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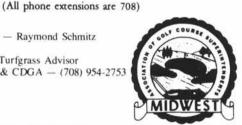
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On Course with the President

Rapidly, the new golf season of 1994 is bearing down upon us. Already it's shaping up like another busy and unusual golf and turf year. I've been real busy (who isn't!) and in between the busy days I've assembled a few short thoughts for this month's Bull Sheet "blurb". I must tell you now, however. there are no more quotes from Thoreau in store for you this time around.

It is early April as this is being composed and I've just returned from what surely must be the absolute "Mecca" of golf. I speak of course of the magnificent Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, GA. The trip to the golf course and the accompanying Masters Tournament is not unlike what a pilgrimage must be to any devout individual, regardless of whatever it is that they might be devout about. The entire facility at Augusta National bespeaks of quality and quiet dignity. There is the sense that not a single blade of grass is out of place nor is there the feeling that anything else is ever allowed to be out of place. The golf tournament is an event not to be missed and certainly to be enjoyed by personal attendance. It is simply a joy to attend. I have had the pleasure and privilege of attending the Masters several times and have not regretted one ounce of the effort or one cent of the funds expended to make the trip. Usually there are a number of MAGCS members enjoying the tournament as well and it is not at all unusual to recognize at least

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a dozen or so people from the Chicago area. If ever any opportunity arises to venture to Augusta, don't deny yourself the privilege. Check out the Turfgrass Management Center, take some time to venture over to the par 3 course (it's near the 10th fairway and stunningly beautiful), meander over to the "Amen Corner", and settle in at any number of other locations for some great vistas and some greater golf. It is truly a wonderful experience to visit ...

By now, the 1994 MAGCS Membership Directory plus the By-laws and an early revision should be in your hands. It took an enormous amount of time and date organization to compile what amounts to an entirely new and expanded data base for the association. Yeah, we know there are some omissions and a few wrong entries, but we are relying on you to help us correct them. Let MAGCS Executive Secretary Joan Minnis know as soon as possible of any changes to the base data, she will quickly enter the new information into the computer and the correction will be complete. Thanks for your help!

And ... sadly, I must address the following: It seems that a few (and I mean only a desperate few) individuals of the fine membership of the MAGCS have adopted a particularly low form of telephone communication. There have been some rather unkind and completely uncalled for comments recorded on the telephone message system of the "Midwest". It takes no courage whatsoever to curse into an answering machine and leave a message laced with profanity. It is in fact, intolerable. I should think we are above that level of behavior and as educated and cultured individuals - shall not let it happen again.

Thanks.

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Director's Column

by Dave Blomquist, Naperville C.C.

This year I've been put in charge of the Long Range Planning Committee. The purpose of this committee is to act on an advisory level, evaluating all MAGCS committee programs to ensure that the existing and future actions and directions of each committee is serving the best interest of the MAGCS membership. This committee is comprised of at least 3 past presidents, the finance director of the MAGCS, as well as any member willing to devote his or her time to provide constructive criticism or suggestions about the future of this association.

My report to the MAGCS Board will cover many areas including:

- Upgrading employment committee activities.
- Increasing donations by MAGCS to scholarship/research.
- Implementation of Benevolence Fund.
- Donations by MAGCS to local charitable causes.
- · Public Relations Committee recommendations.

I've seen many changes in the MAGCS during my tenure as a Director, some being very difficult and controversial, however the association has progressed with each. We are embarking on a new era as the MAGCS strives to improve upon its' already strong position in the Golf Course Management field.

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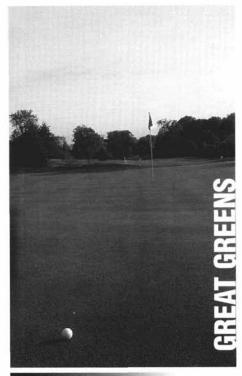
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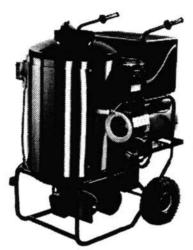
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Recycle

As the population grows the urban sprawl continues, waste is becoming an increasing problem. NSCC is doing what it can to help curb contributions to the growing mountain of solid waste. Integrated Waste Management, which includes reduction, reuse and recycling is part of the solution.

