

# Mid-West Greenkeepers' Page

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THE June meeting of the Midwest at Harlem Hills Country Club, Rockford, was one of the best attended outdoor meets held this year. It seems that the farther the boys have to go to attend these meetings the larger the turnout. Mr. Alfred Buller of Lakeside, Michigan, (Chikaming Country Club) who has only missed three meetings in as many years, had about 150 miles to come.

Our next meeting will be at Skokie Country Club, Glencoe, July 28th. Come on Midwest members let's see if we can't out do the Rockford attendance record. Mr. Charles Korsgren is the greenkeeper at Skokie.

Those of you who recall Mr. C. M. Harrison's talk to Midwest members last March, when he attempted to show that the amount of root system depended upon the area of leaf surface of that species of grass, providing that there were no other limiting factors, had visible proof to its correctness when they examined those plots at the U. S. Green Section

demonstration gardens July 8th. The first plot had been cut continuously at  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch and showed a weedy thin turf with frequent bare spots. The other plot, cut continually at  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch, had uniform coverage and was less weedy. It required no expert to ascertain which was the proper method to follow.

We might add that Mr. Harrison is studying for his doctor's degree and expects to finish by the latter part of August, certainly we all hope him the best of luck and success in his thesis.

Mill Road Farm Course (Mr. Lasker's private course) certainly rates as one of the best in the Midwest. This was the unanimous opinion of the 140 that played it following the U. S. G. A. Green Section meeting. It was also very apparent that Mr. Tregillus, could handle Virginia bent.

Small brown patch is as prevalent as ever in the Chicago district and as usual some strains of grasses are more susceptible than others. Those who have no small patch certainly don't realize how lucky they are. During the afternoon of the Green Section meet, small brown patch was observed working in the Cocos bent plot.

Although the U. S. G. A. Green Section meet July 8th, at the Lasker estate had not been advertised as greatly as the previous year the attendance of those interested in turf and its problems, produced an enthusiastic gathering. The garden had been enlarged and a greater variety of experiments are being made. Probably the most noteworthy and impressive results are those in connection with fertilizing practices. As the age of these plots increases of course, the results will be more evident.

These experimental plots and demonstration gardens are always open to all interested persons, and frequent visits surely would prove beneficial.



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