

## 34th INTERNATIONAL TURF-GRASS CONFERENCE AND SHOW NOW HISTORY

The 34th. International Turf-Grass Conference and Show held in San Diego, Calif. on Feb. 11-15, 1963 is now history. The Conference was well attended considering the distance involved for the majority of our eastern members. The registration was somewhat lower than anticipated but the number of registrants still reached 1400.

The week preceeding the Conference the Local Hi-Lo chapter of golf course Superintendents were hosts to one of the finest tournaments ever conducted. They were able to secure five of the top clubs in Palm Springs. There were flights for all interested members of the Association regardless of the class of membership. The Superintendents played the Indian Wells Country Club and the La Quinta Country Club. We certainly wish to thank the Hi-Lo Dessert Association for making such wonderful arrangements for us. We were even given free electric carts for our use and enjoyment. One evening we were guests of the Canyon Country Club for entertainment. The Tournament was ended in a festive note with a colorful and tasty Steak Fry at which time the trophies were handed out to the winners of the various flights.

Our Chicago chapter team did not fare too well. The team championship was won by the local from California. One of our members did manage to come home with a trophy however, he is Bill Krafft. Bill won the third place trophy in the Pro-Superintendent Division. Nice going Bill.

A Superintendent from the New York area had a hole in one and was awarded a new electric cart as a gift.

After the Tournament all 350 participants moved on to San Diego. The registration took place on Sunday and a total of 52 Midwest members registered. This is a very good percentage for our local.

The Educational portion of the Conference was well attended as usual. The program was one of the finest presented in recent years. The various sessions were divided into the following topics: THE WORLD ABOUT US, PUBLIC RELATIONS AT WORK, ADVANCING TECHNOLOGY, NORTHERN AND EASTERN MAINTENANCE, SOUTHERN AND WESTERN MAINTENANCE, FUNDAMENTALS OF SUPERINTENDING AND PRACTICES AND PROBLEMS.

The equipment display was outstanding. Many new pieces of equipment were shown to the Superintendents for the first time. The enthusiasm was felt throughout the entire show. Traffic through the aisles of booths was indicative of the Superintendents desire to learn the most modern methods of turf maintenance both in equipment and technology.

## NELSON ELECTED AS PRESIDENT

On Wednesday night February 13, 1963 Roy Nelson of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents was elected President of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America for the year 1963. Other members elected were: Dave Moote of Canada, Vice President; George Lamphear, Director; Ed Roberts of New Jersey, Director and the third director elected was James Brandt of Illinois.

## OLD FRIENDS NOW IN CALIFORNIA

While attending the Conference in San Diego we kept bumping into old friends that formerly were located in the Chicago area. Among these were such familiar people as Gordon Brinkworth and his wife. Gordon was Superintendent of Olympia Fields C. C. prior to moving on to California. Dave Mastroleo and his Dad Frank were also there with their wives. It was nice to visit with them again. Dave is very active out there as the Secretary of their local as well as the editor of the News Letter. Frank is retired as a Golf Course Superintendent and is enjoying life in La Puente, California.

We were happy to see Bill Nuessle again. He moved west four years ago. He was formerly with Cherry Hill Country Club here in Chicago. Bill is now at the Knollwood Golf Course in Granada, California. Tom Coyne was another one of our old friends that moved to California. Tom is now at the Virginia Country Club in Long Beach, California.

We met Joe Venturella campaigning for Dick Viergever, also of California. Joe was with the Brookwood Country Club, just before moving to California. He is now with Round Hill Country Club in Alamo, California. Dick was at the Evergreen Country Club here in Chicago and is now at The Olympic Club in San Francisco.

One of our oldest and dearest friends to desert us for California was Reuben Thode formerly with the Chicago Park District. Rube told us that he confines most of his spare time to fishing. He looks healthy and I'm sure he is enjoying himself.

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