



Back Row l. to r.: Don Gerber, Dudley Smith, Bert Rost, Bill Brady and Adolph Bertucci.
Front Row: Warren Bidwell, Pres. John Ebel, Roy Nelson and Al Johnson.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS

At our annual meeting which was held at the Elmhurst Country Club on December 3rd the following men were elected into office.

President, John Ebel - Biltmore Country Club, 1st Vice-President, Warren Bidwell - Olympia Fields Country Club, 2nd Vice-President, Al Johnson - Park Ridge Country Club.

New Directors: Charles Schultz - Hinsdale Country Club, Adolph Bertucci - Lake Shore Country Club, Dudley Smith - Silver Lake Country Club.

Members serving one more year on the Board: Don Gerber - last years President from Chicago Golf, Bert Rost - Butterfield Country Club, Bill Brady - Barrington Country Club.

Annual Fall Clinic Huge Success!

The tenth Annual Fall Clinic held at Olympia Fields Country Club on Nov. 27th and 28th was by far our most successful. The attendance far surpassed that of any other clinic and the material presented as well as the speakers were all outstanding. There were 43 Midwest Superintendents in attendance and 17 superintendents from other organizations. 11 Assistant Superintendents also attended. The commercial people were well represented with 27 attending. There were 5 University representatives, 2 managers and 2 Chairmen of Grounds. During the Banquet we had 9 complimentary guests. This brought our total for the entire clinic to 116 which surpassed last years clinic by 13.

Thanks to Jim Holmes, the Moderator for the first day we are able to bring you a very complete summary of the first days proceedings.

Summary of:

THE 10th ANNUAL TURF CLINIC

November 27, 1962

by: James L. Holms

USGA Green Section

Mid-Western Agronomist

Keynote Address: by O. J. Noer

Mr. Noer summarized advancements in turf technology during the past 42 years or since the conception of the USGA Green Section. At the time the Green Section Initiated research in turf with regard to its relationship to golf, Rhode Island was the only Land Grant College working in the turf fields. Since that time many universities have become interested in turf work.

O. J. listed three steps which are vitally necessary in the overall turf picture:

1. Knowledge of turf culture; theory and practice
2. Understandings of findings
3. Application.

Research personnel such as those who are historically famous as a result of their work with the Green Section, Land Grant College personnel and industrial personnel have worked hard and diligently on the first two steps which has resulted in significant developments in the golf turf picture such as selective weed control, disease control, fertilizer technology, insect control and soil - water relationships. He then payed tribute to the "old timers" and their many efforts to apply research findings with the knowledge and methods which existed, and pointed out that the present day superintendents who are eminently prepared to apply research findings to the daily operation of a golf course owe a great deal to the "old timers." O. J. Commented that the superintendents place in the golf turf picture has been recognized. Labor and financial management is currently one of the superintendents biggest concerns.

He then ended a talk which only O. J. could deliver, with a number of colored slides which gave an excellent pictorial history of advances in turf technology. His last comment, "Do not forsake old tried and proven programs just because something new comes along which looks good but which has not stood the test of time," was accepted by all as an excellent bit of advice.

The following panel made Progress Reports on "Understanding Fertilizer Programs - New Approaches." Private Clubs — Robert Williams

Bob started his talk by commenting, "What is the proper approach to fairway fertilization?" There are conflicting reports and information with regard to the most successful fairway fertilization operation. Agronomists, salesmen and golf course superintendents do not agree on exacting programs. He went on to comment that if exact records are kept, one is often amazed at the end results. Invariably, the fertilizer ingredients and quantities which actually are applied are quite different from what one thinks have been applied. Therefore, Mr. Williams has devised a set of checks and balances which tell him exactly what has been applied at any given time of the season as well as the exact amounts applied for the entire season. It may be possible to arrive at the most successful fertilization program under playing conditions.