

WELCOME TO BIG FOOT COUNTRY CLUB

The Wisconsin Greenkeeper's Association welcome the midwest Association members and guests to participate in our annual joint meeting and golf tournament at Big Foot Country Club, August 21st. Arrangements



have been made at the club for a real good outing for the day with golf being the feature event on the card. If you have never visited at Big Foot, then by all means plan to be with us, if not for golf, why not attend the evening session. Ray Didier will be on hand to present two 1950 Crosley Television sets to the lucky winners.

You might be one of them, so don't pass up this golden opportunity for a DAY IN WISCONSIN. The club is giving us a special break as far as price is concerned. It will only cost \$5.50 per person which includes luncheon, golf, dinner and many prizes. The Wisconsin greenkeeping superintendents are looking forward to this get-together with the superintendents from Illinois, and we will do our very best to see that this meeting will be a most enjoyable one for all, and that is the most important part of the whole idea—to know that your visit was well worth the time.

Frank Kress
President
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Spreading it Thin

Don't forget to sell your TV tickets.

The Women's Western Golf Tournament will be held at Exmoor Country Club starting August 15th.

Paul Popp of Riverside C. C. reports that C7 bent planted last fall on the 5th green is responding to treatment. The unusual weather during the late winter and spring period caused severe damage from frost and heaving checking early establishment of bent sod. The green was opened for weekend play early in July, and although the grass is still coarse, Paul believes the C7 will make a satisfactory putting surface. The green is situated among trees making air circulation rather poor. Dr. Fred Grau, USGA Greens Section suggested the C7 bent as being the most adaptable grass to use under these conditions.

Send in your news items of interest to THE MOLE.

Thirty-one members and guests attended the monthly invitational golf tournament at Bonnie Dundee on June 19th.

During the early summer period, BOB WILLIAMS reports that the following formula has been effective in controlling brown-patch disease.

- 1½ pounds Tersan per 5000 square feet
- 1 ounce Calomel Corrossive per green
- 2 ounces Auragreen per green
- 50 gallons water per green

The combined mixture is applied with power sprayer at 300 pounds pressure, and 300 gallons will cover approximately six average size greens. The spraying time averages four minutes per green.

THE MOLE

WE SHOULD NOT MEASURE EVERYTHING IN TERMS OF MONEY

How often do we hear the question asked from potential members, "what do I get by becoming a member of the National Greenkeeping Superintendents Association?" Perhaps the most practical answer to that question is, "it depends a great deal on how much time and effort you devote towards the welfare of your Association and fellow members." If we put strife, jealousy, and envy ahead of everything else—no one will benefit from this action but if we put fraternity, concord, and love as our way of life then we can expect to receive a full measure of satisfaction in our daily accomplishments.

Superintendents seeking membership in the National Greenkeeping organization should do so without regard for material gain or worldly advantages but rather to associate themselves with those who believe in the higher ideals of human conduct.

Group cooperation is not new. The old saying, many hands make light work, is certainly true. This applies to mental as well as manual labor. Think of the farmers, especially around harvest time, and how they cooperate with each other. That is one of the reasons this association was formulated—to help one another do a better job in all our assignments which will stand as an everlasting monument in the golf world.

Someday in the future it may be necessary for you to make a change from your present club. You may unpack your baggage in a locality quite different in climatic conditions than you have been accustomed to, and where everyone may be a stranger to you. If you carried a NGSA membership card, your neighbor superintendent would probably lend a helping hand, and it may mean the difference between success or failure.

The annual dues is reasonable. Each member receives the National Publication, The Greenkeepers Reporter which is published bi-monthly. In addition, the president and greens chairman of your club receives this informative magazine without charge. This alone, is worth the amount of the annual dues as the subscription price to non-members is \$3.00 per annum. Any member attending the National Turf Conference can register for a fee of \$5.00 while non-members are taxed \$10.00. During the golf season, you can attend United States Golf Association tournaments without charge by presenting your due card to the proper officials. Our Association conducts an annual tournament which gives you the opportunity to compete for the many valuable prizes awarded to the winners.

I could go on discussing the merits of our national organization and its value to you as an individual but space and time is limited. For further information on this important subject, feel free to contact me at any time and I shall do my very best to answer your questions. We still need the district groups interest to make it a solid and progressive Association.

Raymond H. Gerber,
President, NGSA

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