



## THE STORY OF A SHREWD SUPERINTENDENT

Every once in awhile a human interest story crosses this editor's desk that is worthy of copy space because it should be shared among the members of the WGCSA community. This is such a story. Although it is embarrassing and humiliating, it is true and should be spread far and wide.

It is a tale of an unnamed Golf Course Superintendent at a posh, exclusive country club located on the northside of Milwaukee. The story began at the North Central Turf Expo in Chicago this past December. During dinner, Wayne Otto, Joe Luigs (from Indianapolis), Rod Johnson, Jim Latham, Jim Farrell, Stan Zontek and the unnamed Superintendent established a "gentlemen's wager" on the size of the eighteenth green at the previously mentioned northside of Milwaukee Country Club. The unnamed Superintendent at the unnamed country club made a "ridiculous declaration" (Stan Zontek's words) that this green at his club measured 10,000 sq. ft. The following are the best guesses from the group:

Zontek	8,265 sq. ft.
Otto	8,400 sq. ft.
Latham	8,450 sq. ft.
Johnson	8,650 sq. ft.
Luigs (has never visited the unnamed club)	8,800 sq. ft.
Farrell	9,300 sq. ft.
Unnamed Superintendent	10,000 sq. ft.

Stan Zontek did some detective work (unnamed Superintendent wouldn't willingly give up any information) and found that the 18th green at the northside club measured 8,100 sq. ft! Zontek was the clear winner and the unnamed Superintendent lost big. The numbers are reliable because they came from the unnamed Superintendent's Assistant, Mike

Van Sistine (Whoops! The cat is sneaking out of the bag!) Stan now understands why so many have trouble playing golf with the unnamed Superintendent — they probably listen to his advice on distance, even on wedge shots, because, after all, who should know a course better than the Golf Course Superintendent? The wager was that the loser was to buy dinner for all involved. Following good reporting practices, this editor called the unnamed Superintendent to confirm the story and ask permission to print it. He refused both. He informed me that there will be no dinners bought by him for anyone. Obviously, he is a bitter person and a sore loser.

In an effort to help solve the mystery of the identity of the unnamed Superintendent, a small clue is in order. His initials are D.Q.

Compliment his shrewd judgments next time you see him!!

### In Memoriam Mel Mork Passes Away

*Melvin K. Mork, 57, Golf Course Superintendent of Cherokee Country Club, died suddenly on Monday, February 11, 1985. Mel, 1546 Comanche Glen in Madison, moved to Madison in 1966 from Buffalo Co., near the town of Alma. He spent over 15 years in Service to Cherokee Country Club.*

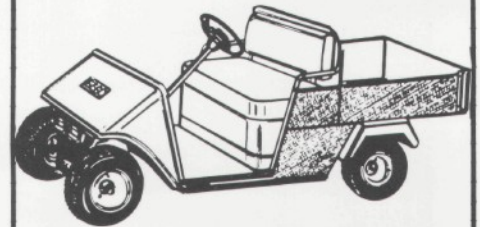
*Mel was active in the Madison area and annually worked on the March of Dimes Charity Snowmobile Ride. He was a member of the Lakeview American Lutheran Church and had served with the U.S. Navy from 1951 to 1955. For years he had taught snowmobile safety courses with the W.I.S.M. Snowmobile Club of Waunakee.*

*Mel is survived by his wife Grace and four children. He was a good man and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.*

## 1985 Meeting Sites WGCSA

- March 18** Traveler's Inn — Fond du Lac
- April 29** Kenosha Country Club
- May 21 (Tues.)** Janesville Country Club
- June 10** Kettle Moraine C.C.
- July 1** Monroe Country Club
- Aug. 12** Lake Arrowhead Golf Club
- Sept. 23** Brynwood Country Club (Milwaukee)
- Oct. 15 (Tues.)** Nakoma Golf Club

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