

Greens' Clippings

Superintendent, Ole Rud of the Monevido Country Club, took his family on a little winter vacation and drove to Albuerque, New Mexico to look over Golf courses, among other things, but reports as far as looking over courses he might just as well have stayed home as it snowed all the time they were there. and the courses looked just like Minnesota courses in the winter time. He did say that at the time the TV was reporting 47 below in Minnesota it was about 25-35 above there but the people got cold just watching the weather reports on TV.

Dave Streater has resigned as Golf Course Superintendent at the Orono Municipal Golf Course and is moving to Hayward, Wisc., April 1. He will operate the Lakeview Country Club just outside of Hayward. He has purchased that course and invites anyone from this area that might be in that location to stop and look over his course. He plans on maintaining his membership in the MGCSA. We are glad to hear that and we wish him the best of luck in his new venture.

WANTED -- Qualified Golf Course Supt. to maintain 9-hole Municipal Golf Course. For further details contact James W. Cosby, City Administrator Orono, Box 66, Crystal Bay, Mn. 55323, phone (612)473-7357. If by letter give complete resume.

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In a recent issue of "Hole Notes" we had an article regarding the number of families having two or more members of the family in the profession of Golf Course Superintendents and we named several and we also mentioned the fact that there were, no doubt, others that we had not mentioned. We are happy to say there were, and a couple of them have come forward and let us know about them. One, Arnold L. Anderson, retired and a life member residing in Duluth, Minn. has a son, James E. Anderson, a member of the MGCSA and the Superintendent at the Lester Park Course in Duluth. Charles Tillman, Superintendent at the Monticello Country Club has a son, Joe working with him at Monticello and another son Jon attending the Anoka Technical Vocational Institute. Jon is not studying Turf Management but is studying related subjects and may later decide to follow golf course work. Joe is planning on applying for a membership in the MGCSA as an assistant superintendent. He also hopes to attend Anoka Technical Vocational this fall and study subjects in Turf Management. Now if there are others we have overlooked, or do not know about, please let us know so we can acknowledge them.

In the last couple of issues of "Hole Notes" we have made mention of one of our members who we referred to as "Ray Hill" and even after we were told that it should have read "Ray Hall" we did it the second time. Our apologies, Ray, it is not that I didn't know how to spell "Hall," it was my typing. On another page of this issue you will see a picture of Ray skating at the Woodhill Country Club during the January meeting and when you see it, remember it is Ray "Hall" and not "Hill."

O. W. Kromer an associate member of the MGCSA sent us an article on the subject of "Professional Athletes Urge Abolition of Artificial Turf." It is a very interesting article but I don't think it is applicable to golf courses at this time, except maybe some use on Tees. But with the vast area to cover on a course it does not seem practical at this time and the cost would probably be prohibitive, so for now we will probably stick to our watering systems, grass cutting, fertilizing, aerating, etc.

We like to hear from members that we don't get a chance to see very often and when returning the questionnaire we sent out this winter to bring our records up to date we did hear from some of them and we thank them. One of these members was Frank B. Anderson, a life member. Frank said he has been seriously ill for some time but is now on the way to recovery. We are glad to hear that. Stick with it Frank, we are all pulling for you. Another was Dr. Fred Grau. He said "I appreciate 'Hole Notes.'" I recall the first time I addressed this group (MGCSA) I tried to tell a Norwegian joke. It didn't take me long to learn." Nice to hear from you Fred. C. L. (Jim) Graham was still another honorary member that said "Hi" and that he enjoyed "Hole Notes" very much. Thank you, Jim.

I would like to remind you about completing and returning various forms that are sent out each year. When we do send out a form to be completed and returned they are important or we would not bother preparing them and sending them out at an expense to the Association. We are still short several returns on the questionnaire regarding your status as a Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, etc. We are anxious to get them in so we may update the roster thereby making it of value to those that use it. So please help us by getting it in to us. Thank you. Your attention is also called to the distribution of the "Hole Notes." If the Superintendents do not properly distribute them a lot of hard work is being done for nothing. If your 1974 dues has not been paid they are due and payable.

We receive many requests during the year for information about average salaries, fringe benefits, etc. and we do not always have the answer. We are,

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therefore, going to send out another questionnaire similar to the one we sent out last year, so when you get it please furnish the information requested. Remember, we are not asking for personal information, that is, what is your salary, fringe benefits, etc. by name. In fact we do not want this information, all we want is the salary and other things by location, such as North, South, East, West etc. and also if you are employed by a Private Club, Municipal Course, Semi-Private, Nine Hole or 18 Hole, regulation course or par three etc. This is valuable information to the members when they are talking contract with their employer and who knows, it might be you.

You are invited to Winnipeg

Mr. John B. Steel, Grounds Superintendent, St. Charles Country Club, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada has sent us a few Brochures and Registration Forms for the Twenty-Fifth Annual Royal Canadian Golf Association National Turfgrass Conference and Exposition at the Winnipeg Inn, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, March 19-20-21, 1974. This Conference and Exposition is sponsored by the Green Section of the Royal Canadian Golf Association in cooperation with the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association, Manitoba Golf Course Superintendents Association and the Manitoba Golf Association. There will be many interesting and important subjects presented by some outstanding and distinguished speakers. There will also be entertainment and a Dinner for the Delegates and their Ladies.

The sponsors of this event extend an invitation to the members of the MGCSA to attend. If you plan to attend this conference and wish additional information, please call (612) 922-6414 and I will send you a Brochure and Registration Form.

News Release

James A. Fisher, director of sales and service for Toro's Turf Products has announced the development of a new low-cost utility vehicle designed specifically for golf course service. It is called the "Workmaster" and will be available in limited quantities in the fall of 1974, with a second production run planned for early in 1975. This equipment will have a load capacity of 1,000 pounds, excluding the weight of the operator, a maximum speed of 11 mph, low center gravity and oversized rear tires to improve hill-climbing ability. It will have many other important and safety features. Mr. Fisher says surveys of golf course superintendents "to obtain a consensus of the kind of utility vehicle they wanted" contributed to the design of the "Workmaster."

New Courses

There are at least four new courses in the making, at least they are in the drawing board stage. They are being planned for Apple Valley, Fridley, Cottage Grove and Minnetonka. This should be of interest to the Superintendents. There is also Ray Hall's Havana Hills par 3 course in Owatonna that will be open this spring.

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEWS AND PICTURES

Remember, we are attempting to make "Hole Notes" as interesting and newsy as possible and we ask your help. Any time you have any news that you think would be of interest to your fellow members, please send it to me and support it with pictures if possible. We all want to know what is going on at your course.

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