

## SPREADING IT THIN

Al Pruess of Bunker Hill C. C. rebuilt the first tee resodding with Washinton Bent. The tee is 3700 square feet and Al plans to make it still larger in the fall of 1953.

Ray Davis has about finished a complete raking, brushing and areating of all the greens at Medinah C.C.

John Boettger of Idlewilde C. C. reports he put in a large nursery of C15 and 1/2 acre of Merion Blue Grass. John plans to replace some grass on both tees and greens in 1953.

Norm Kramer of Silver Lake C. C. resodded one tee with Merion Blue Grass and seeded six tees with a mixture containing Merion and Seaside Bent. Norm's daughter, Laurette Susan, is doing well and gets sweeter every day. Norm says his tees and greens are exceptionally good this fall.

John Coghill and his family plan to leave for Florida the middle of December.

Stanley Arendt rebuilt 3 greens and the practice green at Inverness this fall. Stanley used Washington Bent. Stanley's son Stanley Jr. has been unreported in Korea since November 1950. Stanley was born and raised in the house just off the 3rd green of the Ravisloe C. C. at Homewood.

John Darrach is growing about 30 acres of Merion Blue Grass for seed. This years harvest was used to thicken the stand in the field. John hopes to be able to offer a seed that will readily germinate in this climate.

John Wareham of the Creston Ia. C. C. visited the Chicago area Oct. 7th.

Herman Woehrle and his wife, of Kankakee Valley C. C. are returning to Germany for Herman's first visit in 25 years. Starting December 22nd and traveling by air, they will be with his sister and her family and several aunts and Uncles at Stuttgart, Germany, on Christmas Eve. They will return February 1st.

Our best wishes go with Mrs. and Mr. Woehrle for a Happy Christmas and a glad reunion with his family.

Peter Stewart has been busy rebuilding No. 6 green at Butterfield C. C. and has incorporated 100 lb. Krillium, rototilling it to a depth of 4" after application. The Krillium has helped greatly in increased friability of the soil and Peter is very pleased with the results.

Bill Schwartz of Hinsdale C. C. has started setting valves in the fairways to eliminate the hose system they have used for the last 25 years. He plans to do about 4 fairways a year till the job is done, and is paying special attention to providing drainage for the line.

Emil Cassier and his wife from Sycamore Park District and their two daughters plan a trip either to Florida or Arizona early in December.

The Sycamore Park District plans to drill an artesian well and to erect a fountain in the memory of Vernon Wetzel, who died on the course of a heart attack July 4th. Mr. Wetzel had attended many meetings with Emil during the eight years he was president of the Park District.

Dick Buchen and his father are continuing the greens rebuilding program started two years ago and plan to rebuild 5 greens yet this fall. They started 55,000 square feet of C15 in August which they plan to use for resodding. So far they have rebuilt 8 greens.

Matt Bezek is now with the Chapel Hills South Cemetery, Worth, Ill. Matt likes his new work.

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## WISCONSIN FALL TOURNAMENT

Our annual tournament meeting was held on Monday, October 13, 1952, at the Kenosha Country Club. Bert Barrows was Host Greenkeeper, and had the course well groomed. The weather was not too bad during the afternoon, although somewhat cool and gray, with scattered showers. About 25 were present, with all regular members participating in the tournament play. John Crewe had the low-gross score of 82, and is the new champion. Howard Gabbey had second low-gross with 84. John Stampfl had the low-net score of 80.

Following the afternoon golf game, the boys enjoyed a social hour at the Club House. We then adjourned to Krock's Lake Shore Restaurant for dinner. After dinner, Howard Gabbey, President, acknowledged with thanks the facilities afforded for our meeting by the Kenosha Country Club, with personal thanks to Bert Barrows and Alex Morwaski, Club House Manager. All present extended birthday greetings to Frank Bradt, who was 77 on October 9. Howard also informed the group of the death of Dutch Erdmann's wife, Jessie. He instructed the secretary to wire flowers immediately, to Steven's Point where she is being buried.

Howard proposed that a meeting be held in January, 1953 to set up a program of events for the 1953 season. He appointed the following members of a four-man committee to meet with himself and the secretary at the Old Heidleberg Gardens: Lester Verhaalen, Orville Decker, Paul Jensen, and John Stampfl. He also instructed the secretary to send a letter to all clubs on our mailing list, inviting them to extend invitations before January, should they wish to have a Greenkeepers' Meeting held at their club this coming season. Orville Decker re-affirmed the invitation of Tripoli Country Club to hold the Greenkeepers'-Greens' Chairman Meeting next summer. Howard Gabbey also suggested that the annual tournament meeting be held earlier in the season. Prizes were then awarded by Johnny Crewe and Russ Iverson. The Kenosha Country Club donated a pair of golf shoes, and the R. L. Ryerson Company, a golf bag. Johnny Crewe selected the golf bag, and Howard Gabbey, the golf shoes.

Howard Gabbey authorized the Wisconsin Greenkeepers putting \$32.00 in for prizes. This, in addition to the blind bogey money, meant that all present were awarded a prize. Guests for the day were Bill Stuppel, Frank Dinelli, Dom Grotti and Bill Saielli from the Mid-West Association.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p. m.

Robert G. Howe, Secretary

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