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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BASIC ORGANIZATION EQUALS IMPROVEMENT

Last summer, St. Charles Country Club experienced a devastating fire that completely destroyed the Halfway House. The fire spread that early morning and took out half the adjoining maintenance facility, causing various degrees of damage to the remaining half of the shop. We were forced to make-do for the remainder of the golf season, while plans for a new building were initiated. Construction has gone well this fall. And I will admit that we are better off with our recently completed structure. I would never wish an experience like ours on any golf course superintendent. Starting over has been an inconvenience to the enth degree. Plans, organization, coordination with contractors and architects have all made for extra work at the end of an already busy golf season. We were forced to reorganize.

I have developed a new appreciation for organization. Many superintendents have come up with some real nice improvements at their shops, and I think many of them are worth mentioning. Art Benson has come up with a beauty at the Butterfield Country Club. The new heating system for his machinery storage area takes advantage of the stored equipment for better heat transfer, with the use of infrared, indirect heater units. He installed these units himself at the ceiling level. Anything under or near these units picks up the heat and radiates the heat throughout the room. They are worth seeing in operation, and I am sure he would be glad to show them to anyone interested. Oscar Miles was faced with building a completely new facility in the middle of the Butler National Golf Course. His new building had some built-in problems because of its location. He handled this by building a large U-shaped, courtyard-style building. Birms grace the perimeter of the structure, rendering it to an almost unnoticed part of the golf course. It is modern, efficient, and quite unlike anything I have seen in this area. Oscar is very proud of this organization and would love to show it to anyone looking for new ideas. Hydraulic lift tables in the work areas have been used in many of the shops. Not only do they make nice work benches to perch light machinery on, but they really make for safe loading devices from the floor to the back of trucks and trailers. Bill Leith at the Elgin Country Club or John Ebel at Barrington Hills Country Club have very neat shops worth seeing. Both courses have adequate staff rooms for the working crew members. Both have exceptionally well-organized tool cribs. And both men keep their shops standing tall all of the time. If it is space you are looking for, go visit Bruce Sering at the Glenview Club or Julius Albaugh at Westmoreland

Country Club. Both of these long-time superintendents put up with old and tiny shops for years while trying to convince the "powers to be" that their clubs needed completely new buildings to house their equipment and work space. Their efforts were well worth the wait. Either shop has spaces big enough to drive entire sets of gang mowers in for work or storage. Their staff rooms and quarters provide neat places for key personnel to live in during the golf season. Either superintendent has welcomed me for a visit and I'm sure they would do the same for you if you gave them a call. These golf course friends have something worth talking about. I'm sure that there are many other ideas that have been put to use in our own area. Let us know what you have. A paragraph or two sent to the Bull Sheet editor would make good, useful information for anyone looking to improve their operation. We all need help in this area. A good shop makes for a good golf course. Good superintendents should see to it every effort is made to operate at top efficiency. Make some notes on your own deficiencies and ask around for some help. I'm sure you can get it right here in the Midwest area. I would love for someone to visit our new shop this winter. Besides, I enjoy the company!

> Peter Leuzinger, Pres. MAGCS

The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents and Central Illinois Golf Course Superintendents Association held a joint meeting and golf tournament that was sponsored by Mallinckrodt at the Kankakee Country Club on May 10, 1982. The purpose of the jointly sponsored golf tournament was to raise funds for the Turfgrass Foundation in support of a plant pathologist at the University of Illinois. Cecil Kerr of Mallinckrodt presented the \$1500.00 corporate donation to Dr. Henry Wilkinson, Research Pathologist, & Tom Fermanian. Mallinckrodt is a leading supplier of turf chemicals to the golf market.

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Thomas H. Robems, Superintendent of Kankakee Country Club, summarized his results of chemical treatment demonstrations conducted throughout the season in cooperation with Mallinckrodt.

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- Promotion of the fast approaching GCSAA International Turfgrass Conference and Show in Atlanta is still going on through various golf publications. Southern Golf; Florida Golf Week; Recreation; Sports & Leisure; Weeds, Trees & Turf and Grounds Maintenance, to name a few, have recently run our Conference and Show ad.
- And, for the first time, Golf Digest and Golf World magazines have run GCSAA's Conference and Show ad in their January and December 3 issues, respectively. All ads appeared at no expense to GCSAA and were positioned prominently in each of these magazines.

