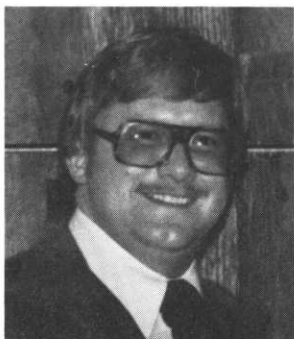


Membership Committee Report



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Membership Chm.

The following report contains the actions of the Membership Committee for the months of March and April in the field of new members and classifications changes.

NEW MEMBERS: Mike McDowell, Class C and Jeff McIlrath, Class C both from Anoka Vo-Tech. Al Fitz, Class D, Town & Country Club; Mark Hovelson, Class D, Edina Country Club; Jim Krumwiede, Class BII, Interlaken Golf Club, Fairmont; Mary Sisson, Class D, Mankato Golf Club; Ed Scharmann, Class B, Farmers Golf and Health Club, Sanborn; Jerry Zavadil, Class F, Minnesota Toro; Jerry Anderson, Class F, Dakota Turf Supply.

REINSTATEMENTS: Joe Thein, Class F; Art Magnuson, Class F; Doug Hausman, Class A.

LIFE MEMBERS: Earl Knudtson and Jerry McCann.

CLASS CHANGES: Richard Dicks, Jr., Class A; Dale Melom, Class A; Tom Fischer, Class A; Maurice Anderson, Class A; Tom Watson, Class A; Dale Wysocki, Class A; LaMonte Swift, Class A; Thomas Johnson, Class A; Harold Davis, Class A; Mike Kasner, Class A; Doug Dieter, Class A; Jeff Naumann, Class A; Fred R. Anderson, Class A and Jim Nicol, Class A. Tedd Evans, Class B and Anita Halvorson, Class D.

NEW MEMBERS DON'T JUST HAPPEN - RECRUIT!

has come in the promotion of the stimpmeter, the placing of it into the hands of the sidewalk superintendent and the logic that the faster the putting surface the better, even if the turf will not tolerate it.

It seems unfair to me that an organization such as the USGA caters so closely to the low handicap golfer. Sure the touring pro and the under five handicap golfers claim they are better on fast greens. But over 90 percent of the membership at 99 percent of the golf courses do not fit into this class. The majority of the golfers like a putt that they feel they can control; it makes the game more enjoyable for them. Most golfers also love the color green, brown makes them feel that something is wrong. Brown goes with trouble; the more brown the member of a golf club sees, the more trouble the superintendent is in. There is that old saying of golf course superintendents, "When the grass is green, you are a hero; when it is brown, you are a bum!" This old saying still holds true today in the eyes of the average country club member.

The USGA has been beneficial for the golf course superintendent over the years. I have read the USGA Greens Section Record for over 18 years and still look forward to each issue. I have had problems, and the articles have helped me solve them. But this stimp-meter business is not in the best interest of the golf course superintendent, and it is not being received well. As it is, the golf course putting green is the most intensely cultivated crop in the world. No where do we find a plant continually put under such stress, and now we have the stimpmeter to stress our golfing turf further. I cannot help but feel---**STIMP METERS ARE ANTI-GRASS.**

One who speaks for the grass,
Julius Albaugh, Golf Course Supt.
Westmoreland Country Club

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