

THE BULL SHEET, official monthly publication of the MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We have received a report from our Membership Committee Chairman, Frank Dinelli that we have 26 members and associate members who are in arrears with their dues. While we know that there is good reason for some of you to want out because of loss of interest in our activities, sickness and other good reasons, many of you who are in arrears are very active in our profession and should be in good standing in our association.

The Midwest Association is not a small group, we have an active paid up membership of almost 150 men who are interested in our own peculiar activities. Because there are only 5000 courses in the country, we are actually quite an exclusive group and the very nature of our activities binds us together in bonds of close fellowship. Our meetings are interesting, our summer activities include golfing tournaments and educational meetings monthly and our social functions are well attended. Our Bull Sheet which is sent to all Supts. in Illinois and Wisconsin and thru which you are getting this message speaks for its self and for our members. We all invite you to come to the April Meeting, square up and take part in our activities and good fellowship. Our Membership Committee will make a definite effort to contact you. Please believe that we want you with us.

Sometime in April the board of Directors of the National Association will meet at St Charles, Ill., for their spring meeting. At that time plans will be made for the location of the 1956 meeting. We understand that California has again presented a bid for this meeting and I for one would sure like to go there again. We had a good time there last time in spite of the weather which was so bad that some of the men got to the meeting the week after it was over. The ladies were royally entertained, some of us were lucky enough to be able to spend additional time and all of us enjoyed ourselves well. So putt for California in 1956 boys, California here we come.

Geo. Roloff, President

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SPRING DANCE

Ray Davis, Entertainment Chairman, announces that the Annual Spring Dance of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents will be a dinner dance and will be held at Midwest Golf Club on Thursday, April 22. A seven course chicken dinner will be served at 7:00 P. M. Dancing music will be by Wilbur Sturm's orchestra starting at 8:30 and continuing until 12:30.

This will be a dinner dance by popular request of the members to take the place of the square dancing, etc., which we have had for the past several years. You will probably be getting pretty busy with your golf course at that time, but give the little woman a treat and bring her over to Midwest for a good time. If you don't dance come out anyway, there will be card playing, also.

THE MEETING AT MOHAWK

42 members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents sat down to a delicious chicken dinner at Mohawk Country Club on March 8. Our president, George Roloff, presided over the meeting and Bill Stupple acted as secretary in the absence of Al Johnson, who was out in Iowa visiting his folks.

During the meeting, President Roloff on behalf of the members, presented Editor Stupple with a beautiful portable radio in recognition of his work with THE BULL SHEET. Incidentally, it was much appreciated by the Editor.

Bert Rost, Chairman of the Turf Research Committee made the most important announcement that the University of Illinois had accepted a grant from the USGA Green Section to be used in research on Poa Annuua, chickweed and crabgrass. Bert also announced that the Green Section was desirous of setting up a regional office in Chicago.

Don Strand, Educational Chairman, presented Mr. Berg of the customers relation department of Sherwin Williams Paint Company who gave us a most interesting discussion on painting masonry. Mr. Berg also answered a great many questions pertaining to paint and painting.

Our thanks go to Al Hintz for his wonderful hospitality.

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CONGRATULATIONS

John Scott McIntosh, 7 pounds 9 ounces, a future potential Superintendent, was born to Mrs. Jock McIntosh on February 14. The son was a fitting Valentine for Mrs. McIntosh. Jock is reported doing well, but was unable to make the Purdue meeting.

Earl Dowell, our genial friend from the LaFayette Country Club, became the father of a boy in January. This makes two for Earl, a girl and a boy. Nice going, Earl.

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OUR APRIL MEETING

Our April meeting will be held at River Forest Country Club, River Forest, Illinois on Monday, April 5. Our host will be Edward Stewart, who is the son of the late Pete Stewart, who was a charter member of our Association. Edward learned greenkeeping from his father and is considered one of our up and coming young superintendents. It will be a real privilege to meet at his club and we hope that someday we will be able to hold a summer meeting there and play his beautiful course.

As usual, there will be a get-together in the afternoon, dinner at 6:00 P. M. and the meeting to follow. Plan to be there.

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Turf in the Chicago area looks exceptionally well this Spring in spite of the drought of last fall. There has been very little winter damage reported. There has been some Snow Mold, mostly on Bent fairways, but it seems to be very light and grass is already recovering. Tees and greens are mostly untouched by Snow Mold, and this has been true for the last several years. Adequate treatment in the fall and winter as a precaution is the answer and we do not see the terrific damage done to greens anymore by this disease.

Much turf was damaged last fall during the dry weather and where the grass has thinned out there is much evidence of knotweed. This will probably be our biggest headache this spring.