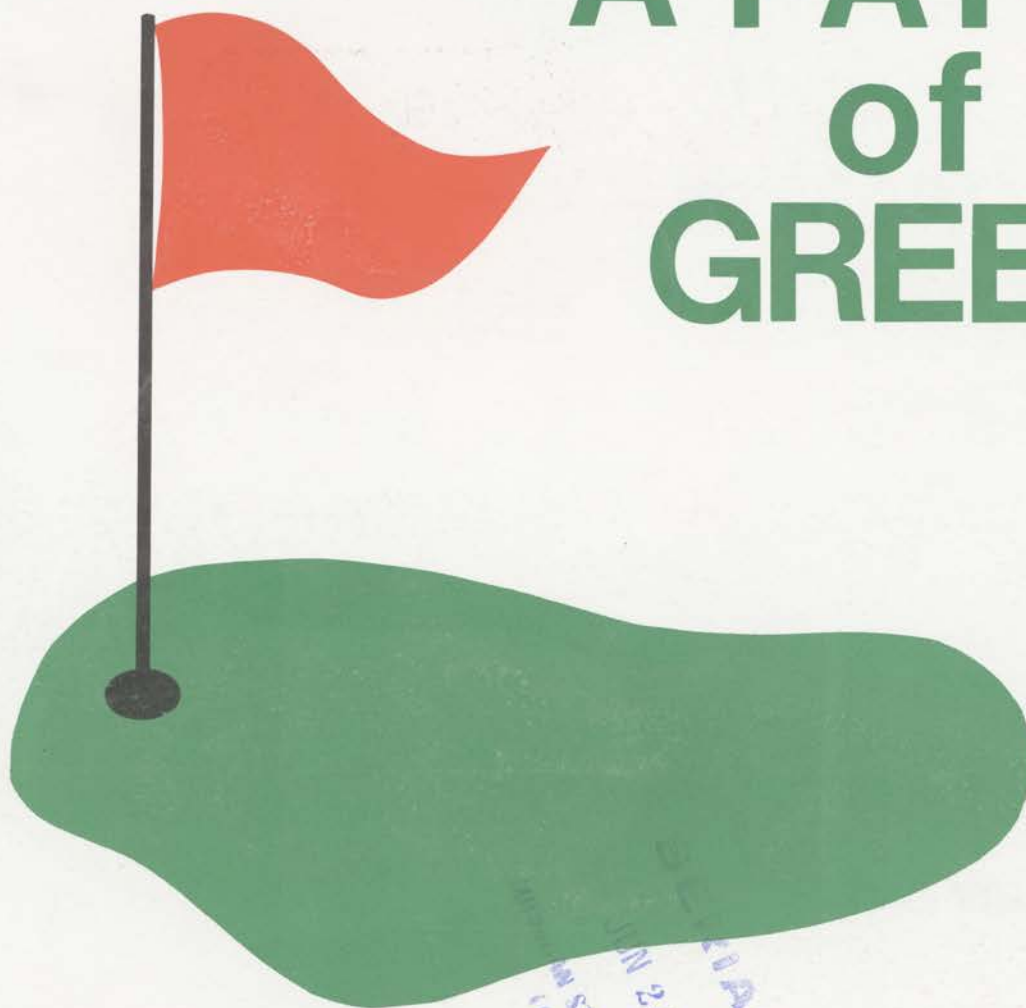


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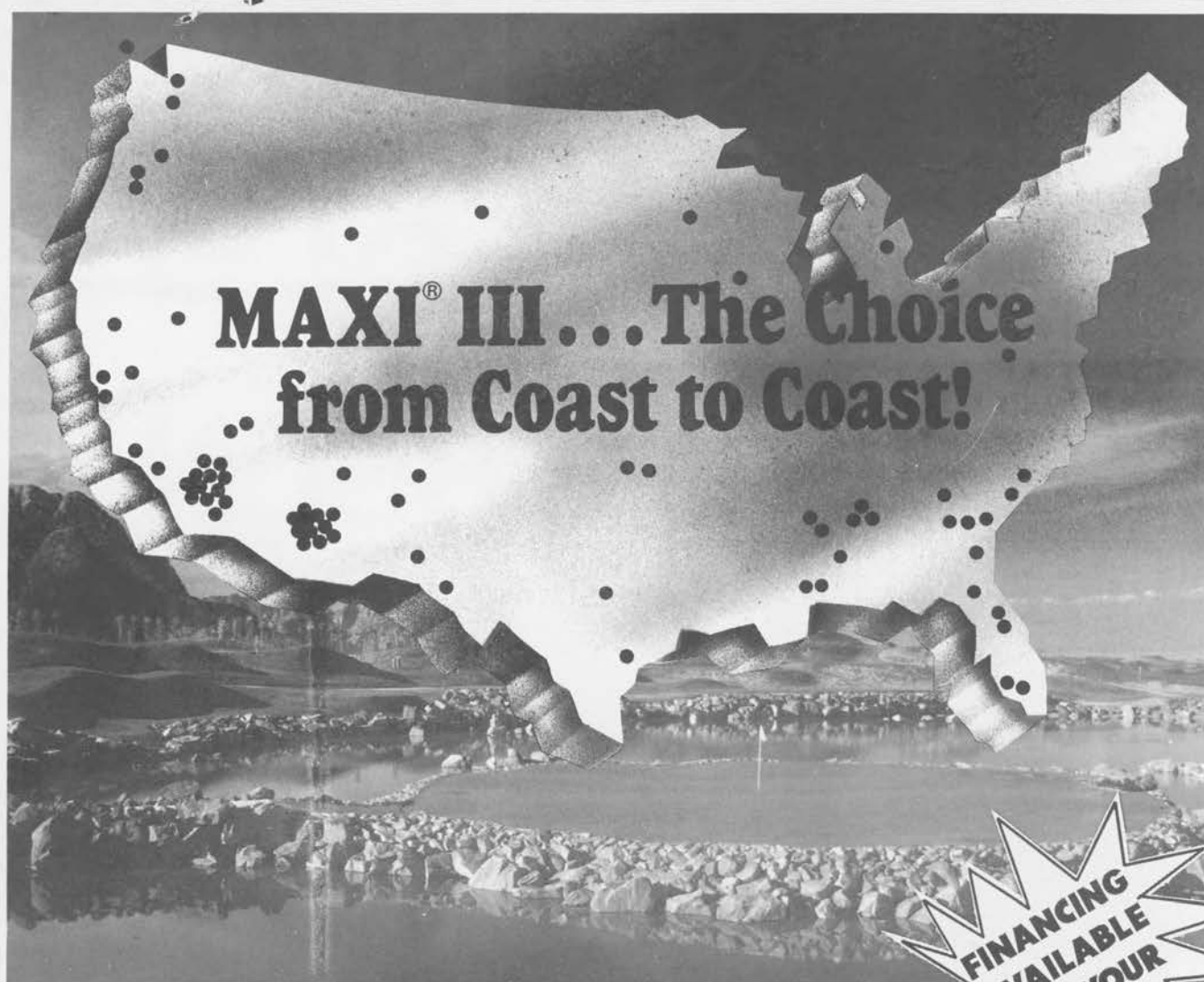
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With our Spring clean-up over and Summer around the corner we can look back to all of the meetings we had last Winter and take the knowledge we learned and put it to use throughout the season.

I would like to thank all of those who took time to attend our Detroit Golf Club Meeting. It was one of the best attended meetings we have had with 160 members in attendance. Also a special thanks to Clem Wolfrom for sharing the adventure of rebuilding his course with us.

The Board of Directors have approved the advertising for Michigan & Border Cities Superintendents Association over WJR Radio this summer. Due to the expense of this adventure we will be advertising for month possibly in July. The Board feels that this adventure will greatly boast the knowledge of our Michigan Golf Superintendents and the Michigan & Border Cities Golf Course Superintendents Association.



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A 1988 UPDATE

To: Subscribers to the Turf Advisory Service
Great Lakes Region
USGA Green Section

From: Jim Latham, Regional Director



It's almost time to get On The Road Again, but today (March 26), Old Brown Deer is getting a little Lake-effect snow. This is a real putdown for the local clubs and courses which are just beginning to open for play. Don't think that play is on green grass. It's still tan with a little purple or green cast, but the soil has, for the most part, thawed beyond the danger point. It is this period of the year which endangers future playability of the greens. If you snowbirds haven't read all your USGA mail, see the November/December issue of the **Green Section Record**. The article on winter/spring play is informative and well balanced.

We are pleased to inform you of the results coming out of the USGA/GCSAA Research Program, rather than what it is intended to do:

1. The Turf Grass Information File at Michigan State is ready! A joint policy statement will be made very soon stating the fee structures involved. There are around 12,000 retrievable abstracts at this time.
2. Research on maintenance and stress management is already paying off for many superintendents.
3. New grass cultivars are in or near the commercial pipeline which will benefit our southern and western neighbors. We also hope to have a few new **Poa Annua** plantings in the field this season to test their performance under golf course conditions.

There are many other items worth mentioning which have come out of the many conferences held throughout the Region over the winter:

LAW: 1. Hiring and firing may be much more trouble for golf organizations than pesticide liability. Legal experts at Regional Meetings in Montana and Michigan urged superintendents to have a legally accepted **policy** on employment and discharge and follow it at all times.

2. The pesticide control noose is tightening so it is important to remember that The Label is The Law. It is a legal document and failure to follow it may constitute a felony.

GREEN CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATION: A rewrite is underway to update information on components and tighten some of the loose specifications in the current issue. There will be no changes in the basic concept, because the laws of soil physics and water movement in soils do not change. Under the present schedule they will be available June 1, 1988.

THE MISERY LOVES COMPANY DEPARTMENT: The Sports Turf Research Institute at Bingley, England, publishes a quarterly bulletin which has become rather interesting of late. The last issue of 1987 contained a short discourse on Dry Patch, a "disease" known for at least 50 years. It was not a problem until irrigation became common. Before that the greens turned brown in dry weather as a matter of course or the greens were overirrigated, which masked the dry condition. We call it Localized Dry Spot and all that any of us do is treat the symptoms.

Their first issue of 1988 contains two articles on subjects of mutual interest. One deals with attempts to develop acceptable quality in sand bunkers. The other discusses attempts to control mosses, algae and lichens in turf. In both instances, recommendations are similar to ours. They have some chemicals for moss control which are not available here, but they do cite the familiar causes of moss growth in the first place - mowing too closely, low fertility, soil compaction (and/or wet surface) and shading. These problems must be rectified if the anti-moss or algae chemicals are to provide long lasting control.

Remember that the TAS goes beyond the visit to your course and the follow-up written report. You have all the informational facilities of the Green Section at your service for the entire year. We exist solely to provide golfers with the best playing conditions possible by working with the golf course superintendents.

Best wishes for a Great Golf Season!

Sincerely,
Jim Latham

Distinguished Service Award

TED WOEHRL

It is again my pleasure this year to present the MBCGCSA Distinguished Service Award. We reinstated this award last year as a way to recognize superintendents who have contributed significantly over the years to our local association and to golf.

Too often, certain individuals have served an association and have never been recognized for their efforts. This award is our way of honoring a member for notable service.

We have not established set criteria for this award, but if we had I feel it would be threefold: First, an individual must have had a significant influence upon our association; Secondly, he or she must have benefitted the profession of the golf course superintendent; and finally, this person must have aided in the development and enjoyment of the game of golf.

This years recipient would more than meet these criteria and surpass them to a degree which few other superintendents could match.

We have selected Ted Woehrle, Superintendent of Oakland Hills Country Club as the 1988 recipient of the MBCGCSA Distinguished Service Award. In the next few paragraphs you'll read why Ted is more than worthy of this award.

Like last years winner (Clem Wolfrom) Ted comes from a family rich in the tradition of the golf course superintendent. Ted's father, Herman, was superintendent for many years at the Kankakee, Illinois Elks Country Club and I'm sure Ted developed his early interest in the turf profession from his father.

Ted is a graduate of Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agronomy and Turfgrass Management (1954). His first major accomplishment in golf was to help Robert Trent Jones build Point of Woods Country Club in Benton Harbor, Michigan - a course still ranked in the top 100 in the world. From there he became superintendent at Beverly Country Club in Chicago until he accepted the superintendent's position at Oakland Hills.

As I stated earlier, one of the criteria to receive this award would be service to our local association and in this Ted's commitment is exemplary. He served on the MBCGCSA Board of Directors for 9 years and was President 1972 and 1973. He was a moving force in the development of our turfgrass research fundraising efforts. He was the first superintendent to persuade a private club, Oakland Hills, to host our Golf Day (1970). From this, we were able to involve almost all of the private clubs in the Detroit area in our fundraising efforts which has led to a considerable increase in the money raised each year for turf

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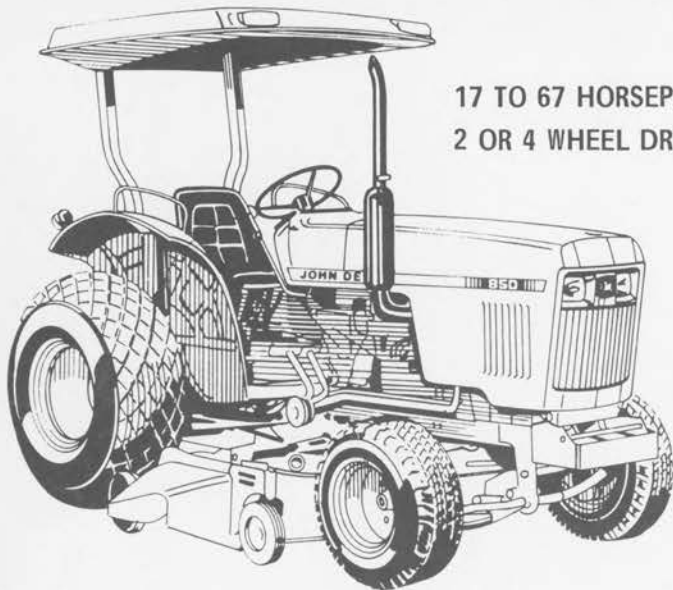
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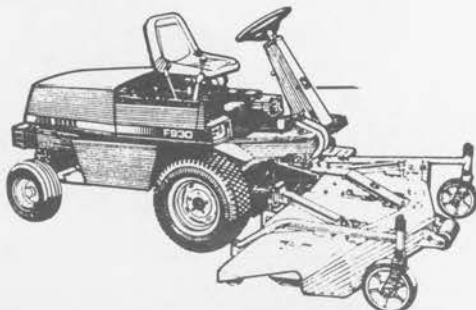
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On Tuesday, April 7, 1988 the Michigan and Border Cities Golf Course Superintendents Association presented the premier educational program of the decade.

A program was presented about the reconstruction of Greens at the Detroit Golf Club - scheduled to begin August 9, 1988. It is a very energetic program designed by Art Hills of the architectural firm of Toledo, Ohio.

The primary speaker for the meeting was Duane Dammer of Quality Golf Construction Company, Indianapolis, Indiana. He presented slides of reconstruction projects that his company has completed in recent years, explaining the planning and execution of these projects.

Rebuilding is much more time-consuming and delicate than original construction. Care must be exercised in protecting the existing course. One must



L to R - Dr. Bruce Branham from MSU; Richard Osburn of Osburn Trucking (the soil mixer and supplier); and Duane Dammer from Quality Golf Construction Co. (builder of the greens).

be aware of irrigation, drainage and other utilities, being careful to protect them.

Heavy equipment cannot be allowed to freely roam the course. Strict rules for travel must be policed at all times. This project will not have the pressure of golfers to be concerned with because the course will be closed.

Next we listened to a panel of experts made up of: Richard Osburn, on soil mixing, from Osburn Trucking; Jim Latham, from the USGA Greens Section; Art Hills, from Art Hills Golf Course Architects; and Dr. Bruce Branham, from Michigan State University.

Richard Osburn will be supplying the top soil, sand and gravel for the new greens. He told us about their unique way of mixing the components of the greens-mix in proper proportions. This equipment is very important because the ideal mix is determined by laboratory analysis and it is absolutely necessary to be exact. The greens-mix is to be placed over a layer of



Art Hills, Architect of Greens Reconstruction and James Latham, Midwest Agronomist of U.S.G.A.
Center - model of a cross-section of a USGA Green.

sand which separates the top mix from the pea-stone and tile. It is crucial to be correct.

James Latham discussed the principle of green construction using the USGA method. He stressed the importance of finding the correct sand for particle size and shape, plus and equally important, finding the correct peat. Clem found a good peat source in Canada and will be having it shipped to Detroit. Next, Jim focused on the importance of the sand layer separating the top mix and the pea-stone over the drainage tile. This layer acts as a filter and a control for "perching" the water table in the top mix.

A properly constructed green will provide good air and water movement that will not change with traffic (compaction). These greens will last for many years.

Next on the panel, Dr. Branham talked about the reseeding of the fairways. The fairways will be

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L to R - Jim Bertoni, in town for Mom & Dad's 50th Wedding Anniversary; Andy Bertoni, Lucky Husband of Evelyn; and Art Hills, student of Andy's at Meadowbrook, now renowned Golf Course Architect.



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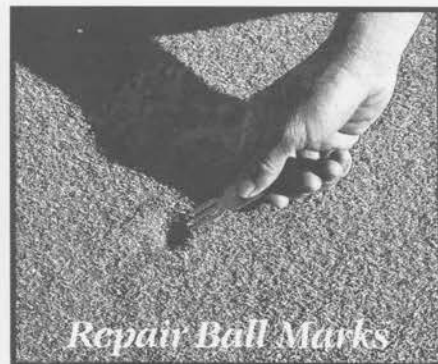
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THE MASTER'S 1988

Reflections from Doc Payne

As I look back on a long and happy life, a major highlight occurred at the Clarion in Lansing the evening of Tuesday, January 19, 1988. At that occasion, through the particular efforts of Jerry Faubel and Tom Mason and with the generous backing of the officers and members of the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation, Mrs. Payne and I were the recipients of a very gracious presentation. A splendid dinner, some flattering talks, a scholarship designation from the Foundation, and a super new graphite racquetball racquet provided a fitting backdrop for a most generous gift from all of you - tickets, lodging and transportation for both of us to the 1988 Masters at Augusta, Georgia.

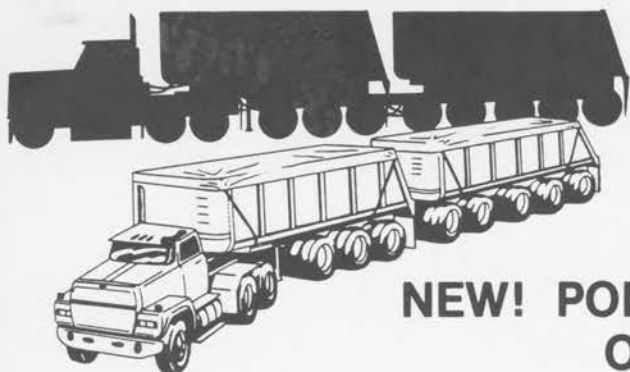
We had long known the difficulties of obtaining tickets as well as motel accommodations during that week and therefore were particularly surprised and exceptionally grateful. Trent Jones generously provided our air fare from Augusta. It seemed that a small way to say thanks would be to send each of you a brief accounting of our week.

As we've done each of the past several years, shortly

after Ag Tech graduation we headed for the Caribbean. We've now been to six islands, and this year we returned to Antigua, where we had been about 10 years ago. Had a fine cottage on the beach at Galley Bay and soaked up much sun as well as lots of good reading and relaxing. We flew back up to Columbia, South Carolina on Monday, April 4 and drove a rental car over to Augusta. Jerry Faubel had kindly arranged rooms for the week at West Bank Inn, only a short distance from Augusta National, with the assistance of Gene Baston, Past President of GCSAA and Superintendent of West Lake Country Club of Augusta. Gene also kindly brought our Master's tickets to us.

The format of the Master is as follows: Monday and Tuesday are practice days, open to the public for \$5 Monday and \$10 Tuesday. Wednesday is also public at \$20 and a tournament is played on the short 9-hole course for the pros who wished to enter. Canvas folding chairs were available at a reasonable cost, and Gene informed us that you could turn them into reserved seats by placing them where you wished as you arrived each morning, and returning to them

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A. THE BILL CREATES A NEW AND UN-NECESSARY BUREAUCRACY - S. 79 creates a new agency which will identify those employee populations who will be notified. It will most likely be up to employers to collect and supply the government with names of all the former and current workers who fall within the identified population. S. 79 completely ignores the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Hazard Communication Standard.

B. THE BILL MANDATES NEW EMPLOYER-FUNDED MEDICAL BENEFITS - S. 79 mandates that an employer provide notified employees with medical monitoring and testing if any of the alleged harmful exposure occurred in its workplace.

Countless numbers of employers who do not now and never will suffer from "occupational disease" are expected to receive employer-funded medical screening at an approximate cost of between \$500 and \$5000 per worker per year.

C. THE BILL MANDATES EMPLOYEE TRANSFERS AND SALARY LEAVE - S. 79 provides that where a medical determination has been made that removal of a notified worker to a less hazardous or non-exposed job is needed, the employer must permanently transfer the employee at no loss in pay benefits or seniority to the employee. If no such alternative job is available the employee will become entitled to a fully paid 12 month medical leave.

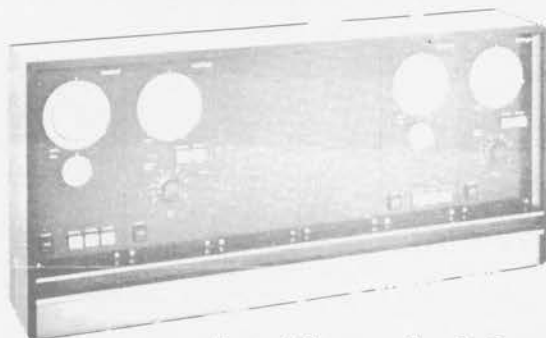
D. THE BILL OPENS A PANDORA'S BOX FOR POTENTIAL LIABILITY - Individual notification will result in billions of dollars in unwarranted worker's compensation claims for stress and tort suits for emotional harm filed by employees.

PLCAA and 3PF urge you to call or write your Senator to voice strong opposition to S. 79. Letters should addressed to your Senator, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

A RESPONSE TO A LETTER BY TED WOEHRLER TO SENATOR LEVIN APPEARS ON PAGE 14.

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WINTER COVERS

BY TED WOEHRLE

Golf Course Superintendent
Oakland Hills Country Club
Birmingham, Michigan

The Winter of 1987-88 was not a tough winter on greens in the Detroit Metropolitan area and the use of Winter Covers did not do much for the protection of greens.

Those of us who used them saw some early dramatic results soon after uncovering the greens. The turf was healthy and green and looked much better than our uncovered greens. But within two weeks they appeared quite similar.

The following presentation on "Winter Green Covers" was made at the Detroit Golf Club this past March at the Annual Superintendent-GAM Joint Meeting.

I would like to start by describing the different types of winter damage recognized as being the most damaging and then discuss the various way that they might be prevented.

1. COLD TEMPERATURE KILL Cold temperatures can cause death to the grass plant in several ways. The most severe would have to be by desiccation (the drying-out of the plant caused by low moisture when the soil is frozen). Fortunately this doesn't happen too often in Michigan. We have experienced this problem on three occasions during the past twenty years. But when it does happen it destroys acres of turf.

The other damage caused by low temperature kill would be the opposite condition of desiccation and that would be when there is an excess of moisture. When the frozen ground is covered by water. The plant is standing in water and then it freezes, causing damage to the crown of the plant and certain death. Fortunately this only happens under puddles of water and the damage is spotty but deadly.

2. COLD TEMPERATURE DISEASES The winter diseases, or Snow Molds as we know them, can also be quite deadly but fortunately they can be controlled on tees and greens very successfully. The only thing stopping us from controlling these diseases on fairways would be the cost.

3. WINTER TRAFFIC Turf can suffer damage when it is walked on during frosty mornings or it can be damaged when traffic continues over it when the

ground is frozen and the turf is dormant. It simply wears off and certainly when the surface is beginning to thaw and it gets soft. Then the footprints cause compaction, unevenness and root damage that will show for the remainder of the season.

4. ICE SHEET DAMAGE Perhaps the most deadly and severe when it occurs. The last time we experienced it was in the winter of 1982. It usually occurs over unfrozen ground. You will experience a heavy wet snow and rain mixture that freezes and then is covered by new snow that lasts for a long period of time. The turf is sealed off from the air and anaerobic conditions begin to produce toxic by-products that will kill the turf. When the ice is removed you will find a smelly black layer of scum that will make the strongest stomach turn. In 1962 we experienced this condition for 120 days (1/3 of a year) - the snow and ice formed Thanksgiving week and didn't melt until late March. Needless to say the golf course didn't come through that winter in very good shape.

Green covers can protect the turf from three of the above four damage types listed. They can help prevent desiccation, ice sheet damage and of course eliminate traffic problems.

They cannot cure poor drainage or prevent diseases. The covering of greens during the winter certainly is not new. Early days (and to some degree even today), greens were covered with straw manure, hay, branches and circled with snow fences to help attract and keep snow on the greens. Others have covered them with heavy topdressing, bark, leaves, calcined clay, small pebbles and anything imaginable to protect the greens from the drying winds.

Many area of the country haul water during these dry periods - some even gamble with irrigation systems.

In 1967-68 we at Oakland Hills hooked up long lengths of hose to the home of the neighbor on the perimeter of the course to hand water the greens. It was too late for some of the greens. This was true again during the next two winters when we had very little snow. So we began looking for a better way.

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Dear Mr. Woehrle:

I appreciate your contacting me and letting me know your views.

After failing to end a filibuster of S. 79, the High Risk Occupational Disease Notification and Prevention Act, the bill's sponsors withdrew it from consideration by the Senate on March 29, 1988. I voted to end the filibuster. The House of Representatives had previously approved an amended version of H.R. 162, the companion measure to S. 79.

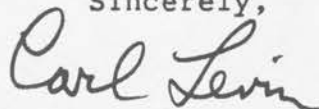
I strongly support a worker's right to know of exposure to potentially toxic substances as one way to achieve the goal of disease prevention. As a responsible, compassionate society, we should let workers know of hazardous substances that they have previously been exposed to, what effect that exposure could have on their health, and what steps they can take to reduce the health risks as a result of that exposure.

At the same time, I had concerns about the difficulties imposed on our nation's small businesses as a result of this legislation. I participated in hearings to help determine the effectiveness of our present system and offered an amendment, which was incorporated into the legislation, to help small businesses comply with the legislative intent. This amendment would have exempted businesses employing less than 100 workers from the medical removal provision of S. 79 for three years, after which the exemption would drop to businesses with 50 people. This amendment effectively exempted 97 percent of American businesses from this particular provision.

Should similar proposals concerning worker's health come before the U.S. Senate, I will remember your comments.

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GCSAA NEWS

An ambitious effort to promote awareness of the role today's golf course superintendents play in the overall picture of golf made its debut at the 59th International Golf Course Conference and Show in Houston recently.

The nine-projector audio-visual production, titled "Golf At Its Best," featured several superintendents and professional golfers Arnold Palmer, Jan Stephenson and Tom Watson. Dramatic photography by famed golf photographer Brian Morgan brought the 14-minute presentation to its exciting finale.

Produced by Bruce Mathews Communications of Independence, Missouri, the program explained the superintendent's role, using photographs taken at various American courses - each with its own distinctive terrain, climate and other conditions - to illustrate the versatility demanded by the profession.

"Superintendents from all over the world have great responsibility placed upon them to keep a living, beautiful environment just that - living and beautiful," said GCSAA President, Donald E. Hearn, CGCS. "This program provides great background about a great profession."

The program is now available on videocassette.

Editor's Note: If you missed it, you missed a lot.

Keep Up-To-Date In 1988

Paul E. Rieke - Crop and Soil Sciences, MSU

In 1988 members of the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation will again have access to regular updates on current turf problems during the growing season. These updates will include information on what turf management problems exist in Michigan at a given time, what problems we might expect in the next week or two and recommendations for appropriate treatment. Topics will include diseases, insects, weeds, establishment, environmental stresses and important meeting dates.

The first of these is the **TURF HOT LINE**, a phone message recorded weekly. This service will be taped each Friday afternoon during the growing season. Calls may be made anytime after 5:00 p.m. Friday to help you plan activities for the following week. The first message will be prepared Friday, April 1 extending through October. The phone number for the **TURF HOT LINE** is 517-355-5221. Place this number in a handy place near your phone. This service is co-sponsored by the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation and the Cooperative Extension Service at MSU.

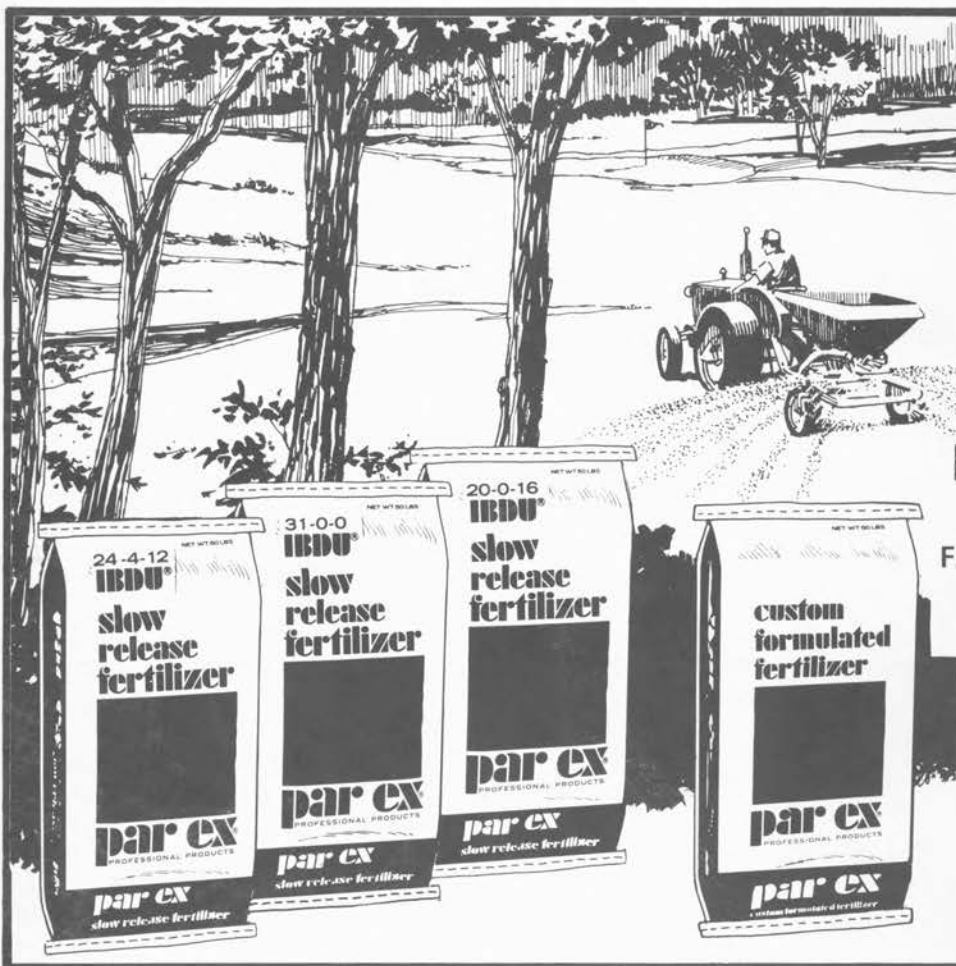
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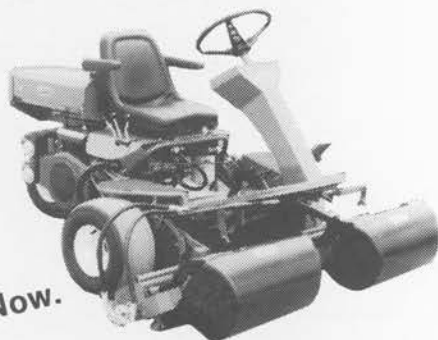
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WHAT DID YOU REALLY MEAN?

(An abbreviated list of frequently used terms of appraisal and some unlikely interpretations)

1 "Exceptionally well qualified"
Meaning - has committed no blunders to date.

2 "Quick Thinker"
Meaning - offers plausible excuses for errors.

3 "Zealous Attitude"
Meaning - argumentative

4 "Tactful in dealing with superiors"
Meaning - knows when to keep mouth shut.

5 "Approaches difficult problems with logic"
Meaning - finds someone else to do the job

6 "Expresses himself well"
Meaning - likes to talk

7 "Demonstrates leadership abilities"
Meaning - has a loud voice

8 "Shows exceptionally good judgement"
Meaning -lucky

9 "Good sense of humor"
Meaning - laughs at bad jokes

10 "A very fine employee of great value to the company"

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RENOVATION, CONT.

treated with Roundup during this same time and new grasses will be seeded into the old turf. He discussed the chemical program that will be used to help ensure the demise of the Poa Annua during the reestablishment of fairway turf.

This is a most energetic program and will be followed with great interest. We all anticipate success and wish Clem good weather and a patient membership.

He will be documenting the entire program from start to finish with pictures, movies and TV filming. They should make great "before and after" pictures.

I have taken a "before" picture of Clem - we'll take an "after" shot of him next year.



Clem Wolfrom (Before) - Host Superintendent of Detroit Golf Club, explaining his "Green Reconstruction Program" scheduled for late summer, 1988.

FOLLOW THE LEADER

If the programs at Detroit Golf Club with their greens reconstruction and at Oakland Hills with their new tee program are as successful as anticipated, many clubs that need new greens and tees will soon follow with reconstruction work.

There are numerous old clubs that need to rebuild their old, tired, poorly-designed and built greens and tees. Green committees have always been reluctant to undertake these projects because they fear the ire of their memberships. The MDI (Membership Discomfort Index) becomes quite higher when their golf game is interrupted with.

These clubs will all benefit from these programs because a standard will be set and it is important to "keep up with the Joneses".

Stay tuned - there are no short cuts or inexpensive ways of building greens and tees that will withstand the heavy play of today.

TURF TALK FROM "OLD KOZ"

For many years I have been frustrated with our continual use of the suffix "icide" in describing the chemicals we use on golf courses, lawns, in agriculture and elsewhere. This usage has only added fuel to the actions of so-called environmentalists who propose the complete elimination of these necessary substances.

None of these substances is used to totally kill anything! These are **plant protectants**, just like the drugs prescribed by physicians protect us from disease, malady and illness. When properly used they **control**, no eliminate, their target pests. Pesticides **control** pests. Herbicides **control** herbage that is out of place (weeds). Insecticides **control** harmful insects. Fungicides **control** diseases caused by fungi. Bacteriacides **control** bacterial disease. These substances **control** the organisms that do us harm, be they in or on turfgrass or in the human body, excluding of course, herbicides.

We've been on this trip much too long. The usage enabled Rachel Carson to impart the blow on the environmental situation that **Silent Spring** had. And it continues to do extensive harm to that situation.

I propose that as a profession we fight back by calling these substances what they really are. They are plant protectants! When your salesman comes by

for your order, purchase the **plant protectant** that controls annual bluegrass in your bermudagrass. Give him an order for the **plant protectant** that controls leaf spot in turfgrass.

Far fetched? Not if everyone who cares, golf course superintendents, farmers, scientists and yes, authors, make it a point to utilize the term when appropriate. We may thusly stem the tide of loss (unnecessarily) of substances we desperately need to protect our plants (turfgrass).

The Georgia Turfgrass News
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WINTER COVERS, CONT.

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DSA, CONT.

research. But more than just the money, this meeting at Oakland Hills developed the spirit of commitment within our association more than any event I can remember. We had to organize the entire event, including catering the food, transporting carts from other clubs, preparing shotgun's and cleanup details. It required a unified effort on the part of the superintendents in the association and I know it brought us closer together as an association.



Jim Timmerman, left, about to present Ted Woehrle with the "Distinguished Service Award" at the annual GAM Green Seminar, March 19, 1988.

The one thing which Ted will probably be remembered the longest for, however, is his formation and editorship of our magazine, **The Patch of Green**. He played a leading role in getting this publication off the ground and has been its only editor for 16 years. The magazine has won numerous

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awards within our National Association and it is due to Ted's diligence.

Muhammad Ali was once heard to say "Service to others is the price I pay for my stay here on Earth". This also applies to Ted for I know of no other superintendent who has served his profession as well as Ted. Let me just cite his record of achievement over the years for which he has been recognized.

1. President - Illinois Turfgrass Foundation - 1964-65
2. President - Midwest Regional Turfgrass Foundation, 1970
3. President MBCGCSA, 1972-73
4. GCSAA Special Citation for Public Relation and Publicity, 1963 Western Open
5. Recipient of the GCSAA Distinguished Service Award - 1964 (One of the youngest superintendents to ever receive this award)
6. Meritorius Service Award, Michigan PGA - 1977
7. Leo Feser Award - 1985 (Best written article for our National Magazine **Golf Course Management**)
8. President GCSAA (His highest achievement in golf)

DOC PAYNE, CONT.

later in the day. As a result, we were about 30-40 feet from the flag stick on the 18th green on Saturday and Sunday, and got to see all the dramatic final shots from a few feet away.

Thought you might be interested in some of those I saw and visited with during the week. Listened to Karsten Solheim (Ping) telling some Japanese that

there was no real difference between square or v-grooves. He's the only one of the following that I didn't talk with directly.

Jack Berry was covering for the Detroit News. He's back in good health and gave us a nice seminar last year. Bud Erickson, formerly with GAM and now Tournament Director for Oakland Hills and Gary Domagolski, now with H & B, were enjoying the week. A nice chat with Bob Drum of Golf Digest "... you fellows are doing a fine job in helping the professionalism of your business." I think I'll try to get him to do a column on the improvement in stature of the superintendent.

Gary Player was his usual friendly self and I put in a plug for Craig Cooke, if or when he returns to his home in South Africa. Craig finished here in March and is with Robert Trent Jones now.

Had a good visit on Tuesday with Tim Kocks, 1985, now Assistant at Birmingham, (Alabama) Country Club and Don Rossi, an old friend from MSU Air Corps days in 1943, now Executive Director of the Golf Cart Association (formerly Ex. Dir. of National Golf Foundation).

On Friday evening we were dinner guests of Robert Trent Jones and Jim Sinderling, followed by a USGA reception where we had the pleasure of meeting P.J. Boatwright and Frank Hannigan. Mr. Jones also introduced us to Herbert Warren Wind, one of golf's greatest current writers.

Rich Hurley, Vice-President of Lofts had a nice gathering one evening at Jones Creek, a new Rees

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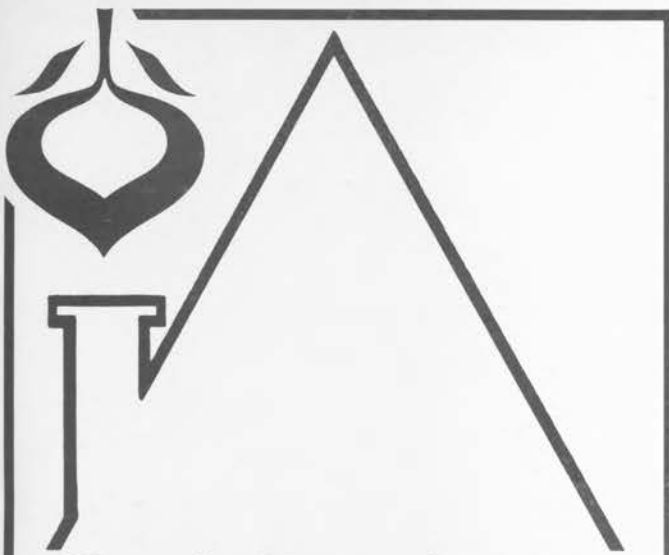


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DOC PAYNE, CONT.

Jones golf complex, and gave you graduates a nice compliment by saying "I'm running into MSU grads all over the country, and I'm impressed with their optimistic and dedicated attitudes." Nice going! Visited briefly with Rees.

Visited briefly with Alistair Cooke of Masterpiece Theatre and he was interested in Jeremy Slessor's progress. He had helped him come to MSU from England and Jeremy is now working with Roger Rulewich in the Trent Jones Montclair office.

Visited Gene Baston's fine West Lake Country Club, and had a cup of coffee with the GCSAA staff (John Schilling et al.) as well as Director Bill Roberts (from Stevens Point now at Lochmoor, Grosse Pointe) and John Segui, current President. all are enthused about Trent Jones' new Cornell Foundation for Executive Development for supers and club managers. (Got word of my appointment to that Board last week.)

Joe Duich had shown his great expertise by the magnificent condition of Augusta National. 100% ryegrass except for bent greens and the finest conditioned course I've ever seen. Joe was busy with his Stimp each morning but some thought the greens too quick - especially the first days.

Had a nice visit with Paul Latshaw the final day. Had known him when he had our trainees at Oakmont. Said they slowed up No. 16 green later in the week by not rolling it. Am sure the stimps were running over 11. Paul is a real pro!

We were there Tuesday through Sunday and had ringside seats at the 18th green the last two days, as I said. A real thrill to see Lyle's ball pause and back down to 10 feet after he had blasted from the bunker 150 yards out. It was an elegant climactic finish.

Chuck Bladwin, when he was the manager of Schuler's at Marshall, would come up to play racquetball on his Thursday's off. He left several years ago and bought a restaurant in Augusta and it's a great success. It's called French Market Grill, is very close to Augusta National, and a splendid place to eat when you're in Augusta.

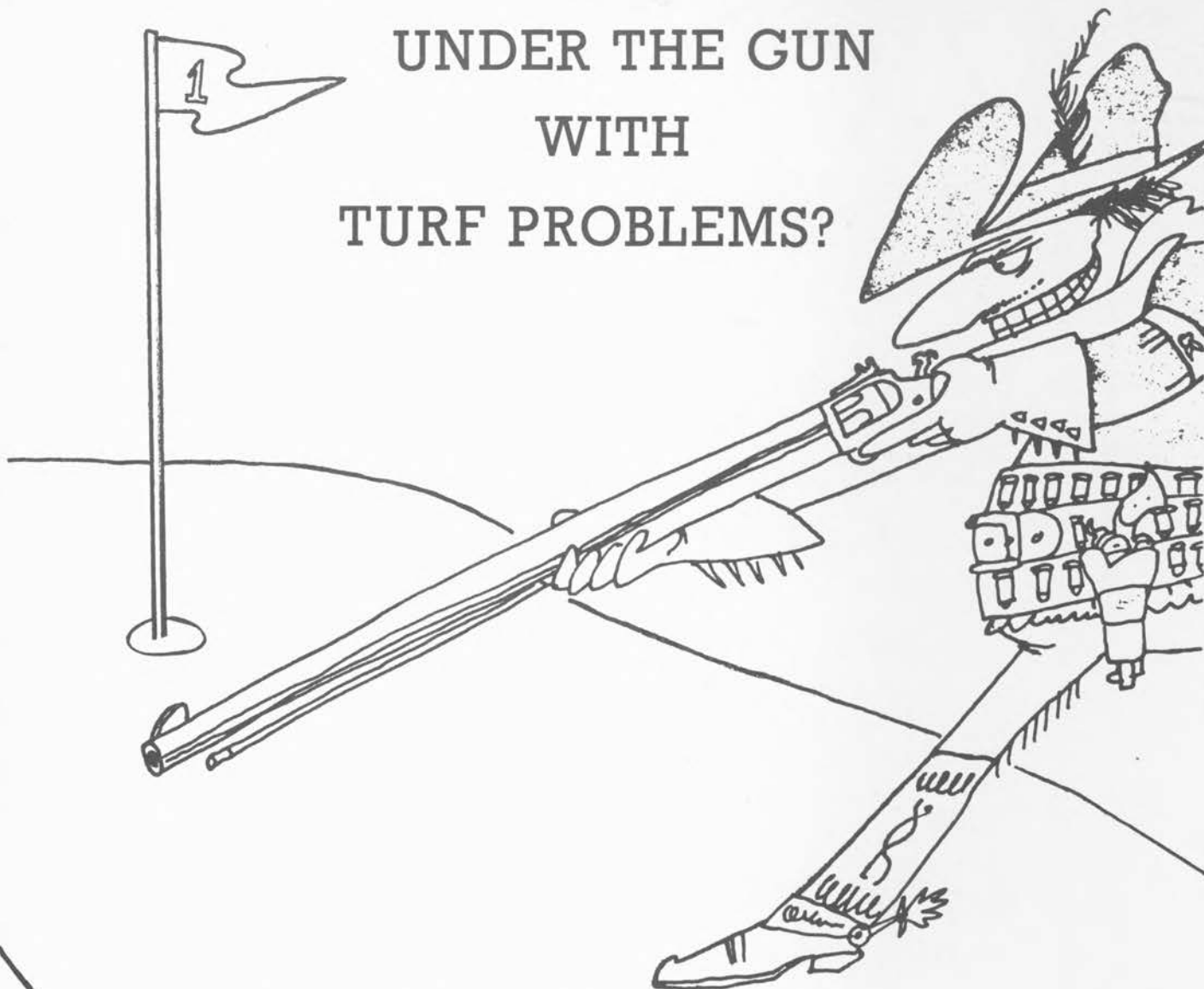
Had a chat with Ben Crenshaw on the Monday flight from Augusta to Atlanta. Knowing of his interest in golf history, I mentioned our Vintage Tools program. "You haven't done a Fresno Scoop have you?" he asked. I was delighted to tell him that we'd just finished one that was used to build Belvedere in 1925. It's on display in the foyer of our new building now. As I left Ben in the Atlanta airport, I said "Good luck this season-keep your head still." Saw a brief startled look in his eyes, then a twinkle and he said, "That's damned good advice; if I'd followed it better this week, I might have won the thing." How about that? Old Doc giving Ben Crenshaw advice on how to play golf? What else is new?

Sincere thanks to each of you for making all the above possible. It was a truly memorable week for both of us.

Cheers!

Doc

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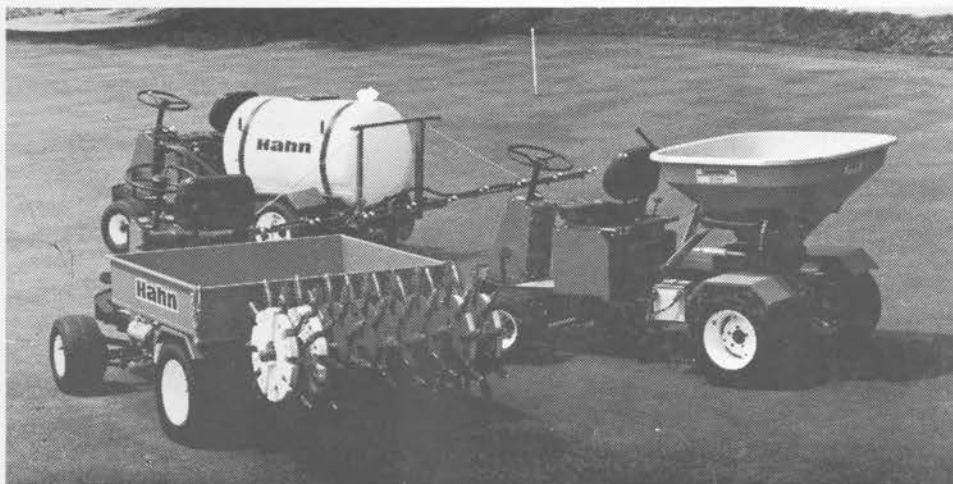


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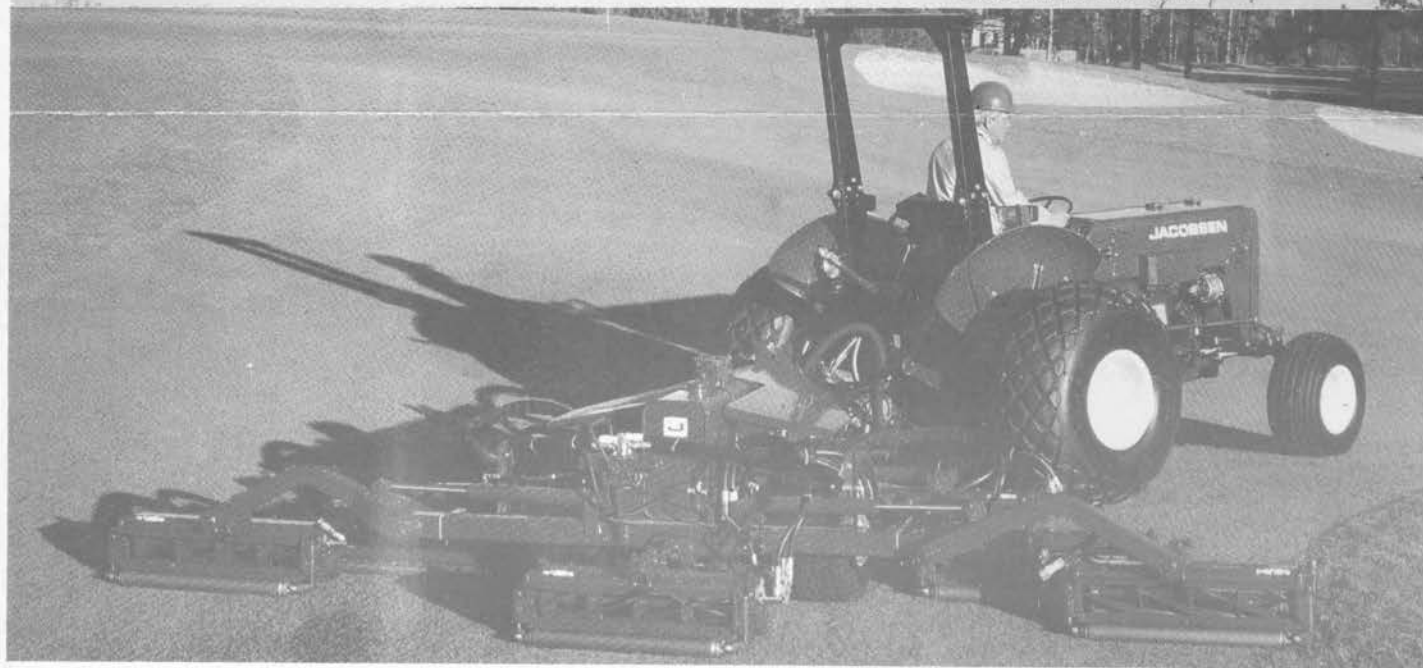
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