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DECEMBER 14-15, 1966

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Roger Schultz—from Pine Grove CC,  
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## Super Talk

By PETER MILLER

Looks like the year is about over already. I'm not very old either. I wonder how fast the time will go when I do get old. The summers will be a month long and then the winters won't be long enough to get anything done either.

I have a couple of notes from Don Hornibrook, our new secretary, who surely is doing an excellent job, especially paying all the bills that I have been piling up. Don would like to know of anyone who has moved, either in residence or place of employment, so that he can make the change in the membership records. We here at the WGCSA would also like to put a word in. Starting the first of the year a bulk mailing such as ours will require the ZIP code on all addresses. That means that if we do not know your ZIP code there is a good chance you could be dropped from our mailing list. In order to keep from being dropped please inform us of your ZIP code. Also if you are one of the people receiving this publication under the name Supt. of golf course, we would appreciate a name to write to. We would like to think people are interested in the WGCSA and would like to read about it. We started with a mailing list of approximately 280 people and now we are up to 340. You can see from this that we cover a great deal of the people in the state who are interested in turf. We are not through growing and are

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## What About Winter Turf Injury?

I am sure that if you are truthful with yourself you are not sure that your golf course is going into the winter fully protected or that it is ready for winter. Some questions are: are the greens cut too short or not short enough, or did the greens get enough water, or are the aerifier holes sufficiently closed so that dessication does not take place, did the snow mold protection you put on adequately cover the area that you wanted to cover, and what will the damage be from snow mobiles, toboggans etc.? All of these questions you might have or some one else might also want to ask them. Certainly no one person knows all the answers, and if he does he is in the wrong business. No one should go away from this symposium with unanswered questions. This could easily be

the most opportunistic time you will ever have to learn the complete story on winter injury.

This should be an informative program. The people with the greatest amount of knowledge (practical, educational, hypothetical) are going to be on the panel. If these people can not answer your questions, it could just be that no one can.

You notice that I keep mentioning questions. This is particularly important at any conference, but specifically at a symposium, which is a detailed analysis of one subject. It follows then that the program is one which requires your attention and your questions.

The program or symposium is an innovation. The WGCSA along with the

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## Super Talk

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still interested in new people. So send in your addresses, names of courses, and ZIPS. Send them to: Peter Miller, 4145 Country Club Rd., Madison, Wis. 53711.

There is another interesting bit of information from Don that I think you might enjoy. Don says "Had a most interesting experience today. One of the members offered to fly me over the golf course for a different perspective. It was most enlightening. I was so impressed by the many things that I had never seen before that I have included money in my budget for the greens committee members to do the same thing. We flew eight passes over the course at various altitudes and angles. It helped me to locate some of the lines I had been looking for and also gave me some ideas on mowing patterns for the fairways. I would suggest that every superintendent do this. The cost is very nominal, and you will see things you have never seen there before." I think that this is an idea, well worth getting an aerial photo or view from to put into use on any course.

I have been fortunate enough to have been asked to sit in on the Wisconsin Turf Conference Planning Committee as they met tackling the problems associated with the Wisconsin Turf Confer-

ence. Instead of trying to explain everything myself, I would like to include this letter from the Chairman of the Committee, Gayle Worf.

November 2, 1966

Mr. Peter F. Miller  
2720 McDivitt Road  
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Miller:

The members of the Wisconsin Turf Conference Planning Committee appreciate your calling to our attention the Symposium on Winter Injury to Turf to be held in Milwaukee this December 14 and 15. You have made a good effort in drawing together what appears to be an excellent program, and we certainly want to wish the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association the best of success with this new venture.

The goals of your Symposium Committee are obviously the same as that which the Wisconsin Conference Committee has attempted to follow in past years, namely to encourage turf care and management in Wisconsin to its most competent level, and to underwrite this effort with a level of knowledge, understanding and enthusiasm for turf work that will force this competency to greater levels each year. Since we both have the same objectives, we feel that it would be most appropriate for us to endorse your Symposium, give it our support, and cancel plans for a turf conference in 1967. Several of us hope to be in attendance at the Winter Injury Symposium. If there is any way that we can be of assistance to you as you may attempt further Symposia in the future, please understand that we will be happy to do so.

