

WISCONSIN NOTES

The last outdoor meeting and annual election meeting of the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents association was held at Ozaukee Country Club on Tuesday, October 1, 1957. Kenneth Hubble, host Superintendent proved to be a wonderful host and everyone enjoyed the golf course on one of Wisconsin's finest fall days. The hospitality and fellowship of club officials Tom Brennan Chairman of Grounds, George Mauert, Club President, Manager George Junas, Pro Walter (Boots) Porterfield was the finest and contributed to a most enjoyable day.

This being our annual election meeting, the main order of business for the evening was the election of officers for the year 1958.

Elected were President Frank Musbach, Blue Mound Country Club, Milwaukee, Vice President Joe Kniese, Appleton Municipal Golf Course, Appleton, Secy-Treas. Bob Howe, Milwaukee, Directors, Charles Shiley, Milwaukee, Art Post, Waterford, Walter Stepanits, Wausau. The holdover directors whose terms have one year to go are: Wm. Brady, Madison, and Harvey Krahn, Beloit.

Sy Graham showed some slides of the Augusta National Golf Course covering the course shot by shot from the first to the 18th hole. This picture was very well accepted by the members and was followed by a round table discussion of current turf topics.

Charles Shiley

RABBIT REPELLENT WITH TERSAN

Add 1 gallon of asphalt water emulsion to 1 gallon of water. Stir in 2 pounds of Tersan 75 and mix thoroughly. This makes 2 1/4 gallons of paint.

To make a spray, dilute the formulation with 1 gallon of water and 1 pound of Tersan 75. A small paint mixer-one that has a 3" propeller on a quarter inch shaft 1 foot long and is used in a quarter inch electric drill-is ideal for mixing repellents.

APPLYING REPELLENTS

Apply a repellent whenever you see rabbits around your trees and shrubs-before they cause damage. Damage is most likely to be severe when forage for rabbits is scarce-in late fall and during winters, or in drought periods.

Apply the repellent with a brush or with a sprayer of the compression or centrifugal pump type. Do not use a gear pump sprayer; the action of the gears breaks down the emulsions.

If you make a spray, run the formulation through a fine screen before putting it into the sprayer.

Apply the repellent thoroughly to the trunk of the tree or shrub, from the base to a point high enough on the trunk to be out of reach of rabbits. Bear in mind that snowdrifts around trees and shrubs enable rabbits to feed higher on the plants than they can when the ground is bare.

One gallon of repellent will brush-coat 100 trees 1 inch in diameter.

The new curling building at Exmoor Country Club is nearing completion. The building covers four rinks which were formerly protected by tents. Exmoor is boasting the finest curling layout in the U.S. It is expected that play will begin about the middle of November and continue thru until the first part of April.

THE SUPERINTENDENT AND HIS GOLF GAME

Is the ability to play a good game of golf an asset to a Golf Course Superintendent? Very definitely, yes.

The game itself is a challenge to every golfer in the land. Because it cannot be mastered easily, it remains intriguing and challenging, game after game. Golfers experience the greatest joy and despondency in short order. They brag about their scores one day, and throw their clubs in the lake the next time out. To them the course is perfect or lousy, depending on how many dimes or dollars they win or lose. The average golfer is not a reliable judge on a course's condition. But the Superintendent, whose knowledge of his turf, coupled with the experience of playing the course, is the best qualified judge.

Medinah #3 is a challenge in anyone's book. To the pro, or the duffer, the lay-out is most formidable. The Mid-West Golf Course Superintendents played it on October 7th, for their Annual Tournament. The timid, tired, and lazy contingents played their game in the Club House. The reckless, optimistic, and fearless squad went out to tilt with the course. It was a beautiful day, the trees a scarlet ensemble, the turf perfect, the wind under wraps but the scores were — the less said the better.

It was quite a howl to watch the boys trying to negotiate the seventeenth, and after numerous baths in the lake, plus sand trap explosions, and three putts, the view of the 18th hole was soothing and relaxing. Up stepped four long hitters, 250-yd. drivers to say the least, and under competitive pressure, even longer. Number One smacked the ball far and wide. Bang! The ball hit a tree, and up flew a pair of crows, whose "Haw, Haw" sounded like the raspberry, not really intended as such, but as a protest against this disturbance. Smack! The next drive entered the wood on the other side, and broke up a convention of blackbirds discussing their next lap south. Their departure was here-by delayed. All four players entered the woods. By this time, the sun had set and Sputnik had taken over the celestial spotlight. The scores on this hole: 11, 9, 8, & 7. One of the seniors just ahead, by staying down the middle scored a 4 on this hole. The foursome was disgusted with the scores, but not with the course. They were glad, not only to see, but to play over one, if not the most difficult course in the Chicago District.

The general appearance, the color of the grass, and the density of the turf are all important, but to the golfer the playing condition ranks first. The greens may be off color, but still offer a perfect putting surface. On the other hand, the grass may have perfect color, but be so full of nap and grain, that putting is poor. Likewise with tees, traps, fairways, and roughs. If the Superintendent plays golf, he will see and appreciate what the golfer may complain about. It offers a fine way to get better acquainted with the Boss, Greens Chairman, and Committee Members. Here's a tip, tho. Let him win! It might help the Superintendent get a raise.

C. O. Borgmeier

Gordon Brinkworth and Walter Fuchs are busily preparing for our Annual Clinic to be held at Olympia Fields Country Club on November 18-19.

We are sorry that we were not able to include the program for the Clinic in this issue, but we assure you it is a most complete and interesting one.

Gordon Brinkworth says that there will be accommodations in the club house at Olympia Fields for those who wish to stay overnight during the Clinic.