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The President's Message

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The above three words are found in the By-Laws of our National organization and are so important the founder of the GCSAA saw cause to place them on its insignia (see Section 3 of the GCSAA By-Laws).

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Adolph Bertucci
President

The following is a letter received from one of our honorary members.

Mr. Roy W. Nelson,
Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents.

Dear Roy:

I received the picturesque, graceful poster and the Honorary Membership Card for 1966. It was happiness to realize the spirit of love and friendship which prompted the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents to send them to me. I have always tried to feel when I was on a golf course that, if the greenskeeper were actually pleasant and present, I would try to do and swing in such a manner that he would give me the mark of his own approval. Love and best wishes to all of you.

Gratefully yours,
Chick Evans



Fred Opperman, Superintendent Elmhurst C. C.

MARCH MEETING

There is no doubt the three hardy souls that tried to play golf were not too disappointed when they found the course at Elmhurst cold, damp and wet. Fred Opperman, Superintendent, welcomed about twenty early birds who played cards and just sat around and caught up on the winter news. Our dinner of rib-eye steak, served up by Manager Jack Fina's staff was tender enough to cut with a knife. It was nice to see such a good turn out for this meeting, 83 people made their appearance by the end of the evening.

In our business meeting Past Presidents pins were presented to Al Johnson and John Darrah. Ed Wollenberg gave a detailed report of the Auditing Committee showing all figures were correct and in good order. Doug Jabaay as editor of the Bull Sheet gave last year's figures and reported anticipating an increase in advertising income in the next year.

Paul Voykin gave a report on the advisory committee meeting at Kansas City, a copy of this is printed on another page.

Our alternate delegate Ted Woehrle told that the Midwest with 120 votes was second in the nation only to Ohio. His report was covered in detail in the last issue by Bob Williams.

The educational part of our program for the evening featured an impromptu Kodaslide session and a film called "Heritage of Splendor" which told how litter is
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Hubby Habjan, Pro at Onwentsia C.C., and Adolph Bertucci.



Jack Smith, Superintendent Riverwoods C. C.

APRIL MEETING

According to the notice sent out about this meeting, Jack Smith, our host superintendent, was to have ordered perfect weather for our first golf outing of the year at Riverwoods Country Club. Looks like he is no better than the weather man, cause it snowed, rained, sleeted and the sun even tried to shine. But, six of our members didn't let this stop them, they went out with clubs in hand, and only three finished.

Hearts and poker were the order of the afternoon for those that could get away early. The usual bull sessions also had a place, with refreshments (hors d'oeuvres) through the courtesy of Art Baker, Jr., Lou Rosunova, Arthur Clesen. The host manager, Mike Loment, arranged one of the most outstanding buffet dinners that we have had in a long time. Quite a few members had a chance to see the ballroom where our fall dinner dance will be held. Our arrangements chairman Walter Fuchs reported the meeting sites for the rest of the year:

- May 3 — Palos Park C. C.
- May 16 — Northmoor C. C. (with managers)
- June — Indian Hills C. C.
- July — Olympia Fields C. C.
- August — (Meeting with Wisconsin)
- September — Flossmoor C. C. (Annual Tournament)
- October — Butterfield C. C.
- November — Fort Sheridan C. C.
- December — Midlothian C. C.

Our guest speaker of the evening, Mr. Hubby Habjan of Onwentsia Country Club, winner of the National "Club Professional of the Year" for 1965, presented an address on the "Club Superintendent and Professional Relationship." Operating as a team with the superintendent, working for one goal to give the members the best, were just two of the high points of a half hour that passed much too fast. You could see why this master of his trade was given the honor of pro of the year. This was a great meeting.

MARCH MEETING (continued)

one of the most costly expense items in our country. We wish to thank Bert Rost for bringing this film for us to see.

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USGA MOVES TO SPEED UP PLAY

The United States Golf Association has taken steps to combat slow play on and near the putting greens.

Changes which will affect every one of the more than 8,000,000 golfers in America will appear in the USGA Rules of Golf booklet for 1966. They will become effective as of January 1, 1966.

There no longer will be a penalty for striking an unattended flagstick in play from off the putting green within 20 yards of the hole, the USGA has announced.

As of January 1, 1966, striking an unattended flagstick will be prohibited **only** when the ball is played **from the putting green**. The USGA will amend rule 34-3c to this effect.

In addition, the 1966 Rule of Golf booklet will authorize two optional local rules concerning play on the greens, which were tried successfully in recent USGA championships.

