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OUR JUNE MEETING

Our meeting at Herman Woehrle's Kankakee Valley Golf Course on June 7, which was our first attempt at a tri-association meeting, was a great success. Although the weather had been bad before that date and was threatening on the morning of the meeting, the rains held off until all were safely in the clubhouse enjoying the wonderful buffet dinner which Mr. Doyle the club manager had arranged for us. 35 signed up for golf and we are sure that the threatening weather scared off some who would have liked to play. All who played and the large number who walked over the course to inspect it marveled at the fine turf on the course. Herman had the course in beautiful condition and we don't know how he does it with his small crew and budget.

After dinner, President Roloff called the meeting to order and introduced Jim Brandt, President of the Central Illinois group and Ted Metz, Michiana President. Both were called upon to say a few words and agreed that such a meeting was certainly worth while.

O. J. Noer was then introduced and President Roloff, on behalf of our Association, presented him with a projector as token of our thanks to him for his wonderful help for so many years. O. J. reckoned as how a projector was just what he needed and this was no news to us, because we had already found that out from Mrs. Noer. The meeting was then turned over to O. J. and as is always the case when he is on the program, we were treated to a very interesting and informative session. After his talk, he asked if there were any questions and found there were many and varied, which he proceeded to answer as only Noer can.

Q.—Is there any kill for quack grass?

A.—There are several compounds on the market that will kill quack grass, however, in closely cut turf, quack will not persist.

Q.—What is the cure for fairy rings?

A.—Fairy rings are caused by a fungus organism which competes with the grass and if there is not an ample supply of water, the turf turns brown. Later on in the season when conditions are right again, the turf recovers. No fungicide has been found that will help. The only thing known to do is to fork the infested area and drench with water.

Q.—Why is there more Poa Annuua this summer than for a number of years?

A.—The cool, wet summer of 1954 in the Chicago area is one reason. However, a little Poa Annuua in putting greens will not do any harm. If it is well mixed with the bent, it will disappear somewhat during the hot summer month. It is a good idea not to encourage Poa by disturbing the soil during the germination period and the use of arsenate of lead at regular intervals may help to retard its spread.

Q.—How deep do we have to cut around greens to prevent tree roots from spreading into the greens?

A.—This depends on the depth of the roots. It is primarily necessary to control the surface feeders. The cottonwood is the worst offender in this respect.

Q.—Is there anything to check chickweed?

A.—PMAS has been found to be helpful and the new methyl disodium arsenite compound is promising. Up to now the cheapest killer of chickweed is sodium arsenite at the rate of 1 or 2 pounds per acre, 3 or 4 treatment one week apart in October and November. Lead arsenate has given control in years gone by.

Q.—What about nematodes?

A.—Nematodes may be doing considerable damage to turf by restricting the root systems. There are several solutions on the market for their control.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a nice turn out at Kankakee Valley CC on the 7th and I would like to thank the club and Herman Woehrle. This joint meeting was a new venture and I am grateful to both the Michiana and Central Illinois groups for an excellent turnout. O. J. Noer did his usual excellent job and we all appreciate him attending our meetings and wish him well in his new ventures.

The picnic will be held at Round Lake.

The grove will be available in the morning and throughout all of the day. You will be able to golf at Round Lake CC where Don and Dixie Swenson will be our hosts. Everyone will be sent a card announcing the picnic and this card will be used as an admittance card. If you don't bring your card it will cost you a dollar per car for admittance. The grove is located on Haineville Rd. about a mile and a half north of RT. 134.

There will be swimming, plenty of ice cream, pop, and beer. Paul E. Burdett says that he is going to bring up his boat and give rides to anybody who wants a ride.

I'll see you at the meeting at White Pines on the 11th and the picnic on the 18th.

GEORGE ROLOFF, President

THE JULY MEETING

Our July meeting will be held at White Pines Golf Club at Bensenville, Ill. on Monday, July 11. Al Hintz will be our host. Al says that he is prepared to make our visit most enjoyable, and this we believe because we have been to White Pines before. There will be the usual golf tournament in the afternoon followed by a social hour and dinner. After dinner we will have our usual short business meeting and the rest of the evening will be turned over to the Educational Committee. If you have any questions (and who hasn't at this time of the year) bring them to the meeting and we know somebody there will be able to help you.

OUR ANNUAL PICNIC

Our picnic will be held at Round Lake again this year on July 18. There will be golf at Round Lake Country Club with Don Swenson as our host. There will be games for the kids, swimming, boating and refreshments. In the evening the ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE will again bring on the hot dogs. Last year we ran a little short of dogs on account of the big crowd, but this year the Committee promises that nobody is going to be disappointed. Load the family in the car and come out and have a good time.

Attending the meeting at Kankakee was the only lady golf course superintendent that we know about, Miss Arlene Sliker of Streator Country Club. Miss Silker is a member of the Central Illinois Golf Course Superintendents Association.

GOLF WINNERS

1—Ed Muzik, 2—Bill Saielli, 3—Mike Downey, 4—Chuck Daugherty, 5—Walter Killmer, 6—Dom Grotti, 7—Joe Canale, 8—Ray Rolfs, 9—Bill Stupple, 10—Gordon Brinkworth, 11—Dick Naughton, 12—Adolph Bertucci, 13—Amos Lapp, 14—Bob Breen, 15—Bert Jannes.