The MAGCS Golf Committee is in need of people to serve on their committee for the 1983 golf season. Anyone wishing to serve, please call **Joe Williamson** at (219) 322-3660 or (219) 836-8900.

Anyone who does not have a handicap through their home club, please let me know so I may obtain one through the CDGA at no cost to our members. I would like to start the first golf event of the year with a handicap for everyone. Contact Joe Williamson at (219) 836-8900.

Gentlemen:

Allow me to offer my most sincere congratulations to you on taking this very positive step of incorporating the Fellowship Prayer Breakfast. I recently read of your efforts and accomplishments in the December issue of the **Bull Sheet.**

I have enjoyed participating in each of our prayer breakfasts since Anaheim and think that the formation of this group comes at a most important time. Not since the establishment of our organization at Sylvania in 1926 has the Association faced such times of tribulation. I sincerely pray that the Lord will guide our member colleagues in overcoming apathy and involving them in the determination of the future course and direction of GCSAA as well as their profession. Our Association very much needs guidance from above.

From the **Bull Sheet** column I couldn't determine if individual memberships were available. However, I am enclosing a check for the small amount of twenty-five dollars as a contribution to the fund.

I might also add that I was very pleased to see that the leadership of the group included Palmer Maples. I'm hoping that Palmer will do the invocation for the Thursday night banquet in Atlanta

I'm looking forward to seeing each of you in Atlanta and, hopefully, the ranks of the prayer breakfast will grow to include a great many more of our colleagues.

Until we meet in Atlanta, may the peace of our Lord be with you!

James G. Prusa, CGCS Director of Education

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"THE SAND TOPDRESSING EXPRESS: (AN OPINION)"

After careful consideration and discussion with a few of my peers, I feel it is relevant to offer an opinion concerning the current trend towards sand topdressing of greens and tees. When I first came to the Chicagoland area 13 years ago, I had some very definite ideas about golf course agronomics, design, construction and playability. Many of these ideas have been fulfilled, but not all of them have proven successful. With a bit more experience and definitely more conservative viewpoint, I would like to express to you my real concern about the sand topdressing programs now underway. I am not convinced that this current trend is of long-term value to our Chicagoland golf courses.

I have played numerous courses that have converted and the "playability" seems to be quite good. The ability of a shot to hold seems adequate, and the "splash of sand" can be visualized on a 100 yard wedge shot. The greens putt true, although I am not certain that the improvement is substantial. The recovery from ballmarks and smoothness seem to be advantages — to what degree has never been accurately measured, however. The immediate results favor the program and it appears that each golf course superintendent is weighing the pros and cons of this new maintenance practice.

I am going to wait for at least 10 years before I embark on this procedure. I am concerned about; (1) the hydrophobic sand principle, (2) the 5 to 10 years root development, and (3) the penchant for excellence that I adhere to, but am most concerned about. The first two items will be evaluated as the years pass; however, sand topdressing is a significant example of the desire for excellence and I seriously question the cost/benefits of the program. I thought the greens were perfect the last two seasons that I played there. I respect the golf superintendent at the club and I hope in years to come, that no problems develop.

My Basic Question Is: "What are the current putting conditions and will the change to sand measurably improve putting quality?" I feel the old 1-1-1 ratio of topdressing has produced some of the finest golf greens in the United States and that this ratio remains excellent for **Chicagoland**. It seems that there are other ways to improve putting quality (e.g., frequent verticutting). Remember the turface era in the 1960's — just as many soil structures were ruined as were improved. The frequent turnover of superintendents with different agronomic philosophies complicates the problem by potentially changing the topdressing specifications and creating stratified soil structures. This may be followed by recommendations to rebuild to correct problems created over 20 years by different golf superintendents with no one singularly at fault.

In my 13 years in the area, I have successfully managed greens with the following ratios of topsoil mix:

- (1) 1 Part Sand, 1 Part Peat, 1 Part Soil Ratio
- (2) 60% Sand, 20% Soil, 20% Peat Ratio
- (3) 99% Sand by Weight, 1% Peat by Weight Ratio
- (4) Greens with combinations of the above with amendments added over the years

All of these topsoil combinations can be used to grow quality turfgrass in this area, but not necessarily quality putting or playing surfaces. I differentiate here because a good looking turf does not necessarily provide a high quality putting surface that meets the criteria of any one golfer much less the golfing public as a whole.

