

vandalism CONTINUES AND OF A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT TYPE

Golf Courses locally and throughout the country have experienced vandalism of various kinds, such as, cutting up greens, riding over greens with motorcycles, automobiles, horses, breaking windows, tearing down fences, removing barricades, etc. The writer has learned of a new mode of vandalism, that is the painting of greens.

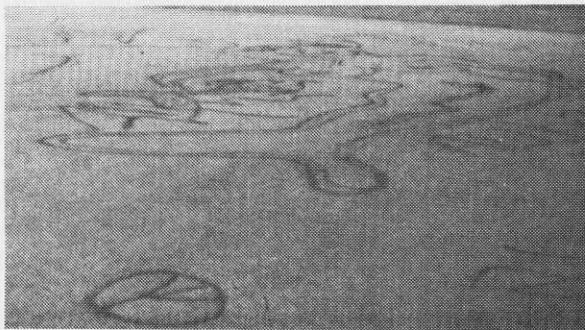
On the night of Monday, August 26th, a group of vandals went to the Theo Wirth Golf Course in Minneapolis and painted the 10th and 15th greens. Actually they did quite an artistic job. It was not a case of a group of feeble-minded people pouring a few pails of paint on the greens. The work was done by one or more people with a reasonable amount of talent as they painted recognizable pictures of emblems and objects. Fortunately they used a type of paint that did not penetrate the roots and kill the grass, except in rare instances where an excessive amount was used in a small area. It would appear that it was the type of paint

used by golf organizations in preparing a course for tournament play. In cases of that kind where paint is used to outline boundaries such as ground under repair, out of bounds, water hazards, etc., there is a type of paint that does not injure the grass. Some of the objects that they painted were cars, words, and designs; also an octopus with its oval body and eight sucker-bearing arms, several figures and emblems, such as The Star of David, a Swastika, the Peace Emblem and others.



In spite of the continuous watering and cutting the paint continued to show. Now almost a month later, the latter part of September, when the Golf Course Superintendent and his Staff have started to aerate the greens, they are eliminating the paint.

Just imagine lining up a putt on a green and staring at an octopus with its eight arms curled around the green or at a car coming at you. Then compare that with some of the things we see on putting greens, such as the player picking up a small blade of grass or brushing off an imaginary loose impediment.



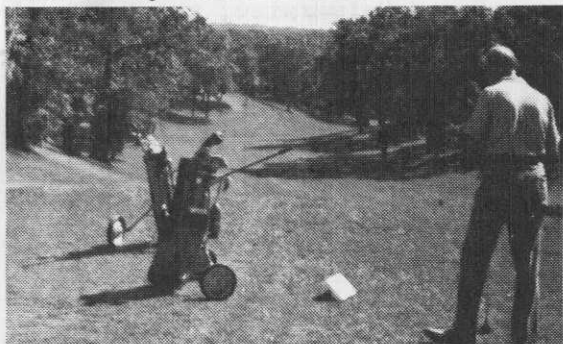
It is too bad that the people that did this could not have applied their talent and time to a more useful purpose, something that would have been rewarding to them.

The people playing the course were very considerate and took the situation in stride and made the best of it knowing that it was the work of vandals and that no one connected with the management of the course or in the maintaining of the course were in any way responsible and the management and

the course superintendent are very grateful to the players for their fine cooperation. There has been vandalism at the Wirth Course before but nothing like this. It has been the cutting up or scraping the greens and they were repaired by replacing the turf from the turf nursery. The members of the MGCSA ask all golfers and golf course employees to be on the lookout for vandals and if they see anything that is even suspicious, to report it to the management of the course or to the golf course superintendent, and if they are not available, to the police.



