Minnesota Gossip

By H. E. STODOLA

Meeting held at Midland Hills, Monday, August 10. Sixteen members were present. Discussions and business meeting held in tool house. Subjects discussed were mostly about dry weather problems. Some members are having trouble with cracks in peat fairways.

The birds do considerable damage digging for worms on the greens. Arsenate of lead has been most effective for the grubs and beetles.

Mr. Charles Erickson of Minikadha told about his visit to the Chicago district and read a clipping about their problems this summer.

"Scotty" McLaren of Toro demonstrated a small brush on their greens mower which is very effective.

Some of the members played golf. It is amazing how green they keep Midland Hills without rain. The course is in beautiful condition.

For the next meeting the members will charter a bus and go to the courses at Red Wing and Rochester, outlying towns of the state.

Golf enthusiasm is high in these parts and the greenkeepers are very busy.

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Philadelphia Association Meets

By M. E. FARNHAM, Secretary

The Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents was host at a meeting of the U. S. Golf Association Green Section in the Philadelphia District on August 3. The meeting was held at 3 p.m. on the Demonstration Garden located on the Spring Mill course of the Philadelphia Country Club at West Conshohocken, Pa.

This garden is under the joint auspices of the U. S. G. A. Green Section and the Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents and is supported financially by the Philadelphia Green Section and Service Bureau.

In spite of the day being one of the most uncomfortable days of a trying summer, 59 individuals were present. The meeting was conducted by Mr. Kenneth Welton, who explained the aims of these gardens and went over the layout plot by plot. As this garden was planted September 24, 1930, it has not yet shown any striking results except that "friend" Poa annua and the Fescues at putting green length have completely given up the struggle.

All present were invited to a dinner and meeting of the P. A. G. C. S. held at the Club House. Our question box has become recipient of so many queries that it is difficult to find time enough to properly consider each question. Mr. Welton very interestingly told just what a disease is and how it goes about doing all its destruction.