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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Although no one will admit it yet I'm sure we all have that inner exuberant feeling that we are over the "hump" for '63. If I didn't feel that way before, I certainly did yesterday morning when my thermometer read a cool 45 degrees! It's always a good feeling to be reasonably sure that from here on in the weatherman is going to supply us with the kind of weather that turf grasses revel in. Let's hope our inner instincts are correct.

In the Chicago area one could get much controversy over the past or passing season. We all started out in about the same kind of boats, but by late July some boats sprung bigger leaks than others if you know what I mean. At any rate generally speaking, things got better over most of the area as time went on.

This is a looking forward time for many of us. Looking forward to solving some problems on the course during the coming fall. Looking forward to more time with the family. Looking forward to more opportunity for fellowship with some of the boys. As for me I'm looking forward to taking my ol' double 12 gauge off the rack and burning powder come October.

It's always nice to have something pleasant to look forward to whatever your pleasure. It's also the beginning of a looking back time. Looking back to see if we have accomplished all the things we set out to do early this year. It might not hurt to look over our work program outlines for the season and see if we haven't overlooked something we intended to do before all the summer help is gone.

As you can see my President's Messages are starting to wane with the season, lucky for you. So shine on Harvest Moon for me and my golf course and soon the frost will be on the pumpkin.

John Ebel, President



DR. JACK BUTLER
Extension Turf Specialists
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LAST MONTH'S MEETING

The August meeting of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents was held at the Palos Country Club on August 5th. Many of the Superintendents came early and participated in a game of golf. They had the privilege of playing one of the many fine Public fee golf courses in the Chicago area. Host Superintendent Bob Johnson had the course in fine playing condition. Bob is new in the Chicago area and is presently being processed into our membership.

After golf we all