When Golf Course Superintendent Maynard Erickson called and told me about the vandalism to the greens I went out to the course and was joined by Maynard and the Pro-Manager, Phil Wallin, and we went out on the course to look at the damage and to take some pictures of it. This was like old home week as this is the course on which I played my first golf. It was known at that time as the Glenwood Course and when I first played it, it was only 6 holes and I was still playing there when it grew to 9 holes and then to 18. Of course, there have been several changes in the past few years. The nines have been reversed, many of the hills have been cut down and the course has been lengthened considerably, in fact there are only a couple of holes that appeared to be reasonably the same, the 6th and 10th and maybe one or two others. It is really a beautiful course, hilly, that is the back nine, but beautiful. I believe I am correct when I say the Old Glenwood Course was the second oldest public links course in



the state, the first being the Phalen course in St. Paul. Just to reminisce a little, there was a very active club at the course, small but active. Most of the club competition was on a match play basis. I had a couple of brothers that were also members and as the club was small we did not always have enough qualifiers to fill the 32 or 64 places which meant that there were several Byes and when the pairings were made and posted we took a lot of good

natured ribbing, such as, "if the Warehams don't win it the Byes will;" but they were a great bunch and we had a lot of fun. The club is still very active at Wirth. The Glenwood Club was a charter member of the Minnesota Public Golf Association with the Phalen Club and the Columbia Club. From that beginning the Minnesota Public Golf Association has become a very large, active association with members in all parts of the state. It is through their effort, support and promotion that the United States Golf Association Public Links Championship has been played in Minnesota on three occasions - 1931 at the Keller Course in St. Paul, 1947 at the Meadowbrook Course in Minneapolis and in 1964 at the Gross Course in Minneapolis, and in 1976 it will be played at the Bunker Hills Course in Coon Rapids. All three of these events that have been played in



our area have been outstanding championships and the 1976 championship will be no exception. When one stops to think, what makes these events so successful? There is not space to go into all of the details, however, the work and co-operation of the golf course superintendents plays a major part. Without their fine work it would be impossible to have the kind of championships we have had.



While making the tour of the Wirth Course I learned that there has been three generations of the Erickson Family employed at the Glenwood-Wirth Course. Pete Swanson, Maynard's grandfather, was the custodian at the building, including a new and beautiful club house. He was followed by Carl Erickson, Maynard's father, as greenkeeper and then since 1946

Maynard as Golf Course Superintendent. A great record. Maynard is also proud of the fact that there are six or seven active golf course superintendents who got their initial training under him.

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Milt Wiley of the M. T. Wiley, Inc. has given us some interesting information in regard to various Turf Research programs. In 1958, in memory of O. J. Noer, a few friends of Mr. Noer met without his knowledge to formulate plans whereby he would be honored beyond his lifetime. The result of this meeting was the formation of the O. J. Noer Research Foundation, Inc. A very fitting tribute to America's "Mr. Turf." Through 1973 this Foundation has contributed in excess of \$74,000.00 and are now contributing annually \$12,000.00 for turfgrass research. These funds primarily are derived from income on investment of donations. Distributors of Milorganite, of which Milt Wiley is one, are substantial contributors. The MGCSA congratulates these people. Turfgrass research is a very worthy cause. Some of the recipients are Iowa State University, Michigan State University, Pennsylvania State University, Texas A & M University, the University of Florida, and the University of Wisconsin. These research programs are more important now than ever due to so many of the materials having been legislated out of use for use on golf courses.

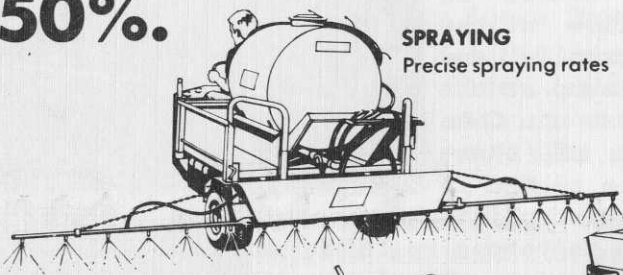
The 1974 Golf Tournament season is about over and the remarks and comments of the players in the various tournaments and also the officials in charge are very flattering. The courses have been in excellent condition regardless of weather conditions and that requires real interest on the part of the Superintendents and their Staffs. We will not try to name the Superintendents for more than one reason, first, space does not permit it and then there is always the possibility of unintentionally missing one or more, and that we do not want to do. But you know who you are, the players know who you are and the officials in charge of the various events know who you are and all concerned are deeply grateful for the condition of the courses and the great cooperation given by the Superintendents.

