superintendent, Riverside G.C.



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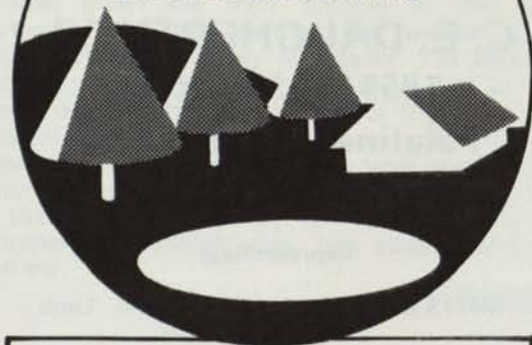
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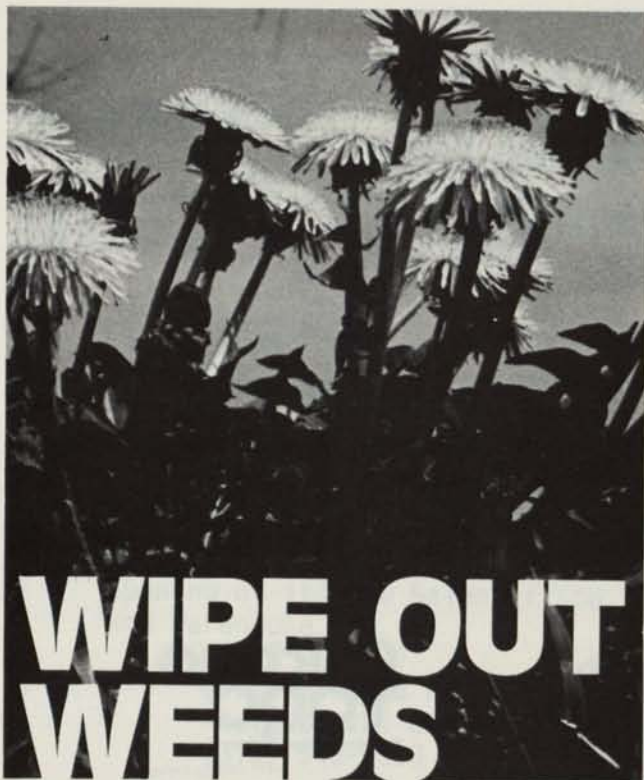
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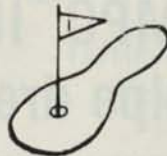
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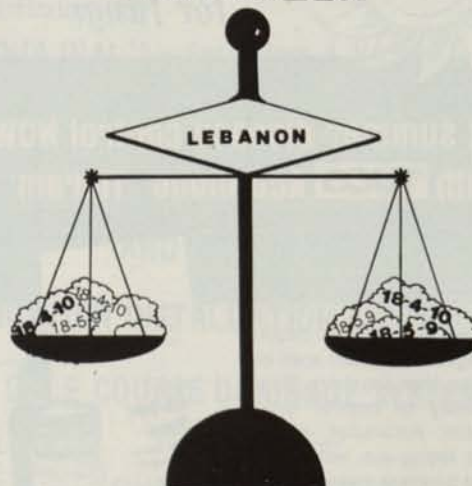
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The meeting of the Palmetto Golf Course Superintendents Association (PGCSA) held Tuesday at Skyway Golf Club was highlighted by the Association's giving a \$200 donation for the Myrtle Beach Area Junior Golf Program now underway here. Another feature was the visit of **Michael Bavier**, national vice president of Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

Then in introducing Bavier, Dembnicki gave an interesting history of the speaker's background and his excellent work as a previous Director, which earned him the vice presidency. Bavier is the course superintendent at Inverness Country Club in Palatine, IL, which is in the Chicago area.

Bavier's opening remarks concerned Southern hospitality. "It's everything they say it is," he remarked, "I appreciate the hospitality, everyone is so great." Concerning the meal, Bavier said, "It's my first taste of chicken bog, and even though I took a good helping, I returned for another plate, and it was bigger than the first time."

He thanked the PGCSA for the invitation to come here, and for being picked up at the airport. "They drove me around the area and showed me some of the golf courses," he recalled, "you sure have a lot, it seems there is one every place you turn, I just couldn't believe the large number."

Bavier mentioned that he became curious about the Grant Strand a couple of weeks ago when Melvin Lucas, the national president of the golf course superintendents returned from Myrtle Beach after visiting the place during the Golf Writers Association of America's 27th annual weekend at the Dunes Golf & Beach Club in early April.

He praised The Sun News for its excellent coverage of the golf doings on the Strand. "You folks are fortunate to have a newspaper keeping you so well informed about this great game of golf," he stated, then added, "the folks who publish The Sun News should be congratulated, and their interest adds greatly to the growth of golf in this area."

Bavier stressed the importance of superintendents and efficient crews in being the main reason for the good courses in the Carolinas. In praising the workers, Bavier said, "Our achievements have shown the world what good work has meant in providing fine playing conditions, it has made course crews stand out."

The national vice president advised the PGCSA members to attend work seminars and other classes to advance in their profession. "Be able to speak, and be glad to do so when asked to address garden clubs and the like, your experience would be helpful," he explained.

He said he was glad to know the area is helping the young boys and girls with an active junior program. He was also pleased to know what an active golf program for and by the women of the area.

Setting up a portable screen, Bavier showed colored slides.

John Ribar, Golf Writer

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