

THE BULL SHEET, official monthly publication of THE MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS. Editor, William H. Stuppel, 543 Michigan Ave. Highland Park, Ill.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At last the weather has modified and it seems good to be able to draw a breath of good, cool, clean air again, and to sleep again under a blanket. As one of our fellow members said, "it has been a rough summer". Many, many times during the last several weeks I have had to remember the time honored saying "It's a great job in the winter" and it always helped to see me thru difficult days.

At this time, the faded greens are recovering their sheen again, top dressing and fertilizer are being applied to restore complete coverage and good growth and top dressing is helping to cover the remaining scars. It is surprising how quick the work can be done when the weather becomes favorable again.

Our meeting August 8th at Oak Hills was one of the best we have had, it was only the second good meeting day we have had all summer, the course was in fine shape and the MacIntosh Brothers and their Mother made us welcome. There was a great plenty of good food, and the 100 golfers and non golfers that sat down to dinner sure enjoyed themselves. It was a good day.

Our next meeting will be at McHenry Country Club and will be our annual get together with the Wisconsin group. Our meeting with Wisconsin is an annual affair and this year it is our turn to be hosts. We will meet with Al Purvey at the McHenry Country Club and we expect that everyone will come. Try to make yourselves known to our friends from Wisconsin. They are a fine group and we enjoy meeting with them.

Al Hintz has invited us to come to Mohawk C. C. for our November meeting and we will play golf at that time if the weather is still warm. This will be November 7th.

Be sure and come to the joint meeting at McHenry. There are not many more this year and we have all earned the opportunity to have a good time. Meet and discuss things with our Wisconsin friends. Peter Bild advises me that he has asked Dr. Watson to be the speaker of the evening.

Geo. Roloff, President

COMING EVENTS

Joint meeting with Wisconsin Greenkeepers Association, McHenry Country Club, September 12.

Fall Field Days, Purdue University, LaFayette, Indiana. September 19, 20.

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

The November Meeting, Mohawk Country Club, November 7.

We regret to report the passing of Mrs. H. S. Bailey wife of H. S. Bailey or Bill Bailey as he was commonly known. Bill was a representative of Geo. A. Davis, Inc. for 25 years until his retirement several years ago. Our sympathies to Bill and his family.

THE JOINT MEETING WITH WISCONSIN

On September 12, we go to visit our old friend, Al Purvey and to meet with the Wisconsin boys at McHenry Country Club. This is our traditional meeting and is looked forward to by all for a fine meeting and get together of the Illinois and Wisconsin Superintendents. Golf play in the afternoon will be the yearly team match play for the Midwest-Wisconsin cup. This cup has been played for for a number of years and the Midwest golfers have always carried it home with them after every meeting. However, things might not be as usual and from what we hear there is going to be plenty of competition.

We are very happy to report that our guest speaker will be Dr. Jim Watson, agronomist of the Toro Manufacturing Company. Jim always has something interesting to tell us and will not fail us this time. There is plenty to talk about this year, so be there without fail.

THE AUGUST MEETING

There were 51 golfers registered for our tournament at Oak Hills on August 8, and all reported the course to be in excellent condition. It was a very pleasant day after the heat of the previous two weeks, in fact it was one of the cooler days of the summer come to think of it. After golf and a social hour, we repaired to the dining room where Mrs. MacIntosh had prepared a wonderful buffet dinner for us and what a dinner it was. Our many thanks to Dave and Jock and to Mrs. MacIntosh for a wonderful day.

After dinner President Roloff called the meeting to order. After a short business meeting, President Roloff appointed a Question Box panel consisting of Walter Fuchs, Ray Gerber, Norm Kramer, Amos Lapp, Bill Stuppel, moderator, and the Question Box followed.

THE QUESTION BOX

Q. What can be done to prevent scald?

A. Watch your watering very carefully and if there is evidence of scald appearing, it is helpful to fork the area to let a little air into the soil. Hydrated lime as also been found helpful.

Q. What is the best way to control clover, what chemical to be used, what time of year?

A. Clover can be kept down to a minimum in most soils and under most conditions if the turf is properly fed. Greens which receive an adequate amount of nitrogen very rarely have much clover in them. Clover takes over in many cases when turf is thinned out by injuries or disease. 2,4,5-T has been found to be a very effective killer of clover. It has been recommended on bluegrass fairways that 1 quart of 2,4,5-T and 1 pint of 2,4-D in 50 to 100 gallons of water per acre be used. On watered fairways containing bent, caution is necessary. It has been found that 2,4,5-T is very hard on bent grass. The chemical must be applied in spring or fall when the weather is cool and the soil has an ample supply of moisture. The cheapest chemical to use on clover is sodium arsenite and it is probably the safest on watered fairways if properly used. 1½ to 2 pounds per acre in 100 gallons of water, repeated several times is the recommended procedure to be done in the fall and early spring.

Q. What should be the maximum output of golf course irrigation system pump?