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THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

This is the time of the year when we like to remember and repeat those memorable words of our great philosopher, we have forgotten who, who at the end of a particularly trying, hot, humid Sunday, looked at his trampled greens and said, "Well it's a great job in the winter." So keep that in mind, boys, it's a great job in the winter.

In spite of the difficulties of the summer, and we all know that it has been a difficult one, the turnout at our summer activities is tremendous. 69 played golf at our July meeting at Woodridge and attendance at our annual picnic exceeded all expectations. I wish at this time to thank Chairman Ray Davis for making a grand success of this already memorable event and having the courage to leave the beaten track and take us to a lake instead of a golf course, and to Weatherman, Bill Stuppel who suggested that the third week in July was usually better weatherwise than later. Bill certainly picked a fine day for us to be at the beach.

It has been called to our attention that there has been, in at least one instance, solicitation of business by commercial men at our meetings. Although I know that our commercial members have, in the past leaned over backwards to keep from soliciting at our meetings, we consider it bad ethics and without any criticism of them wish to remind the members that commercial men were admitted to membership in our Association with the unwritten agreement that they were to meet with us as our friends and that our meetings were no place to seek out business. This is the first time we have heard of anything like this and trust that there will be no further reports on the subject.

Our next meeting will be at Chesterfield Country Club and the Buchens, father and son, are waiting for us. We have been there before and know what perfect hosts they are. We have only three more outdoor meetings this year, so be sure to attend each one.

George Roloff, President

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CONGRATULATIONS

Joe Klem announces that he is the father of a son, Robert Scott Klem, weight 6 pounds 13¾ ounces, born at the West Suburban Hospital, Oak Park, Ill., on June 2. Our congratulations, Joe.

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OUR AUGUST MEETING

Our August meeting will be held at Chesterfield Country Club, Glenview, Ill., on Monday, August 9. Julius and Dick Buchen will be our hosts. This father and son team has entertained us before and we know we will have a wonderful time at Chesterfield. There will be the usual golf tournament in the afternoon, dinner at 6:30 and the meeting to follow with an educational meeting of which we do not at this time have the particulars, but you can rest assured that it will be of interest to you. Refreshments on the course will be by courtesy of Geo. A. Davis, Inc.

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We have word that Jim Watson will be the guest speaker at our joint meeting with Wisconsin in September. The meeting was set for Brynwood Country Club, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Les Verhaalen, host.

We wish to thank Roseman Tractor Equipment Company for the refreshments on the course at Woodridge.

OUR JULY MEETING

It was a hot, hot day at Woodridge Country Club on July 12 when we assembled for our July meeting there. Peter Bild and Ted Hammerschmidt, our hosts, were on hand to do everything possible for us to make it a wonderful day, and they did, except to getting the air conditioning in the club house to working. It is a new installation and was not quite ready. However, Ted says it will be running in fine shape when we come back again. In spite of the heat, 69 golfers toured the course and all finished 18 holes. We doubt if a lot of them would have made it if it had not been for Warren Roseman's oasis in the middle of the course. Many had a tough time climbing the hill in the heat, but after a little rest and partaking of the Roseman hospitality, they found the strength to continue. It was a great day and all reported that the course was in fine condition considering the weather.

106 sat down to a wonderful steak dinner that evening, and Ted found it a tough job to find enough food for so many.

Our guest speaker was Charley Wilson, West Coast Representative of the USGA Green Section. Charley made a tour of a number of courses in the district during his stay of July 12, 13. He gave us a nice talk on conditions and problems in the West as compare with some of ours and one comment of his that will stay in our memory was that good turf is only produced in the hands of good turf managers and they are the golf course superintendent. We want to thank Mr. Wilson for his kindness and will be looking forward to seeing him again when we visit the West Coast in 1956.

Ray Gerber, Chairman of the Committee for Nominations for National offices, announced that Don Strand's name would be sent in to the National for consideration. Agar Brown, National Secretary was present and gave us a brief talk on National Association affairs.

GOLF WINNERS

Blind Bogey: 1. J. J. Slapeka, 2. Norm Kramer, 3. Don Swenson, 4. Ed Musick, 5. Barney Wendt, 6. Bill Saielli, 7. Mel Warneke, 8. Joe Canale, 9. Warren Roseman, 10. A. C. McIntosh, 11. Bob Breen, 12. Andy Dunn, 13. Ed Stewart, 14. Julius Buchen, 15. Dom Grotti, 16. Charley Vann, 17. Marvin Gruening, 18. J. H. Lund, 19. Tom Flynn, 20. Frank Wedel, 21. Peter Bild.

Guests: 1. Ed Underwood, 2. Stan Corey, 3. Dick Thomson.

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All members of the Greenkeeping fraternity were shocked to hear of the sudden passing of Al Gering on July 5. In almost all cases, the comment was, "Al kept a good golf course", and what more fitting epitaph could a Superintendent receive than those simple words.

The big tournament, All America, Worlds Championship, etc. is now in progress at Tam O Shanter, having started on August 5 and running for two weeks. Since the retirement of Ray Didier, Elmer Lemke is in charge of Tam, and from all reports is doing a wonderful job.

Ray Didier has moved to Mundelein, Illinois and his address is Rt. 2, Box 242 B. Ray is now engaged primarily in the nursery business.