In order still to provide an opportunity for training to turf people in the state who are not associated with golf course management the committee is tentatively planning a series of four workshops to be offered in the state, probably during the first week of April. These workshops will be co-sponsored by mem-

bers of the Departments of Agronomy, Entomology, Horticulture, Plant Pathology, and Soils, and will relate to basic training in such areas as turf grass identification and the like. No out of state speakers will participate in these meetings. Golf course superintendents would be welcome to attend, of course, if they should desire, but the emphasis will be on blue grass care rather than bents or greens.

We would appreciate it if you would convey our best wishes to your committee, and we hope to see you at the Symposium December 14 and 15.

Sincerely,

Gayle L. Worf  
Extension Plant  
Pathologist  
1967 Wisconsin Turf  
Conference Chairman

GLW/lw

cc. Bob Newman Dick Wiese  
Chuck Koval Dwayne Rohweder  
Jim Love Paul Drollson

I think this is a very excellent letter, written with the very best of intentions by the men representing the University of Wisconsin. Their interest in turf is very real, whether it be in research, practical application, consulting or, in some cases, some interest that has yet to be defined. We are very fortunate indeed to have the backing of the University. The superintendents will always need them and I am sure they will always be willing to help us. We have reached this point at mid-December for our symposium from the long road that the University hoed for us with their yearly turf conferences. Our thanks goes out to them.

The idea of taking the workshops out into the state is a very good one. There are a great deal of people interested in golf northwest of a line from Green Bay to LaCrosse, which we do not reach. The University, with the workshops, will reach these people. Everyone will stand to gain or profit from this type of a program, the person attending, the University and, last but not least, the WGCSA.

This then is the last newsletter you will be receiving until April. We hope that during the winter we will go through some revamping, such as title, layout, etc. We need some ideas and we will be here all winter, so start sending them in. We are very happy that the newsletter has been received as well as it has been. This has been a money-losing year for the publication, but we hope to conquer that next year. Seems like only one thing comes at a time. After all



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hay!"  
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to the superintendent so he could con-  
tinue to tend.  
He decided on three things that might  
make him happy,  
perk up the greens and make them  
look snappy.  
One was lots of money to do what he  
was wishing,  
and another was time off to do lots  
of fishing.  
But the third was by far the most pec-  
uliar of all,  
a sign KEEP OFF THE GRASS to  
be hung in the hall!

C. Miller

## SUPER TALK—

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*Playboy* didn't make money right away.

This last year has been an enjoyable year. We hope that with the experience gained during the year we will be sending you a better newsletter. An interesting sidelight of doing something like this has been that we are receiving newsletters from all over the country. The WGCSA does not seem to be a loner in

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Milwaukee Sewerage Commission ventured forth to put this on. A great deal of work from a group of dedicated men has gone into the decisions that bring about a symposium such as this. Joe Deschler, Tripoli CC, Gerry Faubel, South Hills CC, Fond du Lac, Allan Kress, River Oaks CC, Mequon, and the boys at the Milwaukee Sewerage Commission, Charles Wilson, Robert Welch and Jim Latham, are only a few who worked towards this goal.

It was hoped that the date in the middle of December might have a num-

all its troubles. All associations seem to have their troubles too. Some publications, in fact most of them, seem to be better than ours. Maybe this is where experience counts!

Have a good winter, see you in April for the annual Ryerson meeting in Milwaukee, and I hope the following year is better than this past one.

You National members, get your reservations in for the conference in February. We should all attend. From the program it looks like another good convention. See you all in Washington!

ber of purposes, not all to the advantage of the superintendent though. We hoped that this would be a relatively free time of the year for most of us and also for the speakers. The one disadvantage though would be that your wife might want to visit Milwaukee and buy Christmas presents as well. Actually, we hope that she does, but spends your money wisely.

All that remains then is for you to come to the symposium, with your wife and your greens chairman or club official, not necessarily in that order. I can not stress too emphatically that you bring along someone of authority from your club. Take advantage of these opportunities. They come too few and far between. These are not only learning experiences for yourself but for the club officials. They cannot help but be impressed with you for having associated yourself with an organization capable of putting on such an informative program and with the context of the program itself. Either way you come out far ahead.

