

THE MEETING AT WOODRIDGE

The July meeting of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents was held at Woodridge Country Club, Lisle, Illinois on Monday, July 9, 1951. Association member Peter Bild was our host. We were very fortunate in again having a beautiful day for our meeting. In fact we were very lucky for the day before there was a deluge thruout the whole day, the total rainfall totaling between 3 and 4 inches for the day. However, Woodridge was in fine shape on Monday, there being very little casual water in evidence. Woodridge is located in that beautiful rolling, wooded part of DuPage county around Lisle. Many of the fairways are cut thru virgin timber and many of the greens are small, making accuracy of play of prime importance. Notwithstanding, there were some really fine scores for the day. Jock McIntosh copped the honors with a fine 72. I'll bet your handicap is going to be cut, Jock. Stan Arendt and Bill Saielli also turned in good scores. Probably the most popular spot on the course was at the refreshment stand which was located in a strategic spot close to a number of tees and greens, making it very convenient for the boys to rest awhile and to sample the amber brew. Refreshments were by courtesy of C. O. Borgmeier of the George A. Davis Co. In addition to our regular golf prizes, prizes were donated by Bob Marbury of the Alliance Rubber Co. and Warren Roseman of the Roseman Tractor Equipment Co. A number of the old timers and others who arrived too late to play the course, engaged in a hot putting contest. Ed Stewart and Oscar Borgmeier battled it out to the last hole with Ed the ultimate winner.

Quite a number of the Superintendents visited the Morton Arboretum, a report of which you will find elsewhere in this issue.

Ted Hammerschmidt, club manager, provided us with a delicious buffet dinner which was much appreciated by all. After dinner, all business of the Association was postponed until the next meeting, and the meeting was then turned over to Bert Rost, Turf Research Committee Chairman.

Prize winners were as follows: 1st Low Net, Jock MacIntosh; 2nd Bill Saielli; 3rd Bob Chamberlain; 4th Bill Stuppel; 5th Ed Muzik; 6th Stan Arendt; 7th Joe Canale; 8th Geo. Roloff. 1st Blind Bogey Don Hanbay; 2nd Emil Cassier; 3rd H. Hasbeurger; 4th Frank Mastroleo; 5th Jerry Transier; 6th Mike McDonald; 7th Tom Ohlinger. Putting contest; 1st Ed. Stewart; 2nd Oscar Borgmeier; 3rd Bert Rost.

We want to thank Peter Bild, Ted Hammerschmidt, and all others who assisted in making this a really fine meeting.

John Coghill of Silver Lake was hospitalized with an attack of virus pneumonia during the first week of June. We are happy to report that John is recovering and hopes to play golf at the August meeting at Roselle.

Pat Leith, daughter of Willie Leith, Pro-Supt. of Elgin Country Club, recently won the Chicago Womens District golf championship at Ridgemoor Country Club.

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TURF RESEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

On Monday, July 9, a number of the members of the Association with several officials of the University of Illinois met at the Morton Arboretum near Lisle, Ill., and were conducted on a tour of the Arboretum by Mr. Clarence E. Godshalk, Arboretum Director. First, we visited the hedge planting near the Administration building and then were taken to the Thornhill building which was the site of the home of Mr. Joy Morton, son of J. Sterling Morton, founder of the Arboretum where the University of Illinois has purchased a 10 acre tract of land and have leased another 60 acres from the Arboretum. On this land we have selected a five acre plot for the establishment of possible experimental plots under conditions which might be found in any part of Illinois. Part of the area is rolling with good air and surface drainage and part with poor drainage. On the site, we explained to the officials of the University why we had chosen this area and they agreed that we had made an excellent choice and that it would fit into their plans for the station very well.

We then returned to Woodridge Country Club where we had a fine buffet dinner and the following men were introduced and each gave his views of the proposed experimental gardens. Those who spoke were Dr. Birkland Head of the Dept. of Horticulture of the University; Mr. Godschalk; Mr. Dillon, Chairman of the Green Committee of the Chicago District Golf Association; Dr. Tehon, Botanist from the Natural History Survey; Dr. Weinert, Head of the Division of Floriculture of the University; Dean Serles, Dean of the College of Pharmacy of the University; Dr. Ralph Voight, Chief of Plant Drugs Experiment Station of the University and Mr. Dunton, member of the Board of Supervisors of DuPage County. Among the things stressed by the speakers was the fact that the University is owned by the people, and that it is up to us to let them know what we want. That funds to build and operate the Station will have to come from an appropriation from the State Legislature. That we will have to furnish the University with a blue print and exact specifications just as to what it will take to construct, direct and maintain such experimental area.

We of the Turf Research Committee, wish to take this opportunity to thank the above mentioned men for their time and help and hope that it will be the beginning of a very successful and enjoyable project in which every citizen of the State of Illinois in some way will sometime benefit.

Bert Rost, Ch. Turf Research Comm.

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