

5. Effect of fertilizers, irrigation practices, height of mowing, aeration, etc. on incidence, development and control of disease.

Until funds are provided for hiring a research man, no research on diseases of turf grasses can be conducted by the Department of Plant Pathology.

Ray Gerber, President

CLIPPINGS

Biltmore Country Club, the scene of our 1959 Annual Tournament, is due north of Barrington on Route 59. Going North, if you see the club, you have passed the turn and have to go back. The course lies on the east side of the road. The road winds thru the hills, past a lovely lake, a nice beach, and there you are.

Our Host Superintendent, is John Ebel. John has been a member of the Midwest Association for about three years, plays golf in the 90's is married and the father of two lovely daughters, ages 3 and 6 years. John is proud of Biltmore, in fact the second Supt. there was his Uncle Henry Wiest, whom many of us will remember, followed by John's father, John L., and since 1948, John C has been the Supt. You will love the course, the club house is built high on a hill overlooking the course which lies almost entirely in a valley, has an unlimited water supply from the 50 acre spring fed lake, and is in excellent condition. It is a beautiful place for our annual tournament. John promises we will eat high on the hog.

Although the strong winds that accompanied the rain of the middle week in September blew down many branches and leaves and made a lot of clean up work, there were few gripes because the rain that came along with the storm was badly needed. In fact, while looking over the beautiful green turf of the Biltmore Course, John Ebel commented, "Unless you had seen it like I have, you will never believe the change in color that has come over this course during the last 24 hours." Most areas got about .6 of an inch, and hope to get more out of each passing cloud.

Fall work progressed rapidly since Labor day, Silver Lake has about finished laying sod on three greens just built by Ray Didier, Oak Hills has finished the one they planned to rebuild this fall, with the sod all layed and top dressed and growing beautifully, Glen Eagles is working hard on the new number 1 tee, Cog Hill is laying plans for 18 real large tees and maybe a green or two, Riverside has just completed a fairway treatment for the control of white grub, Midwest plans just one new green this fall and that is about done, St. Charles Country Club hopes to rebuild either six or seven, Gerald Dearie at Medinah only plans to rebuild one and will not start that till after October 1st and every wind brings stories of plans to make bigger tees and more beautiful and more practical greens, and everywhere Superintendents are repairing the ravages of the prolonged August hot humid weather. It sure is hard to believe that summer is gone and that all too soon we will be dodging snow flakes.

Dave Mastroleo has made a new device that helps him to float soil into the small gullies on his roughs and fairways at the relatively new Addison Golf Course, that smooths the fill and leaves the job ready for seed. It is a form of a drag and Dave says it cuts the work way down and does it far better than can be done with a rake.

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