

WELCOME TO THE MIDWEST

Dear GSA Golfers:

In behalf of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to welcome all of you to attend the National Greenkeeping Superintendents Association's Golf Tournament which is to be held at the Medinah Country Club on October 4th and 5th, 1948.

The GSA Tournament Committee has been working hard during the past month to make this 1948 golf event a most interesting one for all who attend. There will be awards for the high scorer as well as the par shooter, and many other special awards for those who will not participate in the golf tournament.

Arrangements have been made with the Hotel Sherman to take care of room accommodations for the out-of-town visitors. Notice of this has been made in our monthly bulletin, and it is suggested that our tournament chairman, Ray Garber, be contacted immediately, informing him on the type of room that is desired. Do this at once, as rooms are not too plentiful in the downtown area.

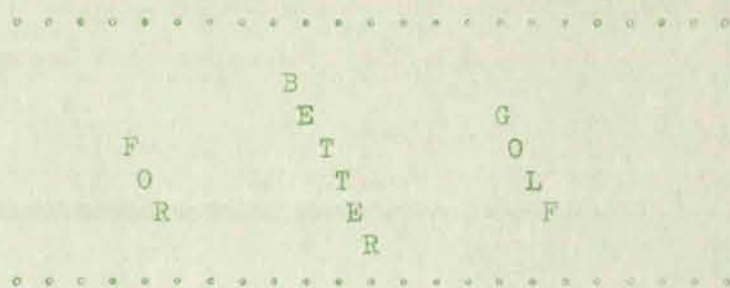
The Medinah Country Club offered the Association the use of its club bus to meet suburban trains arriving in Glen Ellyn, Illinois from downtown Chicago. In order to eliminate most of the confusion concerning which trains to take to get to the club, it is advised that everyone using this mode of travel to Medinah take the Aurora and Elgin Electric Lines from Chicago to Glen Ellyn. After arriving in Glen Ellyn, please wait at the depot for the club bus.

During the afternoons of the two-day event, educational tours have been arranged for those who desire to spend the afternoons in that manner. The tours will include a visit to some of the golf courses in the district. Perhaps you will want to look at other courses that are not on the itinerary - if that is the case, please confer with the committee in charge of the information booth, and they will help you get out to that particular course or place of interest.

We have not forgotten the wives who will accompany their husbands to Chicago. They are most welcome to attend this tournament, and if they dare to play a little golf while hubby is trying to bring home the bacon, the bag & course will be available to them for play.

During your stay in Chicago, we hope that it will be a most enjoyable one and that we here in the Chicago District will make a sincere effort to see that you take something back home, if not an award - perhaps a pleasant memory of this annual get-together on the fairways of greenkeeping fellowship.

Fraternally yours,
Midwest Association of Golf Course Supts.
Don Strand, Pres.



PRACTICAL RESEARCH (Question Box)

- Q. How long should we wait after applying 2,4D before we can seed?
- A. At least three to four weeks.
- Q. What is the best way to eradicate knot-weed from fairways without interfering with play by leaving infested areas bare?
- A. Sow grass seed in late summer or early Fall, and treat any seedling knot-weed in the Spring with two 2,4D applications around April 15th and May 15th.
- Q. When would you spray for dandelions, and other weeds during the fall period?
- A. Any time where blue-grass is concerned BUT Fall. 2,4D treatment on bent turf is dangerous.
- Q. What material is best to use to kill grass from permanent turf?
- A. New chemicals are under observation at present - and are showing much promise. Arsonate of lead if applied early in the Spring has proved quite successful at a rate of five pounds per thousand square feet.

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Q. How often should greens be fertilized during the Summer months?

A. As often as there is a definite need for plant food. This can only be determined by growth, color, soil tests and examination. There is no recommended pattern to follow as conditions are too variable.

Q. Have there been any favorable experiences in the use of liquid fertilizers on putting greens during the Summer months?

One report on Mr. O's fertilizer (10 - 5 - 3) stated that one application made in mid-July was not too noticeable but after the 2nd application made ten days later, the turf responded nicely and is still holding up on color and growth after August 20th. This material was used at the rate of three greens (5000 sq. ft. each) per carton of 28 pounds. The solution ran about 50 gallons of mixture per green and was watered in after application. Another report on Liqua-Vita was at the rate of 1 gallon per green, mixed in 100 gallons of water which was not watered in after the treatment. There was no indication of fertilizer burns & the results were favorable. Analysis of this material was a 7-9-6. This fertilizer also required the second treatment before reaching the optimum condition desired.

Q. How much money is spent by Chicago clubs for fertilizer on watered fairways during the season?

A. Of the three clubs responding to the question, \$1,7000 was the average expenditure.

Q. How frequent is it safe to apply mixed fertilizers on greens during the mid-summer period?

A. This is dependent upon the type of fertilizer and the prevailing weather conditions, as well as the soil and grass types. In general, the smaller the quantity of material the more frequent it might be applied. Various reports are as follows: 75 pounds of 5-10-5 at three to four week intervals. 50 pounds of 8-8-4 at two-week intervals.

Q. What is a safe application of sulphate of ammonia during mid-August?

A. General usage is two to three pounds of sulphate per 1000 square feet every two weeks - watered in after application.

Q. How much fertilizer has been applied to fairways on Chicago district courses since July 1st?

- A. Report #1.. 800 lbs Milorganite and 400 lbs phosphate per acre.
- " #2.. 650 lbs 10-8-6 per acre.
- " #3.. 600 lbs 5-10-5 per acre.
- " #4.. 180 lbs milarsenite per acre.
- " #5.. 1000 lbs milorganite per acre.
- " #6.. 500 lbs 5-10-5.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

The 1st Annual Golf Tournament between the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents and Illinois P. G. A. will be played at Tam O'Shanter C. C. September - the 15th.

The Wisconsin Greenkeepers Association & the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents will conduct a joint meeting - September 20th - at the Waterford Woods Country Club, Waterford, Wisconsin.

Turf Field Day scheduled at Purdue University, September 27th. Meet at 9:00 A.M. at Soils and Crops Farm, located at intersection of Highway 28 and 52 by - pass just east of Lafayette, Indiana.

Start making plans to attend National GSA conference at Los Angeles, February - 7th to 11th - 1949.

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