



Here is a picture of some of the Superintendents taking it easy at Long Beach. Can you recognize any of these characters?

THE MEETING AT GENEVA

On Monday, March 12, we met at Frank Mastroleo's Geneva Country Club for our March meeting. Some 70 members and guests participated in a delicious buffet dinner supervised by Frank.

After dinner the meeting was called to order and after a short business meeting in which committee chairman were called upon to make their reports, our speaker of the evening, Mr. Marvin Elstad gave us a very nice talk on "Equipment Servicing and Maintenance." Mr. Elstad showed some very interesting colored slides and his program was enjoyed by all.

Our many thanks to Frank for his wonderful hospitality and thanks to Education Committee chairman Gordon Brinkworth for a valuable educational meeting.

"WATER" — NEW USDA YEARBOOK

The new United States Department of Agriculture Yearbook for 1955 is entitled "Water". This follows in the footsteps of such notable yearbooks as "Grass", "Trees", "Plant Diseases", and "Insects". It is designed for good reading by and for people in Agriculture. Headings listed in this Yearbook include: "Our Need for Water" - "Where We Get Our Water" - "Water and Our Soil" - "Caring for Our Water Sheds" - "Water and Our Crops" - "Water and Our Forests" - "Water for Irrigation" - "Gardens, Turf and Orchards".

Dr. Robert M. Hagan, Chairman of the Department of Irrigation, University of California, Davis, California, has contributed one chapter on - "Watering Lawns and Turf and Otherwise Caring for Them."

You should have a copy for your reading and your reference. Free copies are sometimes available through your Congressman or Senator. The book may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D. C. at \$2.00 per copy. It should be on your shelf.

GOLF ACTIVITIES REPORT, 1955 SEASON

April 11, 1955 opened the golf season at River Forest C. C. with rain to greet us as usual for our first golf date of 1955. Rain again hampered the golf at our next two meetings at Roselle Golf Club and Kankakee Valley C. C. Hardy and rugged souls played their rounds of golf not being deterred by the inclement weather. 19 played golf at Roselle Golf Club and 35 played at Kankakee Valley Golf Club.

The remainder of the year turned out beautiful and golfers, spectators, kibitzers, card players came out to gather together to meet and greet old friends with smiles to show their appreciation. 100 rounds of golf was played at McHenry C. C. where our joint meeting with Wisconsin was held.

The year 1955 ended at Mohawk Golf Club with 311 rounds played for the entire season.

135 Prizes were taken home by lucky winners. Total cost \$761.00.

Entry Fees	311.00
Midwest Golf Fund	450.00
	\$761.00

Meetings were held at the following clubs;

April 11, River Forest C. C.

May 9, Roselle Golf Club

June 7, Kankakee Valley Golf Club.

July 11, White Pines Golf Club.

August 8, Oak Hills Golf Club.

September 12, McHenry C. C.

October 3, Itasca C. C.

November 7, Mohawk Golf Club.

Thanks to all who helped make this season a success;

Bill Krafft, Chairman, Golf Committee 1955

Frank Dinelli reports that fishing in Florida wasn't too good. It seems that Frank got there too early and he says that next time he goes it is when the fish are biting, which, he has been told, is around the end of February.

EARLY SPRING TURF REPORT

Although it is a little early to really tell at this writing, it looks as though turf has come thru the winter in fine condition. There have been some reports of light doses of snow mold and we heard that there was some winter kill in low spots. There is going to be a lot of knotweed this spring, in fact it is showing now. Much turf went into the winter in a weakened and thinned out condition and due to the bad summer and the dry fall. Knotweed can be killed quite easily when in the two leaf stage. There is always much pressure from the golfers during the late winter to let them play on the course. When the frost is coming out of the ground, they can do more damage in one day to the putting surface of greens than they will all summer. The damage is not exactly torn up, but it is trampled and becomes so rough that it is impossible to putt on the greens. It is well to explain to them about this and we know that if they understand that they will be willing to keep off until the proper time.

Dr. Daniel says that light syringing of greens will lower surface temperature 12 to 15 degrees due to the evaporation of the water.

The biggest fairy ring on record is two miles in diameter according to Dr. Watson.