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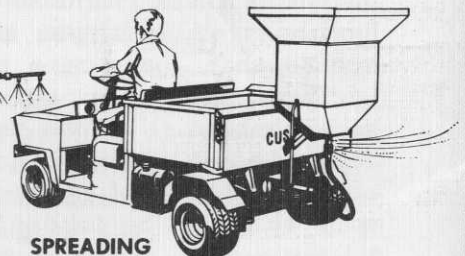
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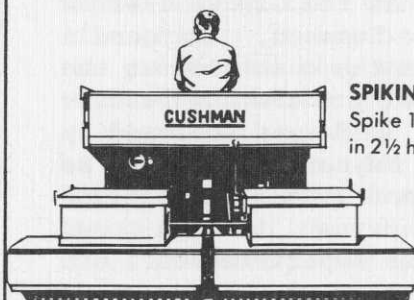
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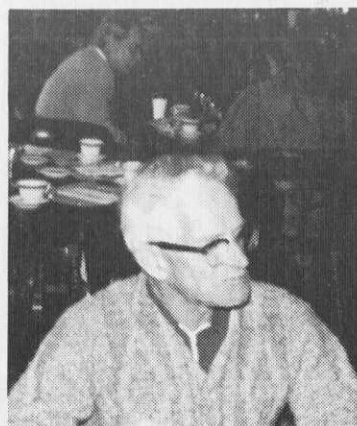
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As a Golf Course Superintendent and member of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association you receive three copies of our "Hole Notes" each month. They are intended, one copy for you, one for your Club President and one for the Chairman of the Greens Committee of your Club. I have been contacted several times lately, both by phone and in person, by either the President of a Club or a Greens Chairman saying they understood you have a monthly publication and to please put them on your mailing list. When I receive one of these contacts I am embarrassed because they should have been getting them right along. This indicates that not all of the Superintendents are making proper distribution of the "Hole Notes." This is unfortunate as the message regarding research and other important matters are not getting to the people that should be getting them. Also there is the matter of cost, paper is going up every day, postage, printing etc. is increasing. For example when we mail three copies it costs 24¢, one copy 10¢ so if we send a Superintendent three copies and he does not distribute them and we are required to send an additional copy to his President or Greens Chairman or both, you can readily see how our cost is increasing. If you are not going to distribute them, please let us know and we will cut the mailing down to one copy. Then there undoubtedly are some who are not getting three copies, and should be; so if they will notify the Editor we will see that additional copies are received in the future.

In talking to Bob Nordstrom, Pro-Manager of the Hiawatha Golf Course in Minneapolis, he informed me that Burt Joramo, the Superintendent at Hiawatha, who has been seriously ill for a couple of years, is doing well and gets over to the course about once a month to visit with the present Superintendent and Staff and that Burt also played golf all summer in a league on one of the par 3 courses. That is good news and indicates that Burt has the proper attitude and determination. We are pulling for you Burt, and hope you can make one of the meetings soon.

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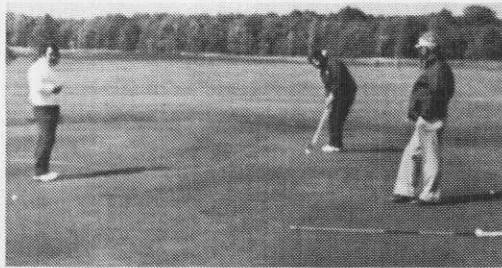
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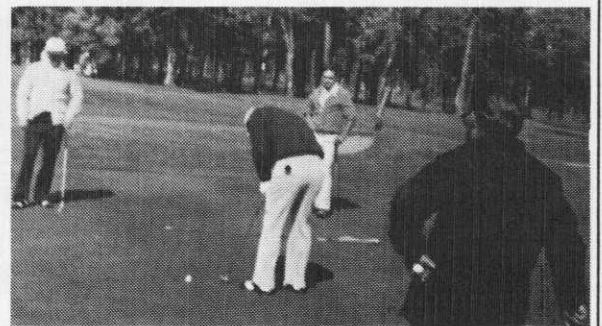




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Don't forget the MGCSA Research Program and if your club has not made a contribution try to get them to do so this month. Contributions can be mailed to Dean Sime, % Interlachen Country Club, 6200 Interlachen Blvd., Edina, Minn. 55436.

