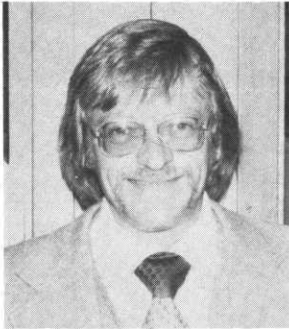


THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By Don Lindblad, Chairman Education Committee



In starting another golf season the things that normally give us fits are shaping up to be the same. Snow, ice, water, drainage, thawing and freezing. Taking a stab at looking into the future, we as grass growers can look forward to the best spring we've had in many years.

In keeping with our theme to provide quality education in as professional a manner as possible, we can all look forward to the "Educational Meeting" or Mini-Seminar in March. The program has been carefully thought out and should be well worth the trip to Majestic Oaks.

Being chairman of the Educational Committee is proving to be very interesting to say the least. The survey that the Board of Directors sent out to you has helped make some changes in our format for the monthly meetings. Results of the survey showed that 25 approved of the monthly meetings on the present format while 44 favored a business meeting at 11:00 a.m., lunch at noon and golf at 1:00 p.m. with nothing scheduled after golf. The Arrangements Committee will try to follow this plan as much as possible this coming year.

On the question of the Stag Party, 50 voted in favor of retaining this event and 19 voted no. Therefore, the Stag Party will remain but probably will be renamed a Smoker and the entertainment will be toned down.

On the Annual Conference the members selected Plan II with 28 votes. This is the two day plan - all day Thursday, Business Meeting and Stag. All day Friday with banquet that evening. This will be the format for 1980. The site will be the Sheraton Northwest as it has been the last two years. Plan I Present Schedule got 22 votes. Plan II all day Wednesday, Business Meeting, Stag - All day Thursday, banquet, 1/2 day Friday only got six votes. Plan IV 1/2 day Wednesday Business Meeting, Stag, All day Thursday, banquet - 1/2 day Friday got 14 votes.

We had many fine comments on this questionnaire and are very happy with the fine response we got from the membership.

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