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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our June meeting held at Midwest Country Club was well attended. About fifty played golf over a beautifully maintained golf course; 96 attended the dinner. Marvin Gruening, our host Superintendent, received many compliments on the fine work he is doing at his club both in maintenance and construction. A new nine holes was opened recently. All greens have C 15 strain of bent grass.

Dr. Gene Nutter, G.C.S.A. Executive Director, was the official speaker of the evening and gave a wonderful talk; his topic was, "New Horizons." Those of us from the Chicago area who became acquainted with Dr. Nutter during his time in the G.C.S.A. office in St. Charles sure hate to have him leave, and we wish him the best of luck in his new office.

We were happy to have with us at our June meeting, Ward Cornwall and Bill Meline from Detroit, and also our good friend Dr. Daniel from Purdue.

Our many thanks to the Roseman Mower Company for the refreshments. It could not have happened at a better time because this meeting happened to be election day.

Fertilizing during July and August should be done with the greatest care. Too much at one time is worse than not enough. Very seldom would one lose any turf-grass during July and August with too little fertilizer, but there sure has been some lost with too much or not properly applied. A small amount at a time is much better. The color of the grass does not make the ball go in the cup. The old saying is, a good looking green is not always a good putting green, and the golfer is interested in a good putting green.

Our July 6th meeting will be held at St. Andrews Golf Club. Amos Lapp will be our host Superintendent. Come out and enjoy yourself. All of us will be looking for you.

I wonder how many of us that play golf at our monthly meetings keep in mind the items a golfer should do and the things he should not do in order to help make the game of golf more enjoyable for those who are to follow us. There are times when we get too interested in who won the prox and forget to repair the ball hole on the green, or neglect to smoothe out our foot tracks in the sand traps, or are in too much of a hurry to replace the divots. Next time we are playing golf let us remember the three R's:

REPLACE DIVOTS
RAKE SAND TRAPS
REPAIR BALL HOLES ON GREENS

For more information on the three R's get in touch with the Editor.

The next two months of the year are the most critical time for a golf course superintendent in the Chicago area. Long hours seven days a week and sleepless nights are not unusual. Should we detect any trouble on turfgrass one should try and diagnose it as soon as possible. If he does not trust his judgment, ask the help of some other golf course superintendent. I am sure he will be glad to help you. Never get panicky and apply various kinds of chemicals for which none of them will probably solve your problem. First, find out what caused your problem and work from there on.

Ray Gerber
President

Dr. Gene Nutter, Exec. Director of G.C.S.A. at the Monthly meeting held at the Midwest Country Club announced tentative dates for the National Turf Conference and Equipment Show as follows: 1961 Toronto, 62 San Francisco, Cal., 63 Detroit, Mich., 64 Atlanta, Ga., and of course for certain Houston, in 60.

Jim Holmes, Director Mid States U.S.G.A. Greens section was presented with a Golf bag, set of woods and irons, by the Golf Course Superintendents of America at the June meeting at Midwest Country Club in recognition of services rendered to their office during recent change of Ex. Directors. Some one counted 15 clubs, Jim said the 15th is a "Nimitoad Knocker."

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