

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

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Labor Day weekend is over and most of us are busy with our fall work. The weather has been perfect for rebuilding tees or greens. I hope that everyone will have their work just about finished so that we all can get out to our Fall Tournament at the St. Charles Country Club. Let's make this the biggest golf day of the year for us. Art Benson will be our host for the day and lunch will be available at noon for those that want it. Dinner will be served at 7 o'clock with a business meeting following. Come out and win some of the nice golf prizes that are going to be given away. So please mark this date on your calendar, Tuesday, October 7th at the St. Charles Country Club.

Our Association would like to thank all the men from the Wisconsin Association for the wonderful day we had at the Brynwood Country Club. The Course was beautiful, the food delicious and your hospitality was superb. On behalf of our boys, I would like to thank Frank and the Wisconsin boys for the nice gift they presented us to help with the National Convention we are having in Chicago the end of January.

See you all at the St. Charles Country Club on the 7th.

Ed Stewart, President

COMING EVENTS

G.C.S.A. Golf Tournament and Educational Conference, Pinehurst, N. C., October 2-3.

October meeting and Fall Golf Tournament. St. Charles Country Club, St. Charles, Ill. October 7. Art Benson, Host.

November meeting, Silver Lake Country Club, November 3. Norm Kramer and John Coghill our hosts.

Fall Clinic sponsored by our Association. Olympia Fields Country Club, November 18-19. Gordon Brinkworth, our host.

December meeting, Annual Meeting and Election of officers, Glendale Golf & Country Club. Clarence Mueller, our host.

THE OCTOBER MEETING

Our October Meeting and Fall Golf Tournament will be held at St. Charles Country Club on TUESDAY, October 7, 1958. Art Benson will be our host. This is the big golf day of the year and if you have missed the rest of them this summer, don't miss this one. Ben Kronn, Golf Chairman, says that there will be many wonderful and varied prizes to be played for. Remembering the past, we know it will be a big day, so you had better get the clubs out and who knows but you may be the big winner.

Gerald Dearie of Medinah Country Club is now a grandfather for the second time. Gerald is very busy this fall, building 5 new greens and 5 tees. Gerald recently killed off all the fish in the lake at Medinah. He plans to restock with the right proportion of the right kind of fish.

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our September meeting was a joint meeting with Wisconsin, a full report of which will be found elsewhere in this issue under "Wisconsin Notes" so kindly sent in by Charley Shiley.

As is always the case when we meet with Wisconsin, we had a wonderful time and our thanks to the Wisconsin boys for another fine get together with them.

At the meeting, President Ed Stewart asked for nominations for our selection for nomination for Director of the National for 1959. Unanimously selected was Roy Nelson. Roy is a hard worker for the Association and we think he is the ideal man for the job.

WISCONSIN NOTES

On September 9, we met with our neighbors from Illinois, the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents at Brynwood Country Club in Milwaukee. Lester Verhaalen was our host. 66 golfers enjoyed playing the marvelously conditioned golf course in the afternoon. O. J. Noer and Charley Wilson were there and took many of those present on a tour of the fertilizer plots being conducted by them at Brynwood. After a social meeting, president Frank Musbach called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. 114 members of our association and the Midwest and guests were present at dinner and the meeting. 70 had been present for the noon lunch and 66 entered the golf tournament. Being a special meeting, President Musbach dispensed with the regular order of business and proceeded to introduce the many well known guests present. Among them were Midwest president Ed Stewart; National President Bob Williams; Jim Holmes, agronomist of the Greens Section of the United States Golf Association; Agar Brown, National Secretary-Treasurer; O. J. Noer and Charles Wilson of the Milwaukee Sewerage Commission; Bill Stupple, Editor of The Bull Sheet; C. E. (Scotty Stewart), irrigation engineer; and our host Lester Verhaalen, Superintendent of Brynwood Country Club. Midwest president Ed Stewart expressed appreciation of the high quality of maintenance at Brynwood and complimented Lester on his ability to keep the course in such fine shape during trying weather. National President Bob Williams and Secretary Agar Brown highlighted the many advantages of belonging to the National Association and talked about the coming conference and show to be held in Chicago next January. Bob also stressed the importance and the benefits to be gained from inter-district meetings such as this one. Jim Holmes pointed out how one broadened his knowledge of turf culture and discussed the advantages of the United States Golf Association Greens section. President Musbach then called on Midwest President and took great pride in presenting him with a sizable check, which, he explained was being presented to the Midwest by the Wisconsin Association as our associations contribution to our neighbors in helping to defray some of the entertainment expenses at the National meeting in Chicago in January and expressed his sincere wishes for a most successful effort on the part of the Midwest in being hosts for this meeting. President Musbach also pledged his association's fullest cooperation to make it a great success. O. J. Noer and Charles Wilson then summarized the results thus far at Brynwood and stated that 3 tests are to continue. (1) The Rutgers tests of varying amounts of Nitrogen. (2) Urea formaldehyde formulations and other fertilizers at recommended rates.

(3) Mixtures of other fertilizers and Milorganite. Test plots on soil sterilents are also being established. No fungicide or insecticides has been used on the test plots. Mr. Smith of Aero-Thatch was thanked for the demonstration of his machine on the practice green at Brynwood. Ray Mertens, Golf Chairman, announced that the Midwest retained the Midwest-Wisconsin Team Trophy by a single stroke, 328 to 329 for Wisconsin. Members of the teams and their scores are: Midwest, Ben Kronn, 81; Dave McIntosh, 81; Bob Williams, 82; Joe Venturella, 84; Wisconsin, Ray Mertens, 82, Charles Shiley, 82, Erv Graf, 82, Robert Musbach, 83; Prizes were 1 low gross, Ben Kronn, 2 Dave McIntosh, 3 Ray Mertens, 4 Charles Shiley, 5 Bob Williams, 6 Erv Graf. Low Net, 1 Allen Kress, 2 Mike Coyne, 3 Leroy Erheart, 4 Ed Stewart, 5 Dave Mastroleo, 6 Tom Lees, 7 Jerry Dearie, Jr., 8 Al Malpede, 9 Robert Ranney.

