

THE BULL SHEET, official monthly publication of the MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wish to take this opportunity to invite the members of our Association to Roselle Country Club on May 9. The occasion will be our annual spring golf tournament and regular meeting. Bill Krafft, Golf Committee Chairman is making preparations for a big day. There will be plenty of nice prizes, so you had better shine up those clubs and get into the tournament. In the evening we will have dinner in the clubhouse and a short business meeting. Our educational meeting will follow, and Peter Bild tells me that he has been fortunate enough to get Mr. Donald M. Kirk of the Pure Oil Company to give us a talk on lubricating oils. It promises to be a big day and I hope I see you all there.

Yours for better turf.

George Roloff, President.

COMING EVENTS

Spring Golf Tournament and Meeting, Roselle Country Club, Monday, May 9, 1955.

Joint meeting Central Illinois Golf Superintendents Association, Michiana Golf Course Superintendents and Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents, Kankakee, Illinois, June 7, 1955.

The July meeting, White Pines Country Club, Bensenville, Ill., July 11, 1955.

Annual Picnic, Round Lake Country Club, July 18, 1955.

Joint meeting with Wisconsin Greenkeepers Association at McHenry Country Club, McHenry, Ill. in September.

Annual Fall Tournament and Meeting, Itasca Country Club, Itasca, Ill., October 3, 1955.

NEW MEMBERS

New members elected at our last meeting are Thomas A. Jenkins, Orval V. Decker, Gerald Frederick Dearie, Kenneth R. Reed, Harry Riekelman Jr., Frederick C. Gernhardt, Clifford J. Rasmussen.

THE APRIL MEETING

Some of the members thought that they were going to get in a little golf at Ed Stewart's River Forest Country Club on April 11, but although the weather up until that time had been beautiful, it rained most of the day and no golf was played. There were 63 in attendance at the meeting and enjoyed a wonderful roast beef dinner and at the meeting we had the pleasure of listening to Dr. Keith Barons of Dow Chemical Company, who gave us a talk on "Recent Developments in Chemicals for the Golf Course Superintendent." His remarks were listened to with great interest and our thanks to him and to our Educational Committee for the privilege.

We learn that George Roloff is a second time grandpa. There are now two boys, the last being born on St. Patrick's day. Our congratulations, George.

At our last meeting, President Roloff appointed Frank Dinelli and Bill Stupple as members of the Policy Committee.

MR. DONALD M. KIRK TO BE OUR GUEST SPEAKER

At our meeting at Roselle Country Club on May 9, we will have the pleasure of having as our speaker Mr. Donald M. Kirk of the Pure Oil Company. The title of Mr. Kirk's discussion will be "Taking The Mystery Out Of Engine Lubrication".

Mr. Kirk is Consumer Sales Manager, Division Consumer Sales Manager and Automotive Engineer for the Midwest Division, which covers Illinois, Indiana and the Western half of Michigan. He has been associated with the Pure Oil Company for 30 years, most of the time in sales activity and the past 10 years as Automatic Engineer in this territory. His educational background includes Chicago public schools, Northwestern University, as well as Company and Industry programs.

THE SPRING DINNER DANCE

On the evening of Saturday, April 23, the faithful of our organization and their guests gathered at beautiful Midwest Country Club to enjoy the hospitality of our host, Marvin Gruening and his charming wife. 128 members and guests sat down to a delicious roast beef dinner and at nine o'clock and from then on into the wee hours of the morning enjoyed the music of Hardt's Melodiers. Those dancing to the music of the orchestra, were unanimous that this was the best we had ever had. It was a great evening and was enjoyed by all, especially those who drew some of the wonderful door prizes.

Prize winners; 1—Joe Nye, 2—Amos Lapp, 3—Ralph Jacks, 4—Mike Pollacci, 5—Mrs. Bert Rost, 6—Don Swenson, 7—Ray Gerber, 8—Mrs. C. R. Strand, 9—Mrs. Louis Petges, 10—John MacGregor, 11—Henry Weight, 12—Bud Jackson, 13—Mrs. Chuck Daugherty, 14—Don Strand Jr., 15—Mrs. Parr, 16—Harry Gansel, 17—Mrs. Ray Davis, 18—Mrs. George Roloff, 19—Mrs. Freske, 20—Mrs. Warren Roseman, 21—Mrs. Russ Reed, 22—Ed Stewart.

Some of the prizes were donated by George A. Davis, Inc., Paul Burdett, Roseman Tractor Mower Co., Al Sharpser's Sod Nursery, Flynn Fence. Our sincere thanks to them all for helping to make the party a big success.

JOHN F. BEIER

John F. Beier, for many years the Greenkeeper of the Pickwick Golf Club, passed away on Friday, April 8. Since 1941, when the Navy took over Pickwick, he was Superintendent of Grounds at the Naval Air Station, Glenview, Illinois. The Navy kept 18 holes of golf in play, so his interest continued in the golf course. John was 70 years old when he died.

He came to the United States from Germany, when a young man. During the 1920's he was associated with Joe Roseman, Sr., as a foreman on construction jobs. After completion of Pickwick Golf Club, he remained there as Greenkeeper. John had a host of friends. Always anxious to accommodate anyone, he was kept too busy to think about himself.

We don't know, or at least can't remember, a nicer April than this one, at least up until the time of this writing. After the rains of the 10th and 11th of the month, everything freed up marvelously and things really popped. We venture to say that the spring was at least two and maybe three weeks ahead of any we have had in a number of years and that is really a big break for us in the Chicago district. Spring is generally late in coming, but this year it has been delightful. However, we can remember last year when we had snow in May. Keep your fingers crossed and hope for a good day at Roselle on May 9.