

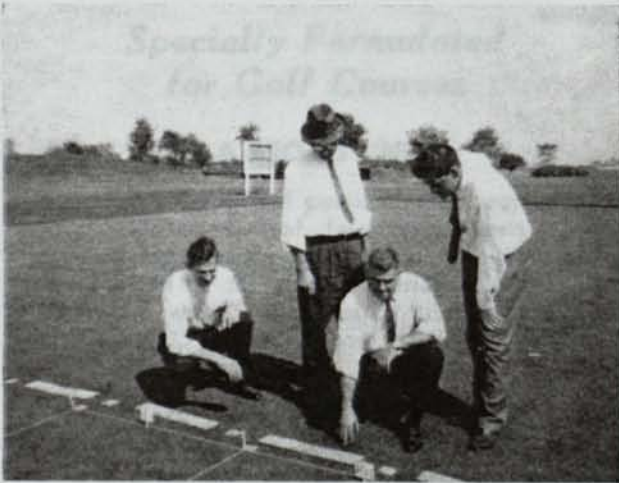
ILLINOIS FIELD DAY

The Illinois Turfgrass Foundation presented its third Annual Field Day at the University of Illinois on September 16. There were over 100 interested persons in attendance. Our Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents was well represented. We counted 41 members of our Association.

Some of the work being conducted at the University is greatly improved over last year. Some of the experiments involve: Mowing height in Bent, Crabgrass control in Bent. Varieties in Bent and their response to various maintenance procedures. Some work on Zoysia is being conducted along with fertilizer studies on Merion. A great deal of work is being done on selection of a shade tolerant grass. Experiments are being conducted in three intensities of light.

Out at the Savoy Country Club some work is being done on weed control in Bents plus fungicide trials are being conducted.

We were introduced to various people responsible for the fine work being conducted in turfgrass research.



DR. MIKE BRITTON, with hat, showing PETER BILD, ADOLPH BERTUCCI and PAUL VOYKIN turf plots at Illinois Field Day.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents will be held at the River Forest Country Club, December 2nd. This is the meeting in which new officers are elected and changes to the By-Laws are presented for membership approval or disapproval.

NEW GOLF COURSES IN CHICAGO

This is the beginning of a new series which I hope to continue for some time. I will need the cooperation of the Superintendents involved. This new column will deal with information about the various new clubs in our area. It will deal with statistics that each one of us is interested in.

The first Club that I would like to present is on the Southwest side where I do most of my golfing. It is a new nine holes at the Silver Lake Country Club, 147th Street and 82nd Avenue, Orland Park, Illinois.

John Coghill is the owner of the Course and Dudley Smith is the Superintendent. They have two 18 hole regulation golf courses in addition to this new nine which is called "Rolling Hills." The par is 29, consisting of seven par threes and two par fours.

The course was designed by Ray Didier under the guidance of John Coghill. Ray Didier built the course also. Work was started immediately after the 4th of July 1962 and it was opened for play last month. The greens are huge. They range from 6,500 sq. ft. to 13,000 sq. ft. averaging around 8,500 sq. ft. The terrain of the course is Rolling and very interesting to say the least. Most holes have a generous supply of trees surrounding them. The greens have good contour and very fine pin placements. Almost the entire green is usable.

The soil used for the green surface was mixed off site and hauled to the individual greens. They used a high sand content mixture of about 50% #2 torpedo sand. A calcined clay was mixed into the top three or four inches. Penncross seed was used for the greens. They have covered over very well and are putting beautifully.

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The yardage for the course is 1598 yards. The shortest par is 118 yards and the longest par is 168 yards. The two par fours are 270 yards and 308 yards. There is a stream running throughout the course and numerous traps surround many of the greens. Truly a good test of your short game.

The course received some publicity the night before the first round of golf was played by the public. The Club sponsored a small tournament for the employees of the Club. The event was called "Dudley's Duffer Open." There were 24 entries and ranged from Bob Heindel, North Texas State College, who shot par, to Phil Rauch, 60 the carpenter, who wanted

to use his hammer to hit the ball, to Ted Weirsema, who has worked 32 years on golf courses and played for the first time in his life.

The course record to date is 25. A real accomplishment.

One of the sidelights in the construction of the course was in the building of the bridges and cart paths. The bridges were constructed by the crew maintaining the grounds. Used railroad ties were used for the approaches to help prevent erosion of the soil around the bridges. The supports of the bridge decks is made of concrete. The cart paths were built by one of the members in the Midwest Association, Ray Murphy of the Lemont Paving Company.

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road surfaces that are raised in the center for better drainage, they have built theirs with the side of the road a little higher than the center so the water will run down the center and prevent the sides from eroding. The paths are very neat looking and well planned. They should last a long time. Some of the roads were even banked for safer driving.

AN INVITATION TO PLAY ROLLING GREEN

John Coghill and Dudley Smith have extended an invitation to all membership classes of the Midwest Association to play the new Rolling Hills Course at the Silver Lake Country Club on Thursday, October 10, 1963. Golf will begin after 12 noon and will be free. The "Open House" is being conducted for those people that would like to see and play one of Chicago's newest courses. Make up a game and come on out. Everybody is welcome.

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