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Passing of the Gavel - J. Berarducci to P. Leuzinger

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS

A big thank you is in order to the members of the Midwest for your support and encouragement in my becoming president for the MAGCS. I know for sure that we have a good group of men representing the membership for the 1983 Board of Directors. We happen to have a good mix of geography, age and sensitivity for the needs of a diversified membership.

I believe our association is a great place to spend some of our time. Knowing that we have the Midwest there as a vehicle to meet people with similar interests, we can learn a few things just in normal conversation, if not, at least at formal educational sessions provided at the meetings and various clinics. I have had the chance to meet most of you at the course; playing the game, at seminars and roundtables, over a cocktail, at monthly meetings and of course there are the dinner dances and national conferences. You must admit, we do have quite an interesting and diversified group to draw from. For those of you who take advantage of the group, you are to be congratulated, but let's encourage more to do the same. I am a Golf Course Superintendent. I have a family to provide for and share with. After those two things comes other interests, hobbies and activities like MAGCS. Professionally, I am a golf course superintendent first, and so are each of the Board Members. We have the good of the association at heart, and want to work for the members. We'll need some input from the membership in the form of constructive criticism. Especially during the busy golf season, when we will all be busy taking care of our golf courses. A worthwhile goal for me is to be able to attend as many meetings as possible, learn a thing or two down the road, have a good time by feeling good about myself and the people around me. That is practical, attainable, and not too complicated. I speak for the entire board in hoping that your holiday season will be most enjoyable and that we see as many of you at the upcoming events for the MAGCS. Thank you so much, because it is your "thoughts that count" the most.

> Peter Leuzinger President, MAGCS

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Winter is upon us again and it's time for inside maintenance of equipment. At Chicago Golf Club this includes many hours of sharpening or grinding of gang mowers. With three 7 gang mowers and two 9 gang mowers this takes a good part of the winter. Procedures for grinding are presented here as they apply to Chicago Golf Club.

The wheels and bedknives are removed from the mowers and all dirt and oil washed off. Water is prevented from entering any bearings. Oil is changed in the gear cases every two years. All rollers are checked for end play and the bolts in the roller assembly are coated with Never-Seez. The reel is checked for any movement or play because proper bearing adjustment is essential before grinding.

Bedknives are ground on an Ideal Bedknife Grinder. The front edge is ground first so a slight burr will form on the top edge of the bedknife. All bedknives are ground to insure the proper angle to the reel.

Setting up the reel for grinding is the most important step for a sharp and true reel. The reel must be level in the grinder frame. The grinding stone is adjusted to make light contact with the blades. Use of a coarse stone is preferred over a fine stone. The coarse stone will cut faster and will not loadup with grindings. Blades are numbered and are ground in sequence 12345, 54321, 34512, etc. until desired results are achieved. The leading edge is ground so it contacts the bedknife first. A thin cutting edge wears longer and cuts better than a thick edge. For this reason blades are back ground to have a 3/32" leading edge.

Grinding can be an art form if done correctly. Proper training of operators is essential and the operator needs to pay careful attention to detail. The job of grinding is also tedious and once mastered, somewhat boring. It pays to take frequent breaks from the grinder and not rush to get it done.

Bedknives at C.G.C. usually lasts six years. This is through careful and regular adjustment during the season and correct sharpening techniques in the winter. Reels stay sharp all season without backlapping. All bolts are greased before the bedknife is reassembled to prevent rust. Reels are spray painted if needed. By following these procedures in the winter, trouble-free operation can be expected in the summer.

At the Chicago Golf Club we usually plant trees and shrubs every Spring and Fall. This is to replace old undesirable or dead trees and to revitalize the existing landscape. We have tried to use trees that are little known, but in many cases, superior to the standard fast growing trees such as Ash and Silver Maple. Following is a brief description of some of our new trees and an evaluation of their performance to date. In the Spring of 1980 we planted five European Hornbeam (Carpinus betulus) by the pro shop. European Hornbeam is a member of the Birch family with extremely clean foliage. The trees were planted as a screen and serve the purpose quite well as they are branched to the ground. All the trees are in perfect shape and are starting to grow rapidly. The Fall color is yellow, with the leaves later turning brown and staying on the tree through winter like an Oak. These trees are very ornamental and we have been very pleased with them. In April of 1981 four Common Baldcypress (Taxodium distichum) were planted to screen the fifteenth fairway from the tennis courts. This tree is a deciduous conifer with light green feathery foliage which turns golden brown in Fall. The species takes two to three years to become established before any significant top growth will be produced. One of our trees has really taken off during the past season. These trees have a uniqueness which complement and enhance the beauty of the large Sugar Maples growing nearby.