It was a most enjoyable day and characterized the good fellowship between the members of the two associations. We will be looking forward to the 1959 meeting which will be held in Illinois next September.

The Annual Tournament meeting of the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association was held at Meadowbrook Country Club, Racine, Wisconsin as guests of Jacobsen Manufacturing Company.

69 members and guests came to Meadowbrook to enjoy a day of golf and relaxation. Ray Mertens, host Superintendent had the course at it's Sunday best for our group and the tournament. 45 entered the golf events. Allen Kress won low gross with an 80. 2 Howard Gabby, 81. 3 and 4 Ray Mertens and Joe Kneice 82. 5 and 6 low gross, Tony Kozenski and Will Jung, 83. 7 low gross, Bob Musbach, 85. Low score of the day and guest prize went to Herb Lodes with a 75. 1 low net, Lee Hawkins, 71; 2 Arnold Schaefer, 72; 3 Cliff Decker, 73. Blind Bogey winners were Bob Wells, John Crew, Frank Maurina, Bob Walker, Colin Porter, Ronald Verhaalen, Harvey Krahn, Les Verhaalen, Joe Shavecki, Dominic Blinkiewiecz, Paul Schwartze, Carl Made, Leroy Erheart, Mike Lees, Jerry Gores, Rod Klemann, Ron Greenwald, H. R. Hannemann, Hilbert Wegner, John Andrews, Art Post, Tom Less, Ralph Christopherson, Fritz Reinhardt, Charles Shiley, Bob Howe, Carl Erickson, Bob Klingbiel. We wish to thank our many friends in the supply field for helping to make possible a large array of prizes. Among prize donors were J. P. Wigley Company, R. L. Bond (Old Orchard Nurseries), Meadowbrook Country Club, R. L. Ryerson Company, Horst Eng., Golf & Garden Equipment Company, Milwaukee Sewerage Commission, Jacobsen Manufacturing Company, Reinders Brothers, Armour Fertilizer Company. We also wish to thank Orville Lauson and the Jacobsen Manufacturing Company for the wonderful meal and the good time enjoyed by all.

Charles Shiley

In August Alby Staudt was seeing his wife off on the train for a vacation. The train started up, Alby jumped and broke his leg. Mrs. Staudt didn't know his leg was broken until she got back home several weeks later. Alby still has his leg in a cast, but gets around his course, Fox Valley Country Club pretty well.

Tom Coyne, recently of Lincolnshire Country Club is now Superintendent at Monte Cedo Country Club, Santa Barbara, California.

Vern Pansa, Tom's assistant for several years takes over as Superintendent at Lincolnshire.

SPREADING IT THIN

We are sorry to report that Bill Schwantz of Hinsdale Country Club lost his mother early in August.

Wes Updegraf recently completed a new green at Oak Park Country Club. Wes worked all day Saturday and Sunday and completed the green on Monday.

Charley Carr is now associated with Walter Hoyt at Timber Trails Country Club. The boys are busy building three new greens this fall.

Harry Drafke of Acacia Country Club is building new tees, starting a nursery and hopes to add on to his service building this winter.

Eddie Wohlenberg of Navajo Country Club has moved into his new home in Crete, Illinois.

We are most happy to report that Walter Killmer is home for good having undergone numerous operations which have been successful. Walter hopes to become active again in the near future. He also would like to have his friends visit him.

Barbara Ann Venturella and Harold Nyquist were married the middle of September. The bride is the daughter of Joe Venturella of Brookwood Country Club. The reception was held at Brookwood.

Ray Rolfs of Riverside Country Club is rebuilding 4 complete new holes and 5 greens due to the highway expansion program.

Carl Hophan of Aurora Country Club remodeled the 7th green and improved a number of tees on his course this fall.

Amos Lapp, St. Andrews Country Club, is rebuilding 18 tees.

Chuck Tattersall at Glenwoodie C. C. is rebuilding 16 tees.

Latest report is that Don Strand of Westmoreland is putting on weight. He recently gained 3 pounds and now tips the scales at 118 pounds. We are happy to report that Mrs. Strand is feeling much better and that she and Don are planning on a vacation this winter, the first in several years.

Howard Baerwald of La Grange Country Club recently bought a new house in La Grange and has moved in and is all settled.

Members of Itasca Country Club report that John Coutre has the course in the finest condition in history.

Walter Fuchs has recovered from the big tournament at Gleneagles and is getting ready for another big season in 1959.

Jock McIntosh of Oak Hills is building a green he claims will be a masterpiece. He says that if he gets it finished in time he is going to the tournament at Pinehurst.

Silver Lake is building 9 new greens. The architect is Robert Bruce Harris.

George Dahlman of Cog Hill figures that he is enough caught up on his work to take time off to go to Pinehurst.

Ray Gerber and his committees are working hard on plans for the big show in Chicago in January. Few people realize the time and effort being given by Ray to make this the finest ever.

A great deal of weed control work is being done on turf this fall. Many superintendents feel that the fall is the time. Many disagree, however, especially those with a great deal of bent turf.

Ben Kronn is now a happy grandpa.