These two optional local rules are as follows:

1. In stroke play, the player is to play continuously until he holes out, except that a fellow-competitor may request him to lift in order to avoid standing on the fellow-competitor's line of putt.
2. In match play and stroke play, lifting the ball solely for cleaning will be allowed **only once on each hole**, and then only before the first stroke on the green. Cleaning may be done incidentally when the ball is lifted **under other rules**.

Officials of the USGA expect the change in the flagstick rule to save time used in measuring and attending the flagstick. They feel that it also will reduce the risk of injury to the person attending the flagstick on shots from bunkers.

The present flagstick rule has been in effect the last two years.

The 1966 USGA rule is the one which the Royal Canadian Golf Association has been using in Canada. It differs from the British rule, which permits striking an unattended flagstick regardless of place from which the ball is played.

As of January 1, 1966, the USGA no longer will approve the use of a local rule allowing the striking of an unattended flagstick except when the ball is played from within the flagstick's length of the hole. Such a local rule was authorized in 1965.

Another change for 1966 involves the authorized local rule for caddying double. The USGA has taken steps to simplify that regulation in the new code.

This change provides that the caddie is always deemed to be employed by the player whose ball is involved and the equipment that the caddie carries

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USGA MOVES TO SPEED UP PLAY (continued)

is deemed to be that player's, **except** when the caddie is acting on specific instructions from another player.

In those instances when the caddie is acting on specific instructions from a player other than the one whose ball is involved, he is deemed to be the caddie of the player who gave such orders.

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2. See that the chlorine residual and pH test set is in good condition. A fresh supply of ortho-tolidin and phenol red reagents should be available.
3. Chemicals (chlorine, alum, soda ash, etc.) and diatomaceous earth, if used, should be in adequate supply.
4. Recirculation pumps, motors, valves, etc., should be put in satisfactory operating condition.
5. Chemical solution feeders, slurry feeders, as well as feed lines should function without fail.
6. Filters interiors (sand media or filter elements) should be inspected for freedom from dirt accumulation or obstructions in openings.
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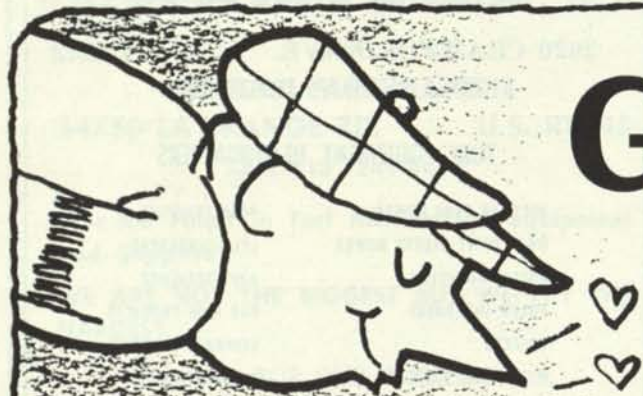
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MEETING & GOLF OUTING

The traditional MANAGERS - SUPERINTENDENTS MEETING & GOLF OUTING will be held this year on MONDAY, MAY 16, 1966 at NORTHMOOR COUNTRY CLUB, Highland Park, Illinois.

It will be an all day "rain or shine" event, with the extension of an invitation to the GREENS CHAIRMAN and the HOUSE CHAIRMAN of your club to be with us that day. They are the members who are vitally concerned with the Managers and Superintendents and it is hoped they will join with us for a full day of Educational and Entertaining features.

The cost for this affair will be as follow:

1—Four Man Foursome, for Lunch, Cocktails
and Dinner \$50.00

Time and Individual Cost are as follow:

11:00 AM - 2:30 PM — Buffet Luncheon
\$2.50 ea.

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM — Cocktails & Hor Dvs.
5.00 ea.

7:00 PM — Outdoor Barbecue Dinner
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8:00 PM — Educational Meeting

9:30 PM — Cards rest of Evening

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You would be permitted to pay CASH for: Caddies, Blind Bogey, and Carts if needed.

All checks must be received by SATURDAY, MAY 14th, and REMEMBER: YOUR CHECK BECOMES YOUR RESERVATION. Due to planning problems we cannot accept reservations after that date.

Starting times will be assigned on a RESERVATION ONLY basis, and will be confirmed back to you, by MAIL. If you have not received confirmation of your Starting Time by May 14th, please call 432-6062.

Preference will be given to all SOUTH SIDE, WEST SIDE, and CITY CLUBS as to Starting Times. NORTH SIDE and NORTHWEST AREA clubs should make plans to play golf commencing at 10:00 A.M. or after 2:00 P.M. to help accommodate those who have to drive long distances. (You need not play with your Chairmen if they have to come out from the city, but due to the anticipated large play, we must ask your help in this matter.)