We have just received a very generous contribution from the PAR AIDE PRODUCTS CO. We are very grateful to them for this contribution and the money will be put to very good use, probably to Research or to Educational Activities.

Don Herfort, an Associate member, has advised us of a change in his phone number. The new number is 831-8101 and he is still in the same area code (612).

As we go to press there are two clubs looking for a Golf Course Superintendent. They are the Minnetonka Country Club in Excelsior, Minnesota and the Wayzata Country Club in Wayzata, Minnesota. Any interested, qualified person can contact Mr. Witrak, Minnetonka Country Club, Excelsior, Minnesota 55331 or Mr. Don Abel, PO Box 151, Wayzata, Minnesota 55391. Be sure and have complete resume available for either of the gentlemen at the first contact.

There are times when someone wishes to have a notice of some kind carried in "Hole Notes" such as an item for sale, a change of address, etc. and they have missed a publication because the person did not know where to send the information. It should be sent direct to the Editor. To send it to someone else results in the delay that causes it not to be published in the issue that they wished it to be in.

As the season draws to a close your officers and committee chairmen are thinking about next season. One of the things they are interested in is the meeting schedule. Start thinking about it now and if you would like to host one of the 1975 meetings get in touch with the Arrangement Committee Chairman and tell him.

MGCSA ANNUAL TOURNAMENT, ROLLING GREEN COUNTRY CLUB, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1974

- There was no business meeting this month because of the annual tournament. As usual, there was great interest shown in our tournament. There were more than 200 entries which required two shotgun starts, one at 8 a.m. and one at 1 p.m. It was a very pleasant day, a little chilly with a brisk wind but a great day to be out in the open. If the interest keeps on increasing the committee is going to have to sit down and figure out a format to handle all of the players.
- It is an unusual event in that there are several categories, Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Seniors, Associate Members, Guest Professionals, Guest Club Presidents or Club Officials and the high scorers. There were two repeats this year of 1973 winners. Bob Reith, Jr., Guest Professional and our good friend John Lightfoot, high scorers. Other winners were Superintendent Bill Johnson; Assistant Superintendent, Steve Young; Senior, Carl Anderson; Associate Member, Carl Tychsen; Guest Club Official, Chuck Killiam; Guest Green Chairman, (tie) Judd Ringer and Jack Adams. Jack is also a repeat.
- Golf was followed by a social hour and dinner; prizes were awarded at the dinner. Larry Vetter was the Master of Ceremonies and Max Winter, President of the Vikings, was the guest speaker. Max gave a very interesting and informative talk on Football and the Vikings in particular. He concluded his talk by opening up a question and answer period and that always proves interesting. The MGCSA is very thankful and grateful to Mr. Winter for taking the time to come out and be with us and to give such a fine talk.
- The dinner was attended by some 220 persons and they were treated to an excellent meal. The Host of this event was the Golf Course Superintendent at the Rolling Green Country Club, Jim Lindblad. The MGCSA expresses their sincere thanks to the Officers and Members of the Rolling Green Country Club for making their facilities available for this event. Due to lack of space and the lateness in the month we are unable to carry all we wanted to about the tournament but will have more in the November issue.

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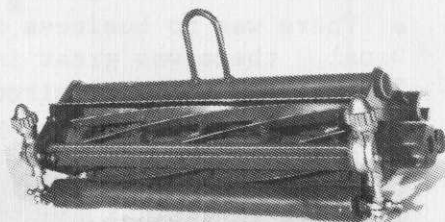
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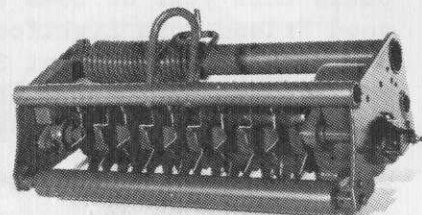
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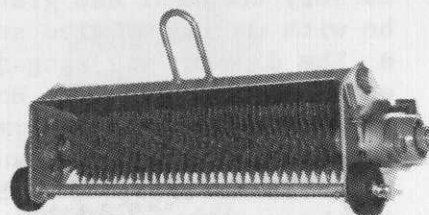
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