

Mid-West Greenkeepers' Page

THE arrival of Monday, April 28, truly a blue Monday, as far as weather conditions existed, however a red letter day for the Mid-west Greenkeepers, for at that date they assembled at the Medinah Country Club for their first outdoor meeting of the 1930 season.

The morning was spent inspecting the three courses, which were in excellent condition and were complimented upon by the many visiting greenkeepers. Mr. Ralph N. Johnson is the general superintendent and of course is a member of the Midwest organization.

An excellent luncheon was served and after everybody had pacified their pangs of hunger—a regular meeting of the Midwest was held.

After the meeting adjourned we visited the Medinah tool sheds and viewed their equipment—which looked wonderful, for it had been all repaired and painted during the winter season. Certainly it would have been wonderful had there been Green chairmen along who believe course maintenance ends with the closing of the golf season.

The particular thing which impressed the writer were the spacious buildings provided for machinery and soils. It seems to the writer that the general trend and loop-hole in most club maintenance is the lack of the above facilities.

The next meeting of the Midwest will be held at the Chain O'Lakes Country club, Antioch, Illinois, May 26. While the Midwest Greenkeepers Association have no official committee for common annoyances relative to maintenance of golf courses—Mr. Fred Ingwerson of Bunker Hill probably would rate as the unofficial champion. Now Fred states "that golf balls have too much wrapping paper."

Fred also boasts that he has the champ tobacco chewer of the Chicago District—darn near necessary to have a man follow this member to pick up the empty tobacco containers.

Fred Kruger maintains that he should be glad—tobacco juice will get the worms.

Speaking of Fred Kruger, anyone desiring information on fertilizers should get in touch with him.

The popular pastime of today is writing short histories, for instance—History of the Grand Canyon. Dug by a Scotchman looking for his golf ball.

Mr. John MacGregor's trouble with his golf is that he stands too close to the ball after he hits it.

We wonder how a straw vote on prohibition amongst the greenkeepers would come out???. Whoa! who said Louisville?

After a cold and disagreeable April, May finally arrived bringing abnormal warm temperatures, plus nightly rains; things are beginning to pop—sure the old cutting units in the Chicago District are "hell bent for grass".

Latest reports from the front report that grass is a trifle in the lead.

We were supposed to send a photograph of ourself to head this page—however the proofs have continually turned out bad, the photographer maintains it is our fault—but, that is just his story—you should hear our story.

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