Yes, I am concerned. This written effort on my part is not intended to nor does it begin to adequately detail a very con-

troversial and complex subject, but as a progressive member of the golf business, I have relieved a need to express a concerned and conservative view point.

Timothy J. Miles, Supt. Div. of Golf and Property, Northbrook Park Dist.

"PROFESSIONAL NEEDS" --- UPCOMING DECADE AND BEYOND

The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents and Chicagoland Golf Course Superintendents Association jointly endorse the selection of Paul Boizelle, CGCS by the G.C.S.A.A. Nominating Committee as a candidate for Vice President. Paul is a member of good standing in both associations and also active in many golf associations serving the Chicago area.

Paul has 32 years of vast experience in the turfgrass industry. Thirty of those years were spent on the east coast (New Jersey) working to develop a golf course for its membership and also working to develop the image and respect of the Golf Course Superintendent. One could easily get the impression that LEADERSHIP and ORGANIZATION come naturally to Paul. The truth is, Paul puts a lot of time, planning, communications, and DEDICATION into his goals and objectives. The latter probably being most important. Paul does not use the words; if, as possible, could be, or suppose. He works hard in seeking information in order to obtain desired results. He does not have to make up reasons, when serving on a committee, for not getting job assignments completed. Instead he completes his assignments with greater expectations than one could anticipate.

Having served as Director of G.C.S.A.A. the past two years, Paul is well prepared to become the next Vice President. He has met the challenges assigned to him by the Presidents with success. He is committed in addressing the Golf Course Superintendent's day to day professional needs and the needs that will arise in this decade and beyond. Some of Paul's beliefs pertaining to the future of G.C.S.A.A. are strong public relations with allied associations, dynamic education programs, improving the certification system, and most important a greater image.

Over the years, if Paul was not busy doing something with the turfgrass industry or serving on a committee his personal time at home was most exciting. Along with his lovely and supporting wife Jeanne, both were able to bring up four children and give special-attention to five grandchildren. One of Paul's greatest achievements for serving the community is that he was a Scout Master for thirty years. Paul and Jeanne have always been very active in civic and community groups. Their interests could be summed up as being pleasurable and most rewarding when looking back at the past.

The club members at the Onwentsia Club has encouraged Supt. Paul to continue with his work on the National Board and have wished him great success in the upcoming election for Vice President. Paul has the desire and inspiration to continue as a member of the G.C.S.A.A. Executive Committee, but most important contributes LEADERSHIP and DEDICATION. A vote for Paul Boizelle, CGCS is a vote for a candidate who listens, with sincerity, to suggestions and ideas that come from association members.

Len Berg

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MIDWEST BREEZES

We are now in the second month of a new year. It sure would be appreciated if 1983 was as good as 1982. Some of you will say, what was so good about 1982? Just think back and you will agree it could have been much worse. The weather was not too bad. In a few areas in the Chicago area the rainfall was a little more than some of the golf courses wanted. In other areas a little more would have been appreciated. There is nothing we as individuals can do about things of this nature. This editor hopes that all the golf courses will be in as good a condition as last fall.

Golf courses reported an all time number of rounds played in 1982. It is also reported that golf courses maintenance budgets have gone up. I hope the grounds Supt. does not let this expenditure get beyond control. If it does, I know what happened back in the nineteen thirties.

The 1982 M.A.G.C.S. membership roster lists three hundredfourteen members. From this number a very small percentage ever make a contribution toward reading material for the **Bull Sheet.** None of your membership dues goes to the publishing of the **Bull Sheet.** Please support the advertisers. If you let them down the **Bull Sheet** is in trouble. Then it **will be** up to you.

I would like to confirm our March meeting of M.A.G.C.S. If my memory serves me correct, you had suggested beginning with cards and racketball at 2:00 on Tuesday, March 15, with a meeting at 4:30. A Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner following the meeting. The entire day will follow a St. Patrick's Day theme at Silver Lake C.C.

I personally like the format and see no reason it wouldn't be a success. If I do not have the facts and times correct, let me know.

Sometime in the near future, we will need to confirm prices for meals and other final arrangements, such as microphone, seating, cash bar, and numbers expected.

If you have any changes you would like to make, feel free to call or write any time.

See you January 10th at Hackney's.

J. Michael Hart, C.G.C.S. Arrangement Chairman for M.A.G.C.S.

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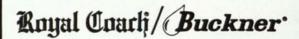
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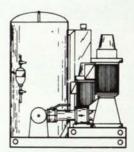




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