



SPREADING THE BREEZE

By Rod Johnson and Mike Semler

Belated news from San Francisco has us scratching our heads. Has anyone else noticed that people who live North of Hwy. 10 seem a little bit confused? **Dale and Linda Marach** visited San Francisco the third week in February, only a couple of weeks late for the G.C.S.A.A. Conference. Dale did report what might have been a couple of other late blooming Superintendents still in 'Frisco, riding cablecars.

Dale might have been one up on the rest of us though, making his trip a real vacation. Our touring Marachs rented a car at the airport, a sub-compact which Dale reported to have seats too small for his own seat. Nonetheless, the happy couple made their way across town with Dale as pilot and Linda as navigator. Which one could have been at fault for the misdirection that headed them down Lombard Street, also known as the World's Crooked Street? A couple of minor scrapes and two marigolds lodged in the rear bumper were the only damages reported.

The golf season is in full swing and by the time this breeze is spread our first golf meeting of 1986 will have passed and we will be looking forward to more.

On Tuesday, May 20th, we will be meeting at Villa du Parc Country Club. **Mike Handrich**, a 1983 graduate of UW—Madison will be our host. Mike is entering his second season at Villa du Parc, and although he wouldn't promise U.S. Open conditions after his short tenure, we're sure Mike will give as a very fine golf course.

Villa du Parc, a private country club owned by Robert Chamberlain, is a relatively young golf course. The original 18 holes opened in 1963 and another 9 holes opened in 1980. Mike's summer schedule includes some bunker and tee renovations. We look forward to a great day of golf and a fine educational program with **Dr. Roscoe Randell**, University of Illinois, speaking on "Fairway Insect Control."

On Monday, June 23rd, we travel to North Shore Golf Club in Menasha. We "Valley Boys" have been waiting for the short trip to **Roger Bell's** for a long time. Roger, Vice President of W.G.C.S.A. has been Superintendent at North Shore for 10 years. He, too, is a UW—Madison graduate, year unavailable.

North Shore is a 55 year old private club which was started by the Paper Barons of the Fox River Valley. Contrary to rumor, Roger did not drive one of the mules during original construction! He just looks that old.

North Shore is always a front runner in conditioning and with the June date, all of our golf games will be at their best. With our golf abilities tested, **Peter Beaves** will be our evening speaker, relaying his message on irrigation techniques.

With the 1986 golf meetings in full swing, let's keep in mind the wisdom of **Ray Kober**, Golf Professional at Sheboygan Country Club in 1916. In his regular column in the Sheboygan Press, Mr. Kober wrote, "Some individuals have developed a shovel stroke and uproot a bunch of sod. The result of this involuntary excavation at or near the ball is called a Divot. As you can count on at least two thirds of the players wishing to have the course covered with grass, be a cheerful sport and have your caddy replace this island." **NOTE:** The other third must have been in power the following year when Sheboygan Country Club was plowed under and potatoes were planted.

Word from Camelot in Lomira has **Red Roscoff**, owner/operator, running for the Lions Club Office of District Governor. Good luck, Red! We always knew you were a politician. Could Mayor of Lomira be in Red's future?

Another Wisconsin Golf Course group is raising some eyebrows. The Wisconsin Golf Course Association (WGCA) headed by their President and fellow WGCSA member **Dewey Laak** is on a roll! In just two short years this association of Privately Owned Public Golf

Courses has seen its membership expand to 52 courses.

W.G.C.A. lists two reasons for their existence. The first is to collectively promote the game of golf and encourage the development of new players. Secondly, they want to solve some of the problems adversely affecting the operation of golf courses and, consequently, the game of golf. Group goals for 1986 include the standardization of golf regulations and operating rules at member courses and the working as a group for both insurance and tax benefits.

W.G.C.A. will sponsor a series of five Senior events called the "WGCA Senior Tour." Further, much needed golf clinics are planned throughout the state, teaching golf with an emphasis on proper golf etiquette.

The promotion work this group is doing deserves our support. A well informed and educated public is to any Superintendent's benefit. Congratulations W.G.C.A.!!

Don Clemans is the new Golf Course Superintendent at River Run, the new Pete Dye course being built by Kohler Company. Don comes to Wisconsin from Olive-Glen Country Club in Cody, Wyoming.

Blackhawk Country Club's Clubhouse Manager and President of the Wisconsin Club Managers Chapter, **Bernd Sturm**, has headed for Gopherland. Bernie has assumed the duties of General Manager at Golden Valley Country Club in Minnesota's Twin Cities.

Gary Mulvihill is moving to the Superintendent's position at Forest Hills Country Club in Rockford, Illinois. **Mike Seaton** will be moving up to Superintendent at Kenosha Country Club.

Congratulations to Horst Salesman, **Dennis Robinson** and wife Kathy on their new baby boy, Brent James. Dennis promises a round of drinks and cigars for everyone at an upcoming W.G.C.S.A. meeting.



WELCOME NEW W.G.C.S.A. MEMBERS

William Wimmer, Coldwater Canyon, Wisconsin Dells; Andrew Acker, Marshfield Country Club; Gordon Viese, Skyline Golf Course, Black River Falls; Kurt Rlenke, Nakoma Golf Club; Richard Fedie, SentryWorld; and Gary Tanks, SentryWorld.