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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we of Medinah Country Club welcome the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents and The Wisconsin Greenkeepers Association to Medinah for the annual joint meeting of the two associations. As President of the Midwest Association, I am particularly anxious that you all have a good time and a real get together.

We have much to offer this meeting at our club this season. Our fall plans call for a program of rebuilding six greens on our well known number three course and to that end we have established a C-15 nursery to provide sod for these greens. Some of the greens may be under construction during the meeting. We have treated all the fairways on our number three course for crabgrass control and they will have been well fertilized and reseeded before the meeting on September 14.

To get back to our nursery again, several years ago we had a failure of grass on the greens which we found to be caused by Helminthosporium. We found what the disease could do to the greens when they were hard hit. We picked out parts of the greens that were unaffected and planted them in the nursery. This selection of Washington bent had been particularly resistant to all disease during the last several years and we are watching it with a great deal of interest. We have named it "Medinah Special". We also have a vigorous type of Bermuda grass that has grown very well this summer and two plantings of Z-52 and Z-73 Zoysia and we hope you will find our nursery worth a visit.

Medinah's Greens Chairman, Mr. DeCardy, has been most helpful in working with me during the time he has been in office. A lake has been constructed on the first course which bears his name and after several failures, we have now a practical dam that is worth seeing. Under him our courses are adequately fertilized and our equipment is rapidly being modernized.

Medinah, Mr. De Cardy and I join in welcoming you all on September 14. Please come.

Ray Davis, President.

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BILL GLOVER PASSES AWAY

We are very sad and sorry to hear that Bill Glover passed away of a heart attack on the grounds of the Fairfax Country Club, Fairfax, Virginia, on July 30.

Bill was well known to the members of the Midwest and was serving his second term as Director of the GCSA, having been reelected at the Columbus meeting. His untimely death will leave a void in the ranks of progressive superintendents that will be hard to fill.

We have lost a good man.

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COMING EVENTS

The October Meeting and Fall Tournament, Tam O Shanter C. C., October 5.

GCSA 25th Annual Turf Conference and Show, Miami, Florida, January 3-9, 1954.

MIDWEST-WISCONSIN JOINT MEETING

It has been the custom in recent years for the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents and the Wisconsin Greenkeepers Association to hold a meeting together in September of each year, alternating the meeting places. This year it is our turn to entertain Wisconsin. Ray Davis, our President, has graciously invited us to meet at Medinah Country Club where he is Superintendent. Good fellowship is the order of the day at these meetings and they are greatly enjoyed by both groups. We intend to make this meeting most enjoyable and profitable for all who attend. As usual there will be a golf tournament in the afternoon featuring play for the Midwest-Wisconsin Cup, which is a team event, four men to the team. The Midwest has won the trophy the last two years, but the Wisconsin men have some good players and they may pull an upset this year.

Let's all turn out and give Wisconsin a big welcome.

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THE MEETING AT SPORTSMAN

It was a beautiful day at Sportsman Country Club for our meeting there on August 10. 48 golfers turned out for the tournament in the afternoon and all were unanimous in their praise of Roxie Bolte's greens. Roxie is doing a wonderful job and the course was in superb shape. At 6:20 P.M. we retired to the dining room where we found a delicious buffet dinner awaiting us. It was some feed and was greatly enjoyed by all of us. Our many thanks to Roxie and the club manager for a wonderful day.

At our business meeting following dinner, President Davis announced that our annual meeting with the Wisconsin Association would be held at Medinah Country Club on September 14.

After the business of the Association had been disposed of, the meeting was turned over to Bob Williams, Chairman of the Educational Committee. Bob appointed a panel of the members and a Question Box followed.

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We visited Tam O Shanter during the Worlds Championship Golf Tournament and found Ray Didier taking it easy on the front lawn of his home there. Ray is looking his old healthy self again and says that he is feeling fine, but still has to take it pretty easy. He is allowed to drive around the course, but not to exert himself. The course was in beautiful shape in spite of the rains during the tournament and the heavy traffic of play. The greens which suffered so much with disease last year are in wonderful shape and Ray says that there has been very little trouble this year.

We talked to Al Linkogel and some of the other Superintendents from the St. Louis district at LaFayette during the Field Day there. They are seriously going into converting their fairways over to U-3 Bermuda. The method is to aerify and disc the existing turf, spread U-3 at the rate of 30 bushels of stolons to the acre with a manure spreader, spiking in and rolling. Results to date have been to say the least, marvellous.

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We certainly are very grateful to Nels Johnson for his hospitality at our picnic. Those who attended said that it was the best picnic ever and are looking forward to going back there again. Many thanks, Nels.