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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Although the weather man washed out the golf events at our August meeting at the White Pines Golf Club, the very fine steak dinner (thank you, Al Hinz) satisfied our culinary appetites and the excellent educational program (arranged by Al Johnson and directed by Frank Dinelli) satisfied the mental appetites of over eighty learned students.

Al Purvey will be our host for the joint Midwest and Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendent Associations on September 8th at the McHenry Country Club. Apparently the Wisconsin fellows are determined to win possession of the golf championship title this year. Let's get the dirt out of the grooves of our golf clubs and the lead out of our pants, and demonstrate to our northern neighbors that we are capable of retaining the title. On a recent expedition to the Milwaukee area two of our Midwest Superintendents were advised of this determined challenge. Being men of stout heart and athletic ambition but dubious ability, they decided that a practice round at the Milwaukee Country Club would be advisable. One of the gentlemen reported that he had thirty-six strokes on the first nine; second nine - no report.

Although the summer season is almost over, the responsibilities of the Superintendent are seldom concluded. Because the poa annua in the fairways took it on the chin again this year, now is the time to seed the void areas with permanent grasses. Early seedings might germinate before the poa annua and, therefore, might reduce the density of the poa annua. Several clubs have their fall construction work thoroughly planned and approved by their grounds committee. These fellows realize that projects started as soon as possible after Labor Day usually are the most successful.

A meeting of the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation was held on August 7th. Four men from the University of Illinois, Miss Carol McCue and Mr. Charles Eckstein from the Chicago District Golf Association, Jim Holmes from U.S.G.A. Greens Section, Mr. Packard, Bert Rost, Roy Nelson and myself were present. Most of the planning has been completed. Actual construction of the large turf and soil research golf green will start as soon as the necessary funds are available.

The time will soon be here for us to check the tires on the car to see if they can make the trip to the G.C.S.A. Turfgrass Conference and Equipment Show in Houston, Texas during the week of February 1-5, 1960, and to start saving a few nickels for a well deserved vacation at a sunny spot in the south. The G.S.S.A. membership is at an all-time high. I am sure it would make you very happy if you would sponsor one new G.C.S.A.

member. Try it and see. I have a feeling that it will make three of us very happy; the applicant, you and me.

I reported to you at our last meeting that our good friend Norman C. Johnson was not in good health. Since then, he has improved very much and is staying with his daughter in Miami, Florida.

It is also good news to know that our stout hearted Superintendent Peter Bild is home with his feet under the table enjoying his wife's good cooking. A few more meals and he will be better than ever. Good luck to both of you.

Ray Gerber, President

It is sure good to see Pete Bild and George Roloff kicking their heels again.

Herman Whorele was honored with a dinner and cash contributions by the membership of his club last week for 20 years of service to the Kankakee Country Club. Congratulations Herman, make it another 20.

The month of August since the meeting has been indeed an unusual month. Starting the first week in August the weather has been hot, very hot, and rainy and very humid, and the toll on the grass, everywhere, has been very heavy. At this time no one has had time to really evaluate the extent of the damage, each being concerned with limiting that occurring under his jurisdiction, but it is wide spread and great.

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