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Mike Monroe, Asst. Supt. Chicago Golf Club

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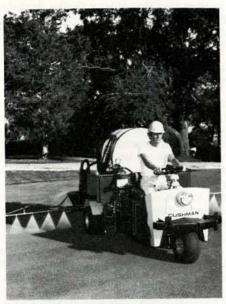
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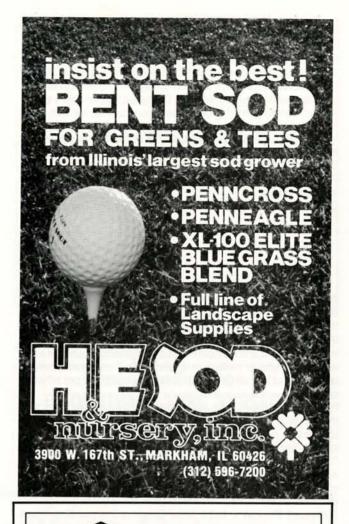
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GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT'S PRAYER BREAKFAST NEWSLETTER

GREETINGS in the name of the Lord!

This will be our first attempt at a newsletter. Last year in New Orleans many of those who attended the Prayer Breakfast left their names and addresses. Enclosed is a directory sheet. We are sending this list out to communicate better with each other.

You might be interested to know that the PB has been officially incorporated under the Seal of the State of Illinois as The Golf Course Superintendent's Christian Fellowship Prayer Breakfast. We have also filed with the IRS for tax exempt status.

Officers and Directors

Leonard Barg John Ebel Walter W. Fuchs Timothy Kelly Bruce Sering James Reed Palmer Maples

Atlanta '83 - Plans are under way for the fourth annual Prayer Breakfast in Atlanta, Feb. 21, 1983. We are happy to report that our guest speaker will again be Ira "Doc" Eshelman. It might seem unusual to have the same speaker two years in a row, but Atlanta is home office for Eshelman and it seemed appropriate to invite him again. "Doc" was well received last year and he has promised to bring a couple of pro athletes along.

Purpose - It is the hope and prayer of the incorporators that the PB will grow and we encourage your input. We plan to function on an informal basis, but need dedicated people to help and guide our main purpose, which is as follows -- "To seek God's blessing on the Golf Course Superintendent's Association of America Conference, its affairs, our nation, our membership, our staff and to share God's love".

(Articles of Incorporation are shown on following page.)

 Financial Report - 1982 New Orleans Prayer Breakfast

 Expense
 Speaker
 \$750.00

 Coffee & Rolls
 100.00

 850.00
 850.00

 Income
 Donations
 \$955.00

 Interest
 6.29

 961.29

 Balance
 \$111.29

Helps and Needs - God's word says that "our help is in the name of the Lord and He shall supply all our needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Ps. 124, Phil. 4) We believe that, and we also believe that God uses people to accomplish His purpose. Some of our needs are rather simple.

Communications - Do you like to write? You don't have to have a degree in journalism to put your thoughts on paper, or maybe collect information from others. We need someone to edit a newsletter about 3 or 4 times a year. Let us know if you would like to help.

Logo and Posters - We would like to have a logo for our stationery and newsletter. If you have any good ideas send them to any one of the officers or directors. Each year we put out about a half-dozen large posters at the conference to announce the PB. Maybe this is your thing ...?

Greeters - Have no great talents, but like to SMILE, shake hands and talk? O.K., how about being a greeter? Let people know as they enter that we are happy to have them and welcome them to the PB.

Music - Can you make a joyful noise? Good! We hope to make music a more important part of the PB. This one really needs a good song leader, someone that can wake us up physically and spiritually. Not complicated, just simple, singable songs.

Administration and Finance - Putting the PB together takes time and planning, as well as money. Maybe God has given you the ability to see a need or solve a problem; if so we need you. It is not our purpose to press for money. Yes, we have some financial needs and God will supply them. If you feel led to help you may direct your contribution to:

Golf Course Superintendent's Prayer Breakfast c/o John Ebel, 212 North Hager Ave., Barrington, IL 60010

Prayer Warriors - If you are unable to help in any of the above, you still have opportunity to participate in the most important help of all, PRAYER. Without prayer we labor in vain. Please pray that our needs will be met to the glory of God. Let us hear from you. If you know of someone that might be interested in our newsletter send along their name and address. Let us know what you would like. Share what God is doing in your life. This is your Prayer Breakfast Newsletter. Write to: Golf Course Superintendent's Prayer Breakfast Newsletter, 212 N. Hager Ave., Barrington, IL 60010, Phone (312) 381-1681.

FALL!! It's the time of year one thinks of cornstalks & pumpkins; witches and goblins; geese flying South; autumn colors and falling leaves. But there are other things one should be thinking about; and that is just how good a job was done this season. What did we accomplish; what goals did we set and meet; what goals did we fail to meet and what about next year? Also, for next year, will we have to tighten our belts and if so where do we start?