Now since you are very enthused about the symposium, we're sure we will see you, your greens chairman, and your wife, at the turf symposium, Dec. 14-15 in Milwaukee at the Hilton Inn.

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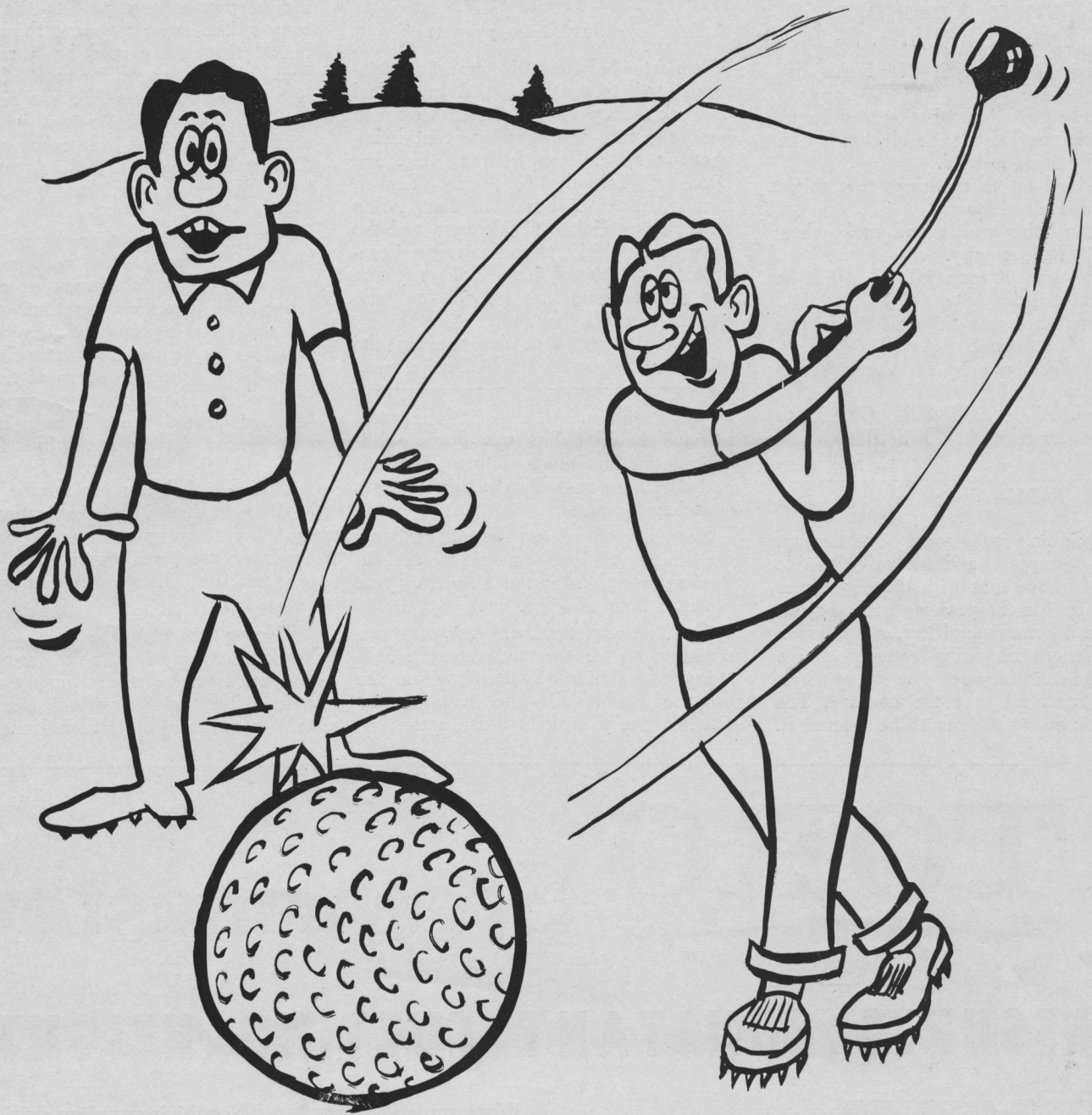
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