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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our season is now half over, and so far we in the Chicago area have enjoyed some nice weather. Last week several of our members attended the National Open in Detroit, and reported that that area was troubled in the early Spring with desiccation as a result of very dry and windy weather. We have had a lot of rains this season, but not too much rain fell at one time. As a matter of fact, we had eleven days of rain during the month of May, but still fell short of our average rainfall.

Poa annua once again has come to the front of our attention. Seed head formation has given us unsightly greens, as well as bumpy greens. Clover is also thriving very well this year in the bent fairways. Those courses with bluegrass fairways were fortunate in being able to control clover with 2, 4-D and 2, 4, 5-T. Some of us with bent fairways are a little leary of these chemicals, and therefore, we are reluctant to use them for fear of killing the bents. There has been a great deal of thought given to the use of Malaic Hydrazide as a growth inhibitor during *Poa annua* seeding. It is felt that this may disturb the cycle of the *Poa annua* plant which is an annual, and thereby controlling the population of this pest. If any of you plan on trying this chemical, I would advise using it on fairways only.

I would personally like to thank the Idelwild Country Club and the Chairman of the Grounds Committee, Mr. Roe, for the use of their facilities for our June meeting. Peter Voykin the Host Superintendent had the course in very excellent condition. I have never seen such consistency in putting qualities from one green to the next. The fairways were free of weeds and the tees were free of divots. It was a genuine thrill to see a golf course in such fine condition.

The Arrangements Committee has booked Bonnie Dundee for our next meeting on July 10th. Al Rauch will be our Host Superintendent, and he too has his golf course in excellent condition, and we look forward to a very enjoyable time.

This issue of "The Bull Sheet" is the 1st issue starting our 15th Year. We started the publishing of "The Bull Sheet" during the winter of 1947 when Norm Johnson was editor. Next we had Don Strand as editor when Norm moved to Florida. In 1950 Bill Stuppel took over, and in 1957 Bert Rost became editor.

Many educational points of interest have been related to our members through the "Bull Sheet". It has taken

us through changes in Fungicides, 2, 4-D, Chlordane, improvements of grass strains, and equipment changes, as well as our own research problems. We hope to continue giving valuable information to our Superintendents for many more years.

Sincerely yours,
Ted Woehrle

BY THE BOARD

On June 15th, John Ebel the Chairman of the Educational Committee called a meeting of his committee at the Park Ridge Country Club. The purpose of the meeting was to formulate our program for the Fall Turf Clinic at Olympia Fields Country Club. Those present were; John Ebel, Al Johnson, Frank Dinelli, Dudley Smith, Ed Burke, Bob Williams, Ray Gerber, Roy Nelson and Ted Woehrle.

The dates of December 5th and 6th were tentatively set as the date of the Clinic. Some of the subjects considered for presentation on the program were as follows:

1. Preparing a Budget.
2. Work planning.
3. What is your No. 1 problem.
4. Making your orders clear.
5. Team debate on a pertinent subject.
6. The role of the Assistant Superintendent.
7. Weed identification.
8. Electric greens mowers.
9. Little things to keep the golfers happy.
10. Planning adequate maintenance facilities and storage.
11. Top dressing story re-told.
12. Charts for Chemicals.
13. When and how to use fertilizer.
14. What do we want from fertilizer manufacturers.
15. Research projects from the Universities.
16. Practical research projects.
17. Wetting agents.
18. Maintenance procedures from tee to green.
19. Our friend, the Weather Man.
20. Color slides from members of the M.A.G.C.S.
21. Aero-Thatch good or bad.
22. Salesmanship.

From the above list of subjects, John and his committee have attempted to form an interesting clinic. If you have additional subjects which you feel should be considered, contact John in the near future. He may call on some of you to participate, so please do not refuse him. The original idea of this clinic when it was first started, was for the majority of speakers to come from the ranks of the Superintendents themselves. It was felt that we could educate each other, as well as train men to present material before a group of people; thereby instilling confidence in ourselves.

A short discussion was held in regards to having the Annual Meeting in conjunction with the Clinic. The Committee agreed that this might be a good idea, and they will recommend it to the Board.

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