The Grounds Department at NSCC reduces, reuses or recycles just about all landscape waste. Clippings from mowing are either left in place (rough and lawn areas) or picked up and scattered in rough areas, generally far from play. As the clippings dry and decompose they disappear into the soil. Each autumn the fallen leaves are blown from play areas and mulched. The rotary mowers break up the leaves into small pieces. The pieces are left in the rough, adding organic matter to the soil. With these practices of soil enhancement, the need for fertilizer in the rough is greatly reduced. When pruning shrubs and trees, the limbs are processed through a chipper. The chips are stock piled and used as needed to mulch newly planted trees and shrubs. Mulching plants helps to minimize weed growth, maintain soil moisture and aids in keeping soil cooler. Logs (except diseased logs) too large to chip are saved and split for fire wood. Miscellaneous items, such as inedible fruits, divots, some grass clippings, weeds, spent flowers are composted in our compost pile to the left of 8 tee.

In our greenhouse, we grow the annuals in plastic flower pots. These pots are saved, steam cleaned to disinfect and reused. This saves money as well as space in the landfills.

In the shop, broken and used parts including batteries are saved. Once a year we load the scrap into our trucks and haul it to a scrap yard. Not only does this reduce scavenging fees, but we actually get money back! Last year we used the funds to purchase a microwave oven for the grounds crew's kitchen.

In the past we have collected aluminum cans from the litter generated on the golf course. Unfortunately, garbage separation became a low priority, during peak season. This year we want to improve on this. We will be installing a separate receptacle at the halfway house for discarding empty aluminum cans.

Much of the equipment used to maintain a golf course is powered by gasoline engines. Some of the engines are two stroke, using oil mixed with gas, to lubricate the moving components. Most of our engines are 4 stroke. These engines require an oil bath to lubricate, much the same way as your automobile engine. Each year, we collect and save over 500 gallons of used motor oil from these engines. We have an approved storing facility to house the used motor oil until pick up. A service picks up the oil charging only a 25 dollar fee to conduct an on site test to ensure the oil's purity. The company then sells the used oil to companies for reprocessing. The oil can be reused as fuel, lubricants or in products like asphalt.

These are just some of the examples of how we reduce, reuse and recycle some of our "potential wastes." Most of our neighboring communities offer curbside collection and dropoff centers for recycling household trash. However, proper disposal of used motor oil or antifreeze is often a challenge. We invite you to drop off your used clean motor oil or antifreeze at either the club or the Grounds Department. If there are any questions please call the Grounds Department at 724-4963.



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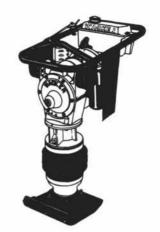
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1974 Bull Sheets

by Pete Vandercook

Reading a full year of **Bull Sheets** in one sitting is really entertaining. Particularly when you remember most of the events and know most of the people involved.

1974 was another great year. The Midwest President was Alby Staudt, Geneva Golf Club; First Vice President was Ed Smith, Deerpath Golf Club (City of Lake Forest); Second Vice President was Fred Opperman, Glen Oak Country Club: Secretary-Treasurer, Mike Bavier, Inverness. Directors included Carl Grassl, Park Ridge Country Club; Dave Meyer, Indian Lakes Country Club; Carl Hopphan, Aurora Country Club; Gerald Hanko, Timber Trails; Cliff Behrendt, Turnberry; and Denis Straus, Rolling Green. Dorothy Carey (Dorothy Warren) served as Executive Secretary. Bull Sheet editor was Ray Gerber and Associate Editors were Bob Williams, Bob-O-Link and Roger LaRochelle of Woodmar. Ray Gerber had taken over the Bull Sheet in 1971 (and as many know, was the editor until ill health forced his retirement in early 1983). The 1974 Bull Sheets had twelve pages (compared to 28 pages today) and there were several full page ads. Detroit area superintendent, Ted Woehrle (a Chicago area alumni) was a National Director. Meetings were held at Nordic Hills, Dave Meyer, Host; Woodridge Golf Club, Tony Meyer, Host; Woodmar Country Club, Roger LaRochelle, Host; Turnberry Country Club, Cliff Behrendt, Host; Aurora Country Club, Carl Hopphan, Host; Village Greens of Woodridge, Len Berg, Host; Indian Lakes Country Club, Dave Meyer, Host; Naperville Country Club, Bob Siebert, Host; River Forest Country Club, Ed Stewart, Host; and Medinah Country Club, John Jackman, Host. The annual dance was held at Silver Lake Country Club, Co-hosts and Hostesses were Dudley and Marlene Smith and John and Grace Coghill.

