

# Mid-West Greenkeepers' Page

BY A. L. BRANDON, *Secretary*

The Tournament committee seems worried about Gus Graham's golf game (at present he holds the Midwest trophy) especially concerning his playing in the rough continually at Chain O'Lakes—Gus is rather clever—we think he is working for a larger handicap—personally we know a sure method of ruining his game, but on second thought we believe we have donated a few nickels to his prosperity.

Two of our most faithful members were absent at our last meeting, Mr. John MacGregor, of Chicago Golf and Mr. Alfred Buller, of Lakeside, Michigan—seems sort of odd to have a meeting with them absent.

The season is fast approaching when your greens may look like a million dollars in the morning and a nickel in the evening.

Our worthy President, Matt Bezek of Beverly Country Club reports brown patch working during the chilly part of May.

Last month we attempted to give a resume of general conditions in the Chicago District—since then the weather has slapped us plenty—however after a chilly finish in May, combined with a lack of rainfall, most courses presented a backward condition. (the general precipitation for the season is abnormally low, con-

sidering average seasonal rainfall) The first portion of June brought high hot winds which further parched the already dry turf. Now with timely showers things have somewhat regained their lost vitality and color.

Continuing the unofficial committee for common annoyances relative to maintenance of golf courses—how about the member who continually compares your course with one which spends 30 to 50 per cent more, annually for maintenance.

The May meeting of the Midwest Greenkeepers at Chain O'lakes, Antioch, Illinois, was well attended.

Mr. Fred O. Hawkins certainly had things in excellent condition. Chain O'Lakes is a fee course and certainly rates as one of the best in this district.

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to hand in at least three scores played at these meetings so the Tournament Committee can arrange your handicap. My advice to you is to be on hand, turn in your scores before your game gets too "hot."

At Medinah Country Club I wedged myself in on Gus Graham's foursome and I learned many of his weak plays. At Chain O'Lakes, he was in the foursome ahead and they were slow owing to Gus playing too much in the rough. If you want to study the

other Greenkeepers games be on hand at our next meeting in Rockford.

—J. T. Langell.

Our next meeting will be at Harlem Hills Country Club, Rockford, Illinois. Mr. Andy Gillett, Greenkeeper has assured us of a fine time, Monday, June 30th.

Come Out, Midwest Members—let's see you at Rockford.

## New England Notes

BY LLEWELLYN L. DERBY

**G**REENKEEPERS' Field Day at Rhode Island State College at Kingston Monday, May 26 attracted a group of 54 persons who were intensely interested in what is going on there and mightily well entertained.

Assembling on the college campus at ten thirty in the morning the party was tendered the official welcome of the institution by Acting President John Barlow.

T. E. Odland briefly described what was to be seen on the experimental turf plots and from eleven o'clock until lunch time an inspection was made of the extensive work being done, ranging from old lawn plots established in 1905 to the new golf green plots. Strains and variety tests, seed production of bent grasses, and fertilizer tests with R. I. bent include the types of work being done on these golf green plots.

Following an excellent lunch in East Hall, Director B. E. Gilbert presided at the green-

keepers' meeting and introduced Prof. L. S. Dickinson of Massachusetts Agricultural College whose topic was "Managerial Suggestions."

An open forum with a question box brought the indoor program to a close and the group adjourned to view exhibits and demonstrations of golf course equipment.

A. N. Peckham was the leader on a visit to nearby fields where velvet and R. I. bent are being grown for seed.

The day's program was brought to a close with a trip to the new Bonnet Shores golf course on Narragansett Bay now under construction under the direction of Woodworth Bradley.


Greenkeepers of the New England Association swung their clubs with might and main and we trust with considerable skill at the Unicorn Country Club at Stoneham, Mass. June 2 on the occasion of their annual 18-holes of medal play.

J. McCormick, home greenkeeper, won the low gross in the big field of 45 when he turned in an 80. T. Swanson of Bear Hill was second with an 86, and third prize went to R. D. Deckham of the Rhode Island Country Club with an 89.

The low gross guest prize was awarded to T. Kow who made the circuit in 75, and a low net score of 68 was turned in by J. McDonough of Salem.

Other scores were: E. B. Lord, Southbridge,


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