

Presidents Message

Fellow Greenkeeping-superintendents:

With the May issue of The Bull Sheet, official publication of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents our mailing list has been increased so that approximately every greenkeeping-superintendent in the State of Illinois receives the bulletin. Through the medium of our publication, we will make a sincere effort to keep our fellow greenkeeping superintendents within the State, posted on our many Association activities throughout the year.

Our Association is an organization composed of greenkeeping-superintendents, operated by them for the advancement of the art and science of golf course management, to collect and disseminate among the greenkeeping-superintendents, the practical knowledge of the problems of course management with a view to more efficient and economical maintenance of golf courses, and to promote the welfare of our profession.

If you are actively engaged in this profession, and/or closely associated with it in some manner, this is your organization. We sincerely believe it has much to offer you in the way of sharing our constant search for methods to accomplish our assignments in a creditable manner, in true fellowship and in recreation. Our monthly meetings are educational and enjoyable. We solicit your membership and attendance at these meetings.

As a district greenkeeping-superintendent's organization, we will be hosts to the National Turf Conference and Equipment Show which will be held at the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Illinois, January 29, 30, 31, and February 1, 2, 1951. We are working diligently to make this educational and equipment show the finest ever held. Your cooperation and help is sought that we may all achieve this goal.

For further information, our secretary, Mr. Bert Rost, Park Ridge Country Club, Park Ridge, Illinois will be at your service. Send him a card requesting whatever you want to know, and I am certain that your questions will be answered promptly.

Your attendance at any of our monthly meetings will be most welcome.

Very truly yours,

William H. Stuppel

President.

EDGEWOOD VALLEY HOSTS

Mr. W. E. Maddux, Greens Chairman and Roy Chaplin, Superintendent, will play host to district greenkeeping organization on June 5th. GOLF will be the feature event for the day, and Frank Dinelli would like to see all members come prepared to play. It is the only way to get the full benefit of the meeting—by participation. There will be refreshments located near the 13th green, so pause for a moment, and partake of the staff of life which will help to relieve the tension and perhaps quench a parched tongue. Roy reports that everything is in readiness, even the early-birds can be sure of getting a bite to eat in the club grill at noon day. After the golf event, the chef has arranged to serve a roast-beef dinner about 5:30 P.M. After dinner, Ray Didier, chairman of the Photography Committee will present an illustrated talk by Pete Stewart. Don't miss this picture-talk about Pete's recent trip to Scotland and England. If the evening program runs true to schedule there might be time for Red Sellers to conduct the QUESTION BOX, and you won't want to miss this bargain. The Apprentice Membership discussion was tabled at the last meeting and will no doubt be presented at this meeting for discussion and action. Your attendance is necessary to make these get-togethers more interesting.

Spreading it Thin

BILL OATES of Arrowhead G. C. plans to use a top-dressing of 1/3 peat, 1/3 loam soil, and 1/3 coarse sand for greens this season.

NELS LUNDBLAD reports everything under control at Chicago Golf.

FRED HALLOREN, popular Davis representative is back in circulation.

BILL STUPLE of Exmoor says, "This is the latest season I can remember. We had only two weekends fit for golfing in the month of April."

FRANK DINELLI of Northmore dug up a tile line recently; a portion of this line ran along a willow tree and to promote good drainage Frank laid the tile in cinders some 12 years ago. In digging the line up it was noted that the roots went as far as the cinders but not into them. He relaid the entire line in cinders and will observe what takes place in the next few years. Frank states that DON STRAND made the original observation.

MEL JOHNSON supervisory greenkeeper at Woodridge C. C. reports that new greens planted late last Fall have not come through too well this Spring. The stolens have been washed up out of the soil and are rotting rather than growing.

Do you remember the year we went to the Purdue short course and found all the forsythia in bloom?

Do you have any walks or steps of concrete on the course that are hard to walk on with spike shoes? Asphalt plank is becoming very popular for these areas.

LEONARD DE BRUYN of Ridge C. C. is sporting a new Studebaker auto. Ridge by the way is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

Both the Midwest and the National associations will celebrate their 25th anniversaries in 1951.

WALTER HOYT of Timber Trails reports that they will have two new greens ready for play this season.

What happened to all the U3 Bermuda enthusiasts? Or better still, what happened to all the U3 Bermuda?

JOHN COUTRE is now superintendent at the Chevy Chase C. C. Wheeling, Ill.

RAY DIDIER lost at least one nites sleep with high water this Spring. Ray and his crew had to sandbag the doorways to keep the water out of the clubhouse. Their No. 4 bridge was washed out of place also.

FRED MILLIES has been working hard on their new dam and lake at Hillside C. C. The lake covers about an acre and is seven feet deep.

DON STRAND of Westmoreland is watching his C-113 bent grass, this is a new strain sent to Don by FRED GRAU as a potential fairway turf.

DOM GROTTI would like to have 10 more men. Who wouldn't.

GABRIEL ROSSET of Greenacres found that the flood waters left 2 railroad ties on their 17th green.

DAVE MCINTOSH of Oak Hills C. C. celebrated his 75th birthday on May 25th.

The district committee chairmen for the 1951 national turf conference (in Chicago) met with the board of directors of the NGSA at the Hotel Sherman on May 6th to discuss their part in the big show.

MEL WARNEKE beat the flood to the draw by chaining down their bridges.

JOHN COGHILL of Silver Lake has dredged out their lake to remove accumulated material. The job was done with dragline and bulldozer. The operation will increase their water reservoir 70,000 cu. yds.

The Glen View C. C. (HENRY LANG, SUP'T.) has a log cabin built by the early settlers and a cemetery on their grounds. The headstone date back to the late 1600's.

The Mole.