

SPREADING IT THIN

Ray Gerber, Placement Committee Chairman, reports that Medinah Country Club is looking for a Superintendent. If interested contact Mr. John Crews at Medinah Country Club, Medinah, Illinois.

A number of superintendents are planning a quail hunting trip in southern Illinois in the near future. That will suit Dinelli just fine and we bet he'll be along.

Some of the men who are doing construction work this fall say that, after being held up on account of all the rain in October, things are drying out and work is being started again.

Al Johnson is busily getting ready for the winter curling season at Indian Hill Club. The club is now the proud possessor of two artificially refrigerated rinks just recently installed. It is expected that curling will begin by the 15th of November. The same company that installed the refrigerating system at Indian Hill is now installing the same kind of a system at Glen View Country Club and from there will move to North Shore Country Club to repeat the job there. This will make four clubs with artificially refrigerated curling rinks in the Chicago area, four rinks having been installed at Exmoor last year. Some of the superintendents are wondering how the overlapping seasons of golf and curling are going to affect their labor situations.

Bob Williams was unable to play in the Fall Tournament, having had a minor operation the week before. However, he was able to enter the putting contest and did right well, too.

News comes to us that our old friend Bob Duguid is ailing in Florida. Our sincere hopes for a speedy recovery, Bob.

Frank Dinelli became a grandfather for the 10th time with the birth of a son to daughter Lillian on October 18. Frank also will become a father-in-law again when his youngest daughter, Nancy, will be married on November 6.

Dom Grotti was laid up with a sore back at the time of our Fall Tournament and could not even get out of bed to attend the meeting, much less play golf. We are happy to say that Dom is in good shape again, as witness his game at Southmoor on Oct. 19. Dom says that he is much relieved that his ailment wasn't any worse than it was, as he is looking forward to a lot of golf this winter.

Ray Davis, present Superintendent at Medinah Country Club, is going to North Shore Country Club on January 1 as the new Superintendent. Ray Davis had his annual Service Yard Party at Medinah on Saturday, October 23. As has been the case in all of Ray's fabulous parties, everybody had a wonderful time.

A number of golf courses in the Chicago area were under water during the early part of October. We had some 11 inches of water in 11 days, 6 inches of it over a 36 hour period. Nobody can remember when there was so much rain at this time of the year and it has hampered to a great extent fall construction work just getting underway. Hardest hit courses were those on the south and southwest sides of Chicago. When we arrived at Southmoor on the 19th, waters had just subsided, although it was still pretty wet under foot. Little damage is expected to result from the flood waters due to the lateness of the season and the cooler weather. This summer certainly will be long remem-

bered as just about the wettest in history, although areas only a little south of us were drought-stricken the whole summer.

Norm Kramer reports that the Zoyzia planted at Silver Lake in 1953 did not do well at all. In fact, Norm says that it is hard to find any. Frank Dinelli and Don Strand, however, planted some in a nursery at the same time and it came thru the winter in fine shape and they have now planted some of it in tees on their courses. Frank says that it makes a wonderful tee turf.

Some of the Superintendents in the Chicago area are planning a trip to the Toro factory in Minneapolis in the near future. They plan to go by rail and hire a private car. Probably have a lot of fun, too.

Jimmy Bedoni, long time Superintendent at Bryn Mawr Country Club is retiring and the Superintendent's job is being taken over by Orville Decker who was Superintendent at Tripoli Country Club in Milwaukee.

Its another boy for the Joe Kellys. Jerome Bernard Kelly was born October 4. Again, our congratulations to the happy parents.

A number of our members attended the lecture on Dutch elm disease at the Morton Arboretum at Lisle on October 19. Dr. Carter gave us a very interesting talk on the disease and methods of combatting it. Following the lecture, there was a demonstration of mist and hydraulic power sprayers which was also interesting. In fact it was the first experience of many of us to watch a mist sprayer in action. Dr. Carter stressed the fact that sanitation was most important in keeping the disease from spreading and that spraying with DDT in oil emulsion several times a year would help to keep down the beetles. However, it is no use to spray unless the disease is present nearby.

Our many thanks to Mel Warneke for his hospitalit at our October meeting.

Bill Saielli recently made a deuce on a par five 470-yard hole. Bill says he used a number 1 wood and a number 4 wood to accomplish the feat.

We were all saddened to hear of the sudden death of Dr. Tehon on Sunday, October 17. He was scheduled to speak to us at Morton Arboretum on October 19.

Geo. Roloff and his wife, Ruth, have purchased a home in Palatine and plan to move into it early in November. George and Ruth have spent all their spare time this fall readying their new home.

Walter Kilmer of Ravisloe C C lost 76 trees in the heavy rain of Sunday the 10th. A small tornado ripped thru the grounds.

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A FISERMAN LOOKS AHEAD, MILD WINTER

Mathon Kyritsis, Waukegan fisherman and owner of Mathon's restaurant, who makes an annual weather prediction about this time each year based on the habits of lake perch, yesterday offered this prediction: The winter will be mild—at least until January 1.

Why? His boat, the Mathon, home with 3,000 pounds, for the first big catch of the season, found the perch in nets four to six miles off shore, 50 to 60 feet below the surface. The nets 10 to 13 miles off shore and 175 to 200 feet deep were empty.

Kyritsis believes that perch know. If fishermen find them ashore, the winter will be mild.