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TO ALL!**



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dateline: Nov. 8

This being my **last** President's Message I will now formally thank the entire membership for allowing me the honor and privilege of serving the Midwest Association during 1963. My service, whether it was good, bad or otherwise, has been a gratifying experience. An experience that I would recommend each and every qualified member to strive for.

I would particularly like to acknowledge the efforts of the officers and directors who have actually done most of the work this year and thank them for the loyal and untiring support they have given the organization as well as me.

I suppose this would be an opportune time for me to list all the accomplishments we have made this year. However, my arm doesn't bend that way, so instead I'll comment on an item or two that I feel leaves little to be desired. Trying to define the first item is rather difficult, but for want of a better word I'll use **Faction**. My observations of the members of the "Midwest" over the years had led me to believe that as a group the "Midwest" has great potential. Potential to make a mark for itself both locally and nationally. It has loyal members. It has intelligent members. It has honest members and ambitious members. It also has members with intent. Now, the "Midwest" needs all of these qualifications to make it go. However, when we get to intent we sometimes run into trouble, because there are those whose intent it is to "lend" and there are those whose intent it is to "take away". By "lend" I mean those persons who have over the years given their best with all that was in them to make the "Midwest" and themselves a little better without recompense. The "takers away" are those who for no apparent reasons except lack of self-confidence or security, perhaps, remove their shoulders from the wheel and become part of factions that are stumbling blocks in the path of progress. Fortunately we have many more "lenders" than we have "takers away". Shall we all look at ourselves and ask which one am I?

The next item for concern which I believe to be of prime importance is **Purpose**. Why does the "Midwest" even exist? I guess it is because way

back somewhere some people thought there was a real need for unity and education in our field. Two very good reasons. Don't you agree?

However, today we hear comments, few though they might be, to the effect that we don't need educational programs at our meetings. Let's just have a ball every month and the hell with everything. Well, I like fun — you can't beat it. But how long do you think we'd last as a real organization with pleasure our only purpose? Not long, I think.

The picture for the "Midwest" is not entirely dull, however, if it does not allow these stumbling blocks to become too numerous and out of proportion. I believe factions will always exist and they are best ignored lest they thrive on too much attention. In other words take them for what they are and nothing more.

On the brighter side of the "Midwest" affairs we have enjoyed a healthy increase in membership, good attendance, and a Bull Sheet that past editors and all members can be proud of. May it continue in this vein for years to come.

Now if you will allow me I would like to regress slightly in a nostalgic way to pay written tribute here to a man who taught and led me to these pastures. Were it not for him I would not have met and known so many fine men in the Midwest Association. This man was John L. Ebel, my father, who made way for me in the world of golf in 1948. Having known him and all of you has, I think, made me a better man. Thank you.

John Ebel, President

P. S. Thanks Ben.

WESTERN OPEN COMES TO TAM O'SHANTER

An exciting new chapter in Western Open history will be written in August when the 61st Western Open is staged at Tam-O'Shanter Country Club, Chicago's most celebrated tournament site.

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Now it is at Tom O'Shanter that Arnold Palmer will defend the Western Open which he won last summer in a suspense-packed finish at Beverly. Chicago golf fans saw the year's three top players—Palmer, the leading money winner; Julius Boros, the National Open champion, and Jack Nicklaus, the Masters and PGA champion—all finish in a tie at 280 after 72 holes.

This trio met in a tense title playoff the next day. After 17 holes it still was a tight three-way battle. Only when Nicklaus overshot the 18th and Boros missed a decisive nine-foot put on that green did Palmer wrap up his second Western Open crown.

True to tradition which dates back to 1899, the Western Open provided one of the year's most thrilling and dramatic golf shows in the country. This becomes the guarantee to golf fans who come to Tam O'Shanter.

THE ANNUAL FALL CLINIC

The 11th annual Fall Clinic is now history. And it indeed made History. There were over 105 in attendance of one of the finest clinics in the history of our Association. The audience consisted of many of our more interested and inquisitive Superintendents here in the Midwest. The more progressive and aggressive Superintendents felt that this was one of the most superb jobs of presenting the latest in turf management. The year 1963 was presented in review, and the year 1964 was presented as a year in which we can look forward to, with great anticipation.

The Clinic is getting so popular that guests attended from all of the adjoining states. A good sized delegation from Wisconsin and Michigan was in attendance. Many Superintendents from Down State and from Indiana also found time to attend. Nebraska and Iowa as well as New Jersey and Florida were also represented by Superintendents seeking the latest facts.

Many of our speakers were Superintendents here from the Midwest Association. A few outside speakers spaced throughout the program made it more of a National Clinic. These people were used to making comparisons of similar problems in their particular areas.

Denny Trettel, the famous weather man, gave some insights into our weather problems and how his services, which he has to offer, might be beneficial to our profession. Something worth while to look into.

Observations on Winter Damage Along the Eastern Seaboard were made by Al Radko of the USGA Green Section and Dr. James Beard of Michigan State University. These presentations helped us to piece together a few more possibilities in why we suffered such extensive damage here in the Midwest two winters ago.

Two speakers stick out in my mind as being best received. Our Keynote address which was given by Dr. Gene Nutter of our National Headquarters and Mrs. Edward Schultz, an ex-president of the Women's Chicago District Golf Association, at our Banquet. These two presentations will be presented along with others later in the year right here in The Bull Sheet.

ILLINOIS TURF CONFERENCE

Remember the Illinois Turf Foundation is presenting their annual Conference at the University of Illinois on December 5th and 6th. This is a Thursday and a Friday. Please try to attend if at all possible. Help support this fine young organization. They are attempting to bring to you the facts which you request. Your problems are their problems. The function of the Foundation is to act as a go between, between you as an organization and the University.

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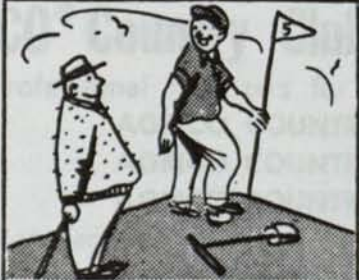
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**DOUG JABAAY, SUPERINTENDENT
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This is the third course to be presented in the article. The first two courses were the new nine holes at Silver Lake and the new 18 holes at the Preswick Country Club near Frankfort, Illinois.

This month we are going to cover the new Cress Creek Country Club. Doug Jabaay is the Superintendent. He has been present on the job throughout most of the design and construction.

Cress Creek is located near Naperville. It is the first course built within corporate limits of a city in Northern Illinois for over 40 years.

The Architect is David Gill from St. Charles, Illinois and the builder was John Hodek from Glen Ellyn. The initial construction began on January 2nd, 1962. The first nine were opened for play on Memorial Day 1963, and the 2nd on July 4th, 1963.

The greens average in size about 6200 sq. ft. and the turf on these greens is Toronto Bent or (C-15). The tees are not much smaller. They average around 5,000 sq. ft. The turf used on the tees is a mixture of Seaside, Astoria and Highland bent grasses.

There are 59 acres of fairway and 61 acres of Rough. The grass used in the fairways is predominately Bluegrass (60%). The remainder consists of fescue and *Poa trivialis*.

The tees, greens and approaches are watered. The fairways are not presently irrigated. There are five man-made lakes on the course. There is a 6½ million gallon reservoir in several of the lakes for irrigation.

The pH of the water is 8.5. These ponds are spring fed.

There is one unique thing about this course and this is that all the holes have an out of bounds on the left side of the fairway.

The yardage of the short course is 6,467 yards and the regular course is 6,700 yards in length. The Championship course is 6,980 yards long. A generous supply of traps will eventually line the fairways and greens. Doug has a big tree-planting program that he is in the middle of. Eventually this will be one of the finest courses in the area. All the property surrounding the course is being sold for a subdivision.

The nucleus of the Club house is now in operation with plans to enlarge as soon as funds are available.

Doug is happy that there will be very little hand mowing to be done on this course. The only mowing that will require hand mowing will be the greens themselves and the tees as well as around the trees.

Next month we will cover facts about the new Signal Point Country Club.

**THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FROM
"OUR COLLABORATOR"**

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I have a feeling that some of us, who have been in the profession for the past 20, 25 or 30 years or longer, have a resentment toward the youth, now in, or entering the field of turf grass management. I believe that the resentment, in many instances, derives from a presence of cockiness in their demeanor which is an attribute lacking in many of us old timers. A mistake or two and a few battles with Mother Nature will dissipate some of the cockiness but not all, I hope. We must remember that these youths are for better prepared than were most of us, at their age or some 20 or more years ago. Education in turf grass management was practically non-existent in our earlier days.

Chemicals and fertilizers now in use were unknown to us, and the mowers and machinery of the old days were crude and only an adaptation of something else, surely not meant for golf course maintenance. With all the aids previously mentioned and a fair amount of theory the only thing missing is maturity which may take them a few years to acquire. Without the younger men, there would soon be no need for

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What I like about the younger men is that they never knew what a dollar was worth at one time but they do know its present value. They are not afraid to ask for a salary commensurate with their responsibility and in most instances they are getting it. The result is that their demands are creating higher salaries for older superintendents, including you and me.

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— Theodore Roosevelt

THE EXECUTIVE

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