

SCHEDULE for 29th NATIONAL
TURFGRASS CONFERENCE and SHOW

Sponsored by
GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS
ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Executive Committee Meeting, 9:00 A.M.
Registration for "early birds", afternoon

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Registration—Starting 9:00 A.M.
Set up Exhibits—All day
Opening of Educational Conference—2:00 P.M.
Annual Membership Meeting—8:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Registration—Starting at 9:00 A.M.
Opening of Exhibits—9:00 A.M. close 5:00 P.M.
Policy Committee Meeting—10:00 A.M.
Educational Conference—2:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Registration—Starting at 9:00 A.M.
Exhibits—9:00 A.M. close 5:00 P.M.
Membership Meeting—8:00 P.M.—Election of Officers

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Registration—Starting at 9:00 A.M.
Exhibits—9:00 A.M. close 5:00 P.M.
Educational Conference—9:00 A.M.
Get Acquainted Hour—6:00 to 7:00 P.M.
Annual Banquet—7:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 For special turf interest groups

Exhibits—9:00 A.M. close 12:00 Noon
Educational Conference—9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon
Panel Session, Question the Experts—2:00 P.M.
The host association, The Mid-Atlantic Golf Course Superintendents Association, is planning a full week of special events and entertainment for the many ladies and children who will be attending this event in the Nation's Capital.

All activities will be held in the
THE SHOREHAM HOTEL
week of
FEBRUARY 2-7, 1958
WASHINGTON, D. C.

WISCONSIN NOTES

Frank Musback is busy altering a number of holes at Blue Mound Country Club. These alterations are made necessary by the widening of Route 100, which will affect 4 holes along the west edge of the course and another 3 holes be affected by the widening of Burleigh Avenue, which runs along the north edge of the course. Over at Westmoor Country Club, also in the Milwaukee, District, Irv Bertram is arranging for the changing of 5 holes and rerouting of some of the others. This, also, has been made necessary by road construction. Many other courses in Wisconsin are busy with course alterations. Port Country Club at Port Washington started work on an additional nine holes, bringing their total up to 18. West Bend Country Club is also adding nine holes to their course. New 18 hole courses at Manitowac, Branch River County, Green Bay, and a municipal course at Madison are under construction or about to be started in the near future.

Jerry Dearie says that if he had his choice of greens for easy upkeep, he would take "elephant head greens" any time. When Jerry was asked what he meant by this type of greens, he explained very fully on the blackboard at Olympia Fields.

The Hearts Club recently initiated Roy Nelson of Golden Valley Country Club, Minneapolis.

Have you made your plans for the Washington trip yet?

IT LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER ROUGH WINTER

Mathon Kyritsis came out with his annual prediction of the winter weather the other day. According to him, we are going to have the worst winter since 1950. Mr. Kyritsis, who is president of the Illinois Commercial Fisherman's Association bases his forecast on the habits of perch. He says that if the perch stay in relatively shallow water at this time of the year, that it will be a mild winter and if they are found in deep water that it will be a severe winter. His fishing crews have found the perch in water 200 to 250 feet deep and Mathon says this means a real tough winter.

According to an ancient Indian superstition, we are going to have a lot of snow this winter. In fact, there are going to be 30 snows heavy enough to "trail a cat in". It seems that we had our first snow fall on October 26, and the total of 30 is reached by adding 26 to the number of days that the new moon was old and this was four. Now just how much snow it takes to trail a cat, we don't exactly know, but it is probably about the same amount as will keep the golfers off the course during the winter.

We recently had a most interesting letter from Bill Rueck. Bill, as you will remember, is a member of our association and was formerly located in the Chicago district. He is now Superintendent at Indian Valley Golf Course, Novato, California. The course is in northern California, has 18 holes and Bill says he has his problems. One of them is trying to keep the thousands of coots or mudhens off the greens. Bill says they really cut the grass down. He put an ad in the local paper inviting anyone to come out and shoot them to try to reduce their numbers. Then he has trouble with deer running over the greens. One evening Bill counted 47 deer on his number 2 fairway. Bill says there is a great shortage of experienced Golf Course Superintendents in California and that he knows of one contractor alone who has 6 golf courses to build.

Our old friend Bob Marbury stopped by to see the Editor on his way north for his annual deer hunting trip. Bob is living in Fort Pierce, Florida and says that he is feeling better now than he has in years.

Members of our Association were shocked to hear of the death of Don Strand's father and mother in an automobile accident. We wish to express our sympathies to Don and his family.

Nels Johnson was recently honored by the Chicago Horticultural Society. He was awarded the Charles L. Hutchinson Medal at their Annual meeting.

Michiana Golf Superintendents Association held its November meeting at Notre Dame University on Monday, November 18. Chet Keeley was the host. This meeting has become a tradition with the Michiana men. They meet at Notre Dame every year at that time and Chet provides the turkeys for the dinner. He raises them right there on the golf course. Movies of life on the Campus at Notre Dame and of the Army-Notre Dame football game were shown. It is reported that a fine time was had by all.

We often hear of men who have served a great number of years on golf courses. We wonder if there is any golf course in the country that came near the record of men on the course at Exmoor Country Club. Five men on the crew are now completing a total of 170 years of service to the club. They are: Bill Stuppel, 39 years, Emilio Amedei, 34 years, Nello Piacentini, 34 years, Reuben Thomas, 32 years. Alex (Scotty) Cummings, 31 years. And that's a long, long time.