

ZOYSIA AT NORTHMOOR

A number of years ago, Frank Dinelli, Northmoor Country Club Superintendent, became very much interested in the use of Meyer Zoysia for tee turf. He managed to obtain a small supply of seed which a friend of his planted in his greenhouse during the winter. In the spring Frank had several flats of seedling plants. A portion of one tee near Frank's house on the grounds was prepared and seedlings carefully planted. This was in the Spring of 1953. By that fall the area was completely covered with turf which was not too closely cut. In the meantime, Frank's wife Lish, became very much interested in the grass and being an enthusiastic gardener, uprooted part of her flower and vegetable garden and planted Zoysia. From time to time as the grass spread, she took over more of the garden to sprig in Zoysia. Now she has quite a nursery and Frank is talking about planting it in 4 or 5 more tees next year. The grass on the experimental tee was cut to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in height in 1954 and came thru the winter in fine shape. This summer the tee has been beautiful, greening up in the early part of May. Frank is very proud of his achievement and says he is confident that the turf will persist in spite of our cold winters. At no time was the turf covered, it being treated like any other turf on the course. One of the nice things about it as a tee turf is that it is almost impossible to take a big divot out of it.

SPREADING IT THIN

We have no actual figures on attendance at the Annual Picnic held this year for the second time at Round Lake but believe there were fewer people there than attended last year. Nearly everyone went swimming and the last one out was Ruth Roloff who was still in the water after most everyone had left.

The threat of rain never did materialize and it was a lovely warm day and the shade of the trees was most welcome. The lake was calm and beautiful and Burdett's boat wore a groove around the lake as he rode load after load of kids till the sun went down.

Ray Davis was a good hot dog cook, the kids ate a lot of ice cream and drank a lot of pop and everyone seemed to have a fine time. The Committee did a good job on this one. Some of the men played golf at the Round Lake Country Club which Don Swenson, supt., had made available to us.

A truly surprising number of good looking daughters of high school and college age attended with their folks and the guy that ran the boat sure enjoyed his job. He put them all in the front seat with him, and sat some of them up on the bow of the little outboard. It was a good day.

We noticed several elm trees on the course at Kankakee which were infected with Dutch Elm Disease. Herman says that he has taken out a dozen infected trees this year so far. He is much concerned about the spread of the disease, as about 90 percent of the trees on the course are elms.

Over 20 trees infected with Dutch Elm Disease have been found in the Chicago area this year. Most of the trees are widely spread and this is a cause for great concern as each of them is point from which the disease can spread in all directions. In some localities trees have been sprayed for the second time this year. Some are using a mixture of DDT and chlordane. Mist sprayers seem to give the best coverage.

We were interested to hear that at Pine Valley and Merion they still cut greens with hand mowers. It's a good idea if you can get away with it this day and age.

74 enthusiastic members golfed, shot the Bull, and ate roast beef with Al Hintz at White Pines July 11th. It was a hot day and everyone who could play golf at all played. 48 made the rounds of the beautiful greens that Al had wonderful shape. The recent rains had the fairways in springlike condition.

There was nothing planned for after supper so the meeting broke up early after hearing the various reports and reading several letters reminding us that fall is coming and that we must be ready to make decisions that could effect our future considerably. Altogether it was a friendly and enjoyable meeting.

Warren Roseman reports that his brother Joe is now the father of 6 boys and 1 daughter. Twin sons were born early in July. Our congratulations.

Dave Mastroleo was happy to award the prizes at the July meeting and announced that this was our first tournament this year that was not played in the rain.

Peter J. Bild announced that he is working now on the winter school to be held at the University of Illinois campus early in December. Pete believes the subject of this course will be "Insects" and hopes that he and his staff can work in everything that should be covered in the brief two days available. The program will be aimed to promote understanding of insect life and what constitutes the insect world.

Dr. Monteith is now the agronomist for the government working at the new Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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