

## LAST MONTH'S MEETING

The May meeting was held at the Ridge Country Club on May 7th. The weather was warm, clear and windy. The Course was in top condition. Charlie Rack, the Host Superintendent gave us a good golf course to play on. There were 42 entries in the Peoria Handicap Tournament. Vern Raschi was the winner with the following men close behind: John Ebel, Emil Mashie, Harold Michels, Norm Barnes, Art Benson, Sr. and Joe Canale. John Coghill and Paul Voykin were also winners.

After a wonderful day of golf we all settled down to a delicious meal followed by a good meeting. The educational program dominated most of the evening. Co-Chairmen of the Educational Committee Warren Bidwell and Dudley Smith presented Bill Stuppel to the membership for one of his outstanding jobs in conducting the Question Box. Here are some of the Questions and Answers that transpired during this period.



Q. It anybody having trouble with the new product, Dyrene?

A. No one present at the meeting had used the product but there were some rumors that several of the Superintendents had used this Fungicide last year with no trouble. This year seems to be too early for its use. There were two cases cited where some slight tip burn had ocured this spring.

Q. Did the May 1st frost have much effect on the turf in the Chicago area?

A. Not much except in the color aspect. The old Washington Bent greens turned a little purple.

Q. What treatment on Bent Fairways has been successful for the control of Knotweed?

A. Most of the Superintendents present stated that they have been having disappointing results with Sodium Arsenite because of the cold weather. Some have mixed Sodium Arsenite with 2,4-D or 2,4,5-T with the latter giving the best results. When mixing these two chemicals it was suggested that you should use them both at one pound per acre actual material. Paul Voykin mentioned that he had used Kuron last year with amazing results. Warren Bidwell of Olympia Fields Country Club is using a new product in this area called Endothol with fair results. It can be mixed with 2,4-D.

On some occasions there have been reports of burning if hot weather persisted for any length of time immediately after application of Endothol.

Q. I have a weed problem on my lake that I use for irrigation purposes. What material can be used so there will be no harm to my turf and still kill the weeds?

A. Al Johnson and Bert Rost have both used Sodium Arsenite at the recommended rates with good results. They reported no damage to the turf out on the course when the water was used for irrigation. They did recommend however, that you wait 72 hours after application before using the water for irrigation.

Q. Has anybody got something worth reporting on Wetting Agents?

A. There were no comments pro or con. The conclusion was made that the use of wetting agents in our area is negligible.

After the educational portion of the meeting we heard reports. Adolph Bertucci reported that as Chairman of the Benevolence Committee he was notified that Director Bill Brady has been ill. Also Al Purvey and Harold Reed have also been under the weather. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Ted Woehrle reported that the last issue of the Bull Sheet was the largest issue ever printed. It contained 10 pages and many pictures. Woehrle explained the recent delays in receiving the Bull Sheet were due to the new method of mailing them by Bulk Mail. This process takes 5-15 days. We are saving over \$25.00 per month by mailing them by Bulk Mail as compared to First Class.

The next report was given by the Chairman of the Arrangements Committee, Al Johnson. He reported that the July meeting will be held at the McHenry Country Club. Harold Michels will be Host Superintendent.

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