One place to start may well be the Superintendent's desk. The following list may be some of the areas where money is wasted unnecessarily:

- 1. Crew not starting on time properly (example crewmen starts at 7:10 instead of 7 sharp, 10 min. lost times 6 men equals 60 min. or 1 hour; 1 hour per day times \$5.00 times 5 days equals \$25 per week times 30 weeks equals an unbelievable loss of \$666.00 for the season.
- 2. Plans to start a job on Monday, but the equipment was not checked out ahead of time and a problem is found with the equipment and the crew stands around until the problem is corrected.
- 3. No rain plan so the crew stands around watching it rain.
- 4. A project is not properly planned for both labor and material. The crew wastes time on both and the job takes longer or has to be redone.
- Improper instructions given to crew and not making sure that crew understands what has to be accomplished.
- 6. Manufacturing jobs (due to bad planning) just to keep crew busy for an hour or so.
- Sending out improper equipment or equipment that is not in working order.
- 8. Crew taking too long of a break or leaving job site too soon at roon and quitting time.
- Sending too large a crew for a project and too few for other projects. It should be known ahead of time how many men and for how long.
- 10. Not preplanning work ahead so that what items have to be used are out, ready to go and all in working order.
- 11. Not properly watching the buying procedures; overbuying, not getting the best possible price, making sure the purchase will not be inferior equipment or chemicals.

These are just a few ideas as to where the money is wasted. I'm sure if you put your mind to it, you as a Superintendent are guilty of at least some of these things and could add several not listed.

So, as winter creeps up on us and conventions, seminars, and vacations come and go, we can take the time to properly plan and execute a happy and successful 1983 season.

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John Ebel, Supt. at Barrington C.C. opened the conference with a prayer.

We were very happy to have with us James Wyllie, G.C.S.A.A. Pres. as one of our speakers who gave us the past and present history of the G.C.S.A.A.



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MIDWEST BREEZES

On Oct. 18, 1982 this editor had the pleasure of attending the Mexican Open Golf Tournament for the employees at Briarwood C.C. **Paul Voykin**, Supt. sure knows how to host an event of this nature. The food and refreshments were ample for everyone and of top quality.

Many of you have heard and read Paul's statement that "Overgrooming is over spending". The application of this premise at Briarwood has produced a golf course that was in excellent condition. The turf on the fairways at Briarwood C.C. was beautiful. Paul says it has been that way the whole season.

The **Bull Sheet** editor has many responsibilities: such as being the bookkeeper; sending out statements to the various advertisers; give them credit on their account when payment has been made; look for news items; write news articles; gather all news articles and select the most appropriate ones for the next issue; make sure they reach the printer on a certain date; when the proofs are returned proofread them and then make up the dummy and get it back to the printer to meet the deadline. This may require working Saturday and Sunday. The **Bull Sheet** editor is also the photographer. There is one thing in the **Bull Sheet** editors favor. That one thing is the printer he has to work with. **Ever-Redi Printing** has been the **Bull Sheet** printer ever since it started thirty-eight years ago, a record we are proud of. **Ever-Redi Printing Service** has performed a super job for us.

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Norman Meyer, from Ravisloe, was in the hospital.

Tony Sella, Mink Lake G.C., Valparaiso, IN is in the hospital.

Ed Bruansky, Supt. Elk Grove Village Park Dist. is in the hospital.

Dear Editor.

The formidable wives of the National Greenkeepers - 1929 - pictured in the November issue of the **Bull Sheet** are not much different looking than some of 1982 National Superintendents' wives. Both groups could use a little aerobic dancing and other exercise.

Sincerely yours,

Paul N. Voykin

(ten pounds overweight and running)

Editor's Note:

I would suggest that Paul practices what he preaches. The last time I saw Paul I would suggest that he shoot for the twenty pound figure rather than the ten pound that he stated. Try it, Paul - the only thing you can lose is some of those extra pounds.

The results of the M.A.G.C.S. annual meeting held at Cyprus Inn on Nov. 2nd were:

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. David Behrman, Supt. Deer Creek Golf Club

. J. Michael Hart, Supt. Bon Vivant C.C.



Jerry Weissman & Paul Voykin. Mr. Weissman helped Paul start the Mexican Open 18 years ago when he was on Paul's committee and gave the first trophy.



Bob Newman, Pres. Briarwood C.C. Paul Voykin, Supt. at the 18th Mexican Open Golf Tournament, Oct. 18, 1982

M.A.G.C.S. January 1983 meeting will be held at Arrow Head G.C. **Bob Breen,**Supt. will be our host on January 10th.





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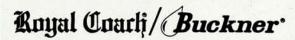
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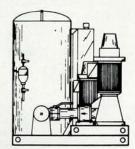




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