1974 prize winning golfers for each meeting were not listed. Exceptions were the June meeting at Turnberry, Country Club — Low Gross, Bob Kronn - 77. Low Net, Ben Kronn - 71, Carl Landgrebe - 72 and Harry Nielsen Jr., Harold Michaels, Carl Hopphan, Julius Albaugh and Bob Breen, all with 73. Blind Bogey winners were John Potthoff, Ed Smith, Dave Meyer, Keith Fuchs, Joe Canale and Bill Kraft. Closest to the flag was won by Bruce Sering.

At the July meeting at Aurora Country Club, Blind Bogey winners were Walter Fuchs, Jr., Ed Fischer, Bruce Burchfield, Bill Nadler, Ed Stewart, Bob Hanson, John Beraducci, Don Gricus, Ed Smith, Rollin Clifford, Len Berg, Tony Meyer, and Carl Landgrebe.

Calloway event winners were Pete Voykin, Don Gricus, Paul Frankowski, Marv Gruening, Ken Goodman, Ed Smith, John Coghill, Art Benson, Jr., Bob Hanson, Don Hoffman, Charlie Rack and Keith Nadler. Closest to the hole was Keith Fuchs. Longest Drive (3 age brackets) were Bob Williams, Sean Daley and Pete Voykin.

A major 1974 social event was a testimonial dinner given in the honor of the Graffis brothers, Herb and Joe. They of course were very well known sports writers, leaders in the advancement of the game of golf and founders of "Golfdom Magazine". They were also well known as friends of the golf course superintendent. President Alby Staudt led a contingent of (continued page 10)

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midwest members that included Mike Bavier, Ray Gerber, Paul Voykin, Oscar Borgmeyer and others representing the MGCSA. Other guests included "The" Chick Evans, Trick Shot Artist Paul Hahn, Fred Grau, Joe Jemsek, Ted Woehrle, GCSAA Director, and Conrad Scheetz, GCSAA Executive Director.

The mole's observations had been replaced with "Midwest Breezes", a collection of information compiled by Ray Gerber. Excerpts from the 1974 Midwest Breezes included:

Rodney Voykin is leaving the Deerfield Park District to become the superintendent at Green Acres Country Club.

Walter Fuchs Sr. has taken the superintendents position at Evanston Golf Club. We welcome him back to the Chicago area.

Bob Kronn, former superintendent at Ridgemoor Country Club is the new superintendent at Rolling Green Country Club.

Frank Krueger, former superintendent at Bartlett Hills Golf Club has resigned and become the new superintendent at Palatine Hills Golf Club. Bill Miller, long time Palatine superintendent is retiring.

Wedding bells have entered the life of Dudley Smith, superintendent at Silver Lake Country Club. Congratulations to Dudley and Marlene on their May 12th wedding.

Bert Rost, superintendent at Elcona Country Club, Elkhart, Indiana, is retiring on June 30th. Bert was formerly superintendent at Park Ridge Country Club and Butterfield Country Club. A contingent of the Chicago area, superintendents attended Bert's retirement party.

Mary Gruening, superintendent at Midwest Golf Club, took his grounds employees to the September 9th Cubs game and out to dinner afterwards.

There was a picture in the October issue of Bob Williams, Dom Grotti, Frank Dinelli and Ben Kronn. The caption stated that these four men represent more than 200 years in golf course maintenance work. This was undoubtably a Ray Gerber photo and if he had been on the other side of the lens, the five men would have represented over 250 years of golf course maintenance.

Quoted in the June issues was the following wisdom submitted by Bill Kraft, "I know you believe you understand what you think I said but I am not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant."

There were also multiple mentions of author (A Perfect Lawn the Easy Way) and speaker (Over Grooming is Over Spending) Paul Voykin. Paul also spends some time as a golf course superintendent and as backer of Mike Bavier's campaign to be a National Board member.

The 1974 midwest slogan was "We Like Mike" (slogan author was Bob Breen Sr.). Mike's campaign was not successful and the 1975 midwest slogan became "We Still Like Mike" as the 1974 members will remember the 1975 and 1976 campaigns were not successful and then Mike who did not run in 1977 was elected off the floor that year and as you know, went on to become President of the National.

To explain the problem that Mike had getting elected as a National Director, please understand that on a national basis, there was a stigma, of sorts, against the MAGCS during the late 1960's and the early 1970's. This was due in part to a strong stance taken by Midwest members against moving the national

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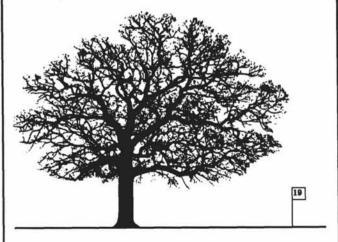
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