Caddies will be a problem . . . since school will not be out. We have a limited number of carts, which will be reserved on a "first come—first served basis" (please mark on your Reservation Card if a cart is desired.) IF YOU HAVE "PRO" CADDIES AT YOUR CLUB, you are welcome to bring your own caddy to insure your having one.

During the hours of 2:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. a "shuttle bus" will operate between Northmoor Country Club and other, cooperating nearby clubs so that you might visit their Clubhouses, Grounds Departments, and Courses. This is for the Non-Golfer, the Early Finisher, and for you and your Chairman to visit other clubs. It will also operate if we are Rained Out. Busses will leave every 30 minutes from Northmoor and you get off where you like, and get back on the bus 30 minutes later and visit as many as you want. All busses will be back to the Northmoor C. C. by the 6:00 P.M. Cocktail Hour. In addition, if we are Rained Out, films will be shown which will be of interest to all attendees.

For the Golfers: The Midwest Golf Course Superin-
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tendents and the Greater Chicago Club Managers Assn. will provide a trophy to the Low Net Foursome (using the Callaway System for the entire foursome) which is made up of: 1. A member of the GCSA, 2. A member of the CMAA, 3. A member of your Greens Committee or Chairman, 4. A member of your House Committee or Chairman. If all four of these persons play, from your club, you will be automatically entered and will compete. A large trophy will be awarded, which the winning foursome will take back to their club for one year. Next year they will return it, receive a replica of the large trophy to retain, and we will again compete for the trophy each year to follow.

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 Walter Fuchs, G.C.S.A. Frank Dinelli, Supt.
 Jerry Marlatt, C.M.A.A. Jerry Marlatt, Mgr.

ADVISORY REPORT TO THE 37th NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The first session to the advisory committee started at 1 P.M. Monday, Feb. 14, and ended just before the items were submitted by the Midwest. We noticed that the other chapters were, at times, ridiculously quick to get their items put into motion, and seconded. Also, a lot of time was taken up on debate of correct parliamentary procedure. In other words, we got the impression that everyone was trying to impress everyone else with their parliamentary acumen. As a result, much time was wasted, and if it wasn't for Ted Roberts, the advisory committee chairman, even more time would have been wasted on the merry-go-round.

Nevertheless, the first day, we showed our enthusiasm on sensible items presented by other chapters, and voiced our opinions of protest on ridiculous or minor issues.

The second session started Tuesday, at 3:30 P.M., and opened with issues from the Midwest. We informed the other advisory delegates, that we had talked with the executive director, Ben Chlevin, and president, Bob Shields, a few weeks previous on our issues. They both assured me that almost all the items on our agenda were also on theirs, and that the executive committee was doing something about it. That, and the fact that Mr. Ben Chlevin had just started with our organization in our new office, and is doing such an excellent job, prompted us to forego making any of our items into motions, unless the other delegates wished to do so themselves. This psychologically turned out in our favor, as you will see. We also told the committee that we had not technical suggestions, just old fashioned complaints, or positive criticisms.

1. The national conference is already set up for the next two years in February. Ted Roberts informed us that after this, they were going to start them in January again. However, the questionnaires that the national office has been sending out are coming back, and the count so far is 187 for January, and 309 majority for holding the conference in February. So, the picture is pretty cloudy, at the moment.

2. The accommodations were a little better this year,

though we did mention that some who asked for the towers got other parts of the hotel, and, in one case, another hotel, altogether. However, we have been promised 100 percent improvement in Washington, so let's give Ben a chance on that item.

3. We mentioned that the opening session the last few years has been comparable to going to see "Hello Dolly" in Chicago for \$20.00, and then being informed at the last minute that Carol Channing couldn't make it. Again, we were reassured that this was of a grave concern to them. From now on, they were going to make doubly sure that big name speakers could appear at the opening of the conference, or not be asked, if there was any doubt that they could not come. However, again, this Monday, the U.S.G.A. speaker couldn't make it.

4. Ted Roberts told us the questionnaire on item four showed an overwhelming majority to hold further conventions in the southern parts of the United States. This will be possible in the near future as there are more and more hotels in the southern states that are getting convention conscious, and are building accommodations large enough to handle the size of ours. This does not mean that in the future, all conferences will be held in the south, but that rotation with northern meetings will be more possible.

5. Tom Burrows talked on item 5, and this was met with enthusiasm, made into a motion, seconded, and passed by a majority to be put on the executive committee agenda, and further accelerated.

