

Spreading it Thin

Over thirty members braved the inclement weather to attend the April meeting at the Hotel Sherman.

Midwest district committees already making preparations for the 22nd National Turf Conference to be held in Chicago 1951.

Howie Baerwald formerly of the Neillsville, Wisconsin Country Club has accepted the position of greenkeeping-superintendent at Kishwaukee Country Club, DeKalb, Illinois.

Art Benson, superintendent at Aurora Country Club reports some snow-mold on the greens this spring in spite of treatment last fall.

Matt Bezek takes over greenkeeping-superintendents responsibilities at Southmoor Golf Club, Orland Park, Illinois.

Ray Gerber appointed head of new district committee—SUPERINTENDENTS ADVISORY AND PLACEMENT COMMITTEE.

Bill Stuppel wields a heavy gavel at membership meetings.

John Sellers conducts a very interesting QUESTION BOX period at the meetings.

The United District Charities, Inc. headed by Mr. Robert Halbert and Mr. Stanley Van Dyke invited Ray Gerber and Don Strand to accompany them on a recent visit to the Veterans Administration Hospital and the Downing Hospital for the purpose of selecting sites for the construction of practice putting greens this year. Ray and Don will draft specifications for the construction of the proposed greens.

Harold Reid and Ray Gerber recently celebrated their 23rd and 25th wedding anniversary, respectively.

Pete Stewart of Butterfield Country Club reports that April 17th was the first day this spring it was possible to get out on the course to accomplish any work with tractors.

Leonard DeBruyn of Ridge Country Club has been Greenkeeping-superintendent at his club since 1917, and is a charter member of the National Greenkeeping Superintendents Association.

George Knox of Calumet Country Club believes the subsoil moisture situation is more favorable now than it has been for two seasons.

Henry Lange of the Glenview Club says fall seeding took a beating through the past winter period.

Bob Williams, Red Sellers, and Al Johnson attended the recent Club Managers Stag at the Morrison Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

Don Strand reports that his C-15 bent greens look beautiful this spring.

The May meeting will be held at Edgewater Golf Club on May 15th.

John Sellers believes that early application of 2-4 D after the open winter will go far towards eradicating the clover in fairways. John has tried it with good results. Do not make application on newly seeded areas.

The joint meeting with the Wisconsin group is scheduled for August 21st at the Big Foot Country Club, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Melvin Warnecke, popular greenkeeping-superintendent at Idlewild Country Club who has played host to many Association meetings, pointed out that the soft maple seeds are beginning to be a problem on the greens.

Ed Wollenberg, quiet young superintendent at Navajo Fields Golf Club says it looks like a good season if the poa annua holds out.

President Bill Stuppel and Frank Dinelli attended the April meeting of the Wisconsin Greenkeeper's Association held at the Inman Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Bill Schwantz of Hinsdale Country Club just completed a new "Chick Sale" in his maintenance building.

Ray Didier says the Pros want a white flag pole for tournament play. The reason for this request is to make it fairer to all competitors in the event a player might be colorblind.

This is the 11th year at Onwentsia Golf Club for Emil Mashie, champion greenkeeping-superintendent golfer of the NGA circuit.

Besides being a good man at remodeling greens, Don Strand is reported to be a handy-man with the carpenter tools around the kitchen.

—The Mole

PROCEDURE—Everyday routine rigmarole.

The Lament of A Greens' Committee Chairman

I used to be so happy
 When I went out to play,
 You'd always find me smiling
 On any pleasant day.
 I'd go and get a caddy
 And hand him all my clubs;
 'Twas fun to be a-playing
 With the usual bunch of dubs.
 I thought the fairways perfect,
 The rough—'twas not so bad,
 The greens were simply lovely,
 They'd make any golfer glad.
 I'd say—if up in heaven
 They have a course like this,
 I surely hope I go there
 For a million years of bliss.
 Then one day they chose me Chairman,
 To look out for the greens,
 I'll never be the same, boys,
 For it shattered all my dreams.
 At once they began to tell me
 The course was on the bum,
 And everyone who worked on it
 Was blind, and deaf, and dumb.
 Some said the greens were much too long,
 Some said they're much too short;
 They were too fast—they were too slow,
 In fact, they'd gone to pot.
 They said the trees were in the way,
 With branches outstretched wide,
 But when to help me cut one down,
 "He should be shot" they cried.
 A guy would play around the course
 Recouping from a jag,
 And blame our genial pro
 "Cause his putts weren't in the bag."
 A lie upon the fairway
 Was always in a hole
 And every single sand trap
 Was like a concrete bowl.
 All this grieved me greatly
 For I couldn't understand
 Why golfers from other cities said,
 "Your course is simply grand".
 So—I will go to heaven boys
 And play o'er hill and dell
 And those who don't like a course like ours
 Will have to go to Hell.

—Harrison G. Taylor
 Worcester Country Club