



Chicago Welcomes the 22nd National Turf Conference

SITE OF 22ND NATIONAL TURF CONFERENCE AND SHOW

JANUARY 29, 30, 31 AND FEBRUARY 1, 2, 1951

HOTEL SHERMAN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Invitational Golf Tournament at Silver Lake Golf Club — September 25th

John Coghill — HOST

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

A most successful season of summer activities is about concluded. A special PLAY GOLF meeting held at Bonnie Dundee and Nordic Hills Golf Courses between our regular monthly sessions were very well attended, and I believe these extra meetings has meant a great deal to all who could participate in them.

Our regular meetings during the summer, starting with Edgewater Golf Club, and then following with Edgewood Valley and Ravisloe Country Club have really been outstanding as to attendance and participation in the golf tournaments, which is certainly a good sign that our meetings are well arranged and interesting. The remaining outdoor events with the Wisconsin Greenkeepers Association at Big Foot Country Club, the Superintendent-Pro Tournament at St. Andrews Golf Club and the Annual Tournament at Park Ridge Country Club in October will complete the schedule. If time permits, we will try to schedule another PLAY GOLF event late in September.

As the fall season approaches, it is time we consider seriously the many educational opportunities available to us. We will continue our own district programs during the winter meetings, however, we have many other opportunities. Each year the USGA Green Section under the able direction of Dr. Fred V. Grau, conducts a field day at Beltsville, Maryland, the site of the U. S. Department of Agriculture Experiment Station. This year the meeting will be held on October 15, 16, 17, 1950. Before the last war many of our Midwest members made the trip to Washington, D. C. where the turf plots were located at that time. I believe the expense and time of the trip was worthwhile. We will have the same opportunity now to observe and examine at close range the results of these turf experiments. Rail connections between Chicago and Washington, D. C. are excellent, and if the trip is to be made by auto there are many places of historical interest to be seen along the route. Beltsville is located just a short distance from Washington, D. C.

As you all know by this time, the National Turf Conference comes to Chicago this winter, and we will be the host Association to the largest of all turf conferences. Our district committees have been active for some time, and if we all give our very best in the promotional field, I honestly believe this coming conference will be the finest in history. It's up to the midwestern States to put this over in a big way. Start right now to accomplish this purpose. The most qualified speakers in the country are secured to appear on the educational program, and it can be expressed that this conference sets the educational pattern for the following season.

To make yourself better fitted to do your job with increasing efficiency, attend every Midwest meeting, play golf at every opportunity, and attend as many turf conferences as possible.

In closing, I hope that the Midwest Association will be well represented at the NGSA Golf Tournament at Lansing, Michigan on September 18th and 19th. Those who plan to enter this event still have plenty of time to practice, and we do want to bring home the bacon this time.

William H. Stuppel President

MIDWEST PICNIC SUMMARY

The Annual Picnic was held at the Arrowhead Golf Club on July 31st. Mr. William Oates, Manager of Arrowhead was our genial host. Mr. Oates had the picnic tables set-up in a beautiful grove of oak trees. Many families attended even tho there were signs of rain. The committee under the leadership of Ray Davis, and with the additional help from Frank Dinelli and Robert Williams conducted games for the kiddies, ladies and gents. Our CHEF for the day was none other than George Roloff who performed a very creditable job in roasting the weenies for everyone. Frank Dinelli held a little informal meeting with the wives present concerning plans for the entertainment of ladies at the National Conference. Mrs. Ray Gerber was appointed Women's Committee Chairman to work with Frank, and also to be in attendance at the show. Clouds kept threatening, and just at dusk the rains came breaking up one of the most enjoyable picnics held by the Association.

THE GRASS WIDOW

SPREADING IT THIN

Fall planning is well along now, and from time to time we will be hearing more about proposed activities. Westmoreland C. C. under the supervision of DON STRAND is planning to re-build five greens this fall. Renovation work will get underway October 1st. C15 bent grass sod will be used as the replacement turf. The sub-soil will be completely worked over for proper texture but the existing contours of the green and traps will be altered very little. DON has 30,000 square feet of two year old sod available for the project which he figures can be accomplished in three weeks of ideal weather conditions after starting time. The job of fairway renovation completed last fall indicates satisfactory results. The poa annua population was definitely reduced and the Astoria bent seeded during the operation has become well established in the fairways.

Two new apprentice members were recently admitted to the Association. They are Donald Strand, Jr. and Clair Strand, sons of Don Strand. They have been working on the course for the past several seasons, and find the love of fine horticulture entering their blood.

Frank Mastroleo reports that Chlordane has an adverse effect on clover. After application of this chemical, the clover appears to turn yellow and gradually gets smaller.

Emil Cassier is planning to renovate the 5th green this fall and plant it to C15 bent grass. Emil is also promoting the idea of building a new club house on the site of the present baseball diamond.

Edward Stewart, son of Peter Stewart was admitted to membership in the Association. Ed has recently taken over greenkeeping responsibilities at the Acacia Golf Club.

(Please note) Bill Stuppel suggests that every superintendent give serious thought to the question concerning workmen on golf courses who should or would benefit from any of the various types of membership in the Association. Encourage these men to come into our organization.

THE MOLE