6. This was the biggest issue of all, and a storm of disapproval was voiced by almost everyone, especially old-timers, on the disappointing deterioration of the "get acquainted Hour". Everyone had suggestions to improve it or cut it out completely. We informed the delegation that we talked to the manager, Pistallea, who told us that for \$150,000, we could have had a number one combo to entertain us. A part of the ballroom would have been roped off for couples to dance. He said that other conventions were doing this all the time. Finally, after many more suggestions, Nelson Monicle made a motion to do something about this, as soon as possible. It was seconded by John Perry of Connecticut, and passed unanimously. We then complemented Ted Roberts on doing a fine job as advisory chairman, but had hesitations that a less versatile chairman next year might have problems. So, we made a motion that a professional parliamentarian be hired for next year's meeting to expedite the sessions more quickly and professionally. This was seconded and passed by a vast majority.

Thank you,
 Paul Voykin, Delegate
 Tom Burrows, Alt. Delegate

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SPRING OBSERVATIONS

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The weather can bring about some unusual situations and developments. Here in 1966 March has been a spring month. In 1965 March was a winter month with 24" of snow. The grass was as green in Chicago in March as it is in Florida, in fact after a freeze in southern Florida about February 1st, the turf in the Chicago area was greener. The Bermuda grasses in the south turned absolutely brown and did not recover for two or three weeks.

The turf in the Chicago area came through the winter in excellent condition. The danger of disease is not entirely past. According to Jim Holmes the eminent authority and second best bridge player in Chicago, some danger of snowmold from late snow falls still might occur, though it would likely be the Fusarium (pink) variety rather than the Typhula or grey variety which is hardest to control. Also, about this time of the year, leaf spot can be a pest and should be treated promptly.

Prices this spring on equipment and supplies in the turf industry, do not show too much effect of inflation. There have been some increases but not to the extent expected last fall. Generally, manufacturers have held the line largely because of competition. Some metals of course, have become scarce and subject to allocation, namely copper and mercury, resulting in much higher prices on mercuric fungicides and brass goods. Comparison of prices in the spring of 1965 and 1966 shapes up something like this:

Plant foods and chemicals	no change
Fungicides, Insecticides & Weed Killers	no change
Grass Seed	up 20-25%
Mowers	no change
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3. Toss soil away from the edge and rake the bed level.

4. Allow a weeks time to settle out or roll lightly.

5. Acquire a pair of calipers 3½ to 5 ft. long, for marking plants in the row. Make a T-shaped marker similar to a wooden toothed rake, width should be 4 ft. with holes bored for removable wooden teeth in multiples of 6-8-10-12-15-18-24 inches apart. With this simple device 2 to 7 rows can be marked quickly at one time. Keep the thought in mind that one of the outer teeth follows along the perfect edge. Mark entire bed before planting. Don't be bashful, step right into the bed between rows and set plants in the rows and on the mark in the row. A typical layout would be like this;

8 inches from the edge plant one row of Ageratum Riverside 8 inches apart in the row.

12 inches from the Ageratum plant one row of Dusty Miller 12 inches apart in the row.

15 inches from the Dusty Miller plant Petunia Pink Magic 15 inches apart in the row. All other rows 15 x 15.

Let's try another one;

12 inches from the edge plant one row of Basil Black Opal 12 inches apart in the row.

15 inches from the Basil plant one row of Pennisetum Ruppelianum 15 inches apart in the row.

18 inches from the Pennisetum plant one row of President Cannas 18 inches apart in the row. All other Canna rows 24 inches apart and plants 24 inches apart in the row.

Now, with the entire bed marked and plants setting on mark, step into the bed and tap plants from pots and plant as marked. If plants are in peat pots be sure peat pots are moist before planting.

After planting entire bed, hand water using water wand or breaker, gently flood entire bed. After a few days cultivate the entire bed and continue to do so after every good rain or heavy watering.

Annuals for good color all summer and favorites with me are—for low borders—Ageratum, Sweet Alyssum, Allermantheras, Lobelias, Salvia Tricolor. For tall borders—Basil Black Opal, Pennisetum, Ruppellianem, Golden Bedder and Firefly Coleus, Acalyha McFeana, Dusty Miller.

Principle plants—Petunias Red Salvias, Geraniums, Celosias, Cannas, Verbenas.

1. A good window box planting would be the following plants;

Back row 12 inches apart Red Geraniums, in front of Geraniums and alternately, White Petunias. Alternate with white Petunias a good dark blue or purple Petunia. Front row Vinca Vines 12 inches apart or Sprengerii, 12 inches apart.

2. Plants for shady locations; Impatiens, Begonias, Torenia, Red Salvia, Violas, Pansies, Fuchias.

Fall cleanup is simple and rapid. Remove and store Canna Rhizomes, then chop up entire bed with a hammer knife and roto refuse into the bed. Since the edge tends to creep in during summer growth, check measurements, correct again to size by perfect edging and you are all set for spring.

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