

QUESTION BOX

Q.—When is the best time to knock out knotweed?

A.—Early in the Spring.

Q.—What is the best chemical to kill chickweed this time of year?

A.—Sodium Arsenite.

Q.—Please discuss the spring application of Sodium Arsenite for chickweed and knotweed control. Also inhibiting of Poa Annua.

A.—Sodium Arsenite sprayed on turf at rates of 2-3 pounds per acre in the spring has been found to give control of chickweed and knotweed without serious injury to turf. Dr. Daniel and Ted Woehrle at Purdue have found that arsenic has a very definite effect on germination of Poa Annua seed.

Q.—Would it be wise to postpone spraying chickweed and knotweed in order to keep out an infestation of crabgrass.

A.—No

Q.—What insecticides do you use on sod webworm.

A.—Last summer sod webworms were unusually numerous and it was reported that applications of DDT, chlordane and arsenate of lead were for some reason not as effective as they should have been. However, in a more normal season light applications of arsenate of lead and of chlordane should give adequate control. Many superintendents are mixing a little chlordane with their fungicide sprays and are getting practically 100 % control on their greens.

Q.—I would like to hear a discussion on maintenance of green banks.

A.—This is a rather difficult question, as banks on different courses are maintained in different manners. If the grass is kept cut short, it is necessary to water, cut and fertilize rather frequently but if the grass is allowed to grow to rough length, the maintenance is much simpler.

Q.—Why do they not use a nurse grass when seeding Merion blue grass?

A.—It has been found that Merion does much better when it does not have competition from another grass such as are used for nurse grasses.

Q.—Is it safe to apply 2-4,D to eliminate knotweed in bent turf in the spring and if so what amount of 2-4,D?

A.—It has been found from experience that 2-4,D has a definite tendency to injure bent turf and is not recommended for use on bent.

Q.—How many times a year do you recommend using the aerifier?

A.—As often as needed. No recommendation can be given except to use your own judgment.

Q.—What effect does lead arsenate have on the germination of crab grass seed?

A.—In this area, at least, lead arsenate has a very definite effect on preventing the germination of crab grass seed.

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Don Strand, Educational Committee Chairman, reported at our last meeting that his committee was planning a clinic on soils for November. This clinic was to be similar to the plant disease clinic held last December. Dr. Watson will head the program.

Bob Williams reported that there was a possibility that Pasadena, California might be the site of the National Turf Conference and Show in 1956. California, here we come.

SPREADING IT THIN

Adolph Bertucci of Lake Shore Country Club reports that the club plans to operate as a nine hole course. Due to an unfortunate chain of events, the club lost the lease on the land that 11 holes of the course are laid out on and the 9 will have to be compressed into the remaining area. Adolph says there is land enough left to make a very nice 9 hole course.

Granville Coburn of the Winnebago County Forest Preserve Golf Course at Rockton, Ill., a regular member of our association, was with us at the April meeting. Coburn is married, has a daughter eight, and is 38 years old. He has been at the Forest Preserve course for seven years.

Chester Randby, formerly of Knollwood, is now Superintendent of Edgewood Valley C. C. Chet has served golf courses for 32 years, the last 8 at Knollwood. He is married, has two children and expects to be a three-time grandfather in May.

Floyd Sabder formerly of the Clinton County Club as assistant Superintendent, is now with Bob Williams at Beverly for a year or more of further training.

Two threesomes played golf at River Forest on April 5. They reported the course in fine shape and the cool biting wind made for a delightful game.

Johnny Jones, Manager of River Forest, watched over all of us with great interest and care and the man who went away hungry or thirsty just wanted to.

There was much speculation about the attractive red-headed waitress who waited on us. She turned out to be Mrs. Johnny Jones, helping out.

Al Hintz reports that thieves broke into his shop at White Pines the middle of March, took all the hand tools and the chain saw. The thieves were caught two weeks later and the saw recovered just in time to cut up the trees that were blown down in the violent windstorm that came late in March.

The lake at Park Ridge is now full to overflowing and Bert Rost is planning to stock it adequately in the near future. Bert has called on fishing expert Frank Dinelli in an advisory capacity to assist him in the selection of the proper basic foundation fish. We know Bert can't go wrong with Frank's advice. Frank dug his own lake two years ago, stocked it, and just the other day reported the catch of a three-pound large mouth black bass.

The strong wind of late March blew a pontoon bridge over a pond at Glen Eagles clean over. Walter Fuchs has a problem on his hands figuring how to get it right side up again. The bridge is over 100 feet long.

The question and answer period of our last meeting was full of spirited questions and discussions on eliminating weeds in fairways. Every member of the panel worked during the discussion and members listened with great interest to both panel members and speakers from the floor. It was a most interesting and instructive session.

Wesley Updegraff, 47, married and the father of a daughter who is a Junior at Wichita, University, is now the Superintendent at Oak Park Country Club. Wes comes to Oak Park from the Wichita (Kansas) Country Club where he has been Superintendent for 12 years. He is a member of the Kansas Turf Association, and was a director of the Central Plains Turf Foundation, a job which he resigned when he came to Oak Park. He also is a member of the Golf Course Superintendents of America. Wes and Mrs. Updegraff expect to make their home near the Oak Park C. C.

Mrs. F. K. Vial, wife of the former owner of Timber Trails C. C., passed away April 2 at La Grange, Ill. She was 87. Mr. Vial passed away in 1949. Timber Trails is now owned by Mr. Harold Vial and Mr. R. H. Brooks, both of whom we have met at our various meetings at Timber Trails.

Walter Fuchs, Superintendent at Glen Eagles, promises to have all the bridges turned over by the big wind in March, back in place and the greens in excellent shape for our Spring Golf Tournament on May 3. Geo. Cox, club manager, says no friend of Walter's will go away hungry and asks that when you register for golf that you specify how you want your steak.

Glen Eagles has 36 holes and our members will find that many changes have been made since our last meeting there.

This meeting will open our 1954 series of outdoor events and the Tournament Committee promises to make the season active and interesting. Don Strand has not announced his plans for the educational part of our meetings, but he always has something good.

The Association's Executive Committee met at President Roloff's home on Wednesday, April 14 to transact important matters of the Association. Mrs. Roloff was a perfect hostess and the Committee was royally entertained. Mrs. Roloff sure can make a good cake and which was much appreciated but hard on the diet of some of the older members who are trying to keep their weight down.

Hank Miller is the new Superintendent at Green Acres Country Club.

Roy Robinson, formerly assistant to George Roloff at Roselle Country Club, goes to Old Orchard Golf Course as Superintendent.

Frank Dinelli says that Zoyzia must be fed and watered much like any other grass if a good stand is expected the first year. The Zoyzia which Frank planted last May came thru the winter in fine shape and is showing signs of greening up as early as April 14. Frank intends to plant it in a tee this spring.

The Moles

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WE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME.

It was an overflow crowd that attended our Spring Dinner Dance at Midwest C.C. on April 22. Over 100 members, their wives and guests sat down to the delicious, piping hot chicken dinner. Late-comers were hard put to find places at the tables. We had a wonderful orchestra and although some of the boys were complaining that they felt tired from working so hard, when the music started they forgot all about it and got out on the dance floor and had a great time. President Roloff got his second wind and danced every dance, as did Mrs. Roloff. George says it's a funny thing, but when he starts to dance his sciatica doesn't bother him and his feet don't hurt.

Door prize winners were; 1. Amos Lapp, 2. Les Hoffman, 3. John MacGregor, 4. Al Hintz, 5. Mrs. Al Hintz, 6. Mrs. Ed Musick, 7. Bill Saielli, 8. Mrs. Swenson, 9. Mrs. Bill Saielli, 10. Mrs. Fox, 11. Gordon Brinkworth, 12. Dom Grotti.

Some of the door prizes were donated by the Wheeling Nurseries, Warren Roseman, George A. Davis, Inc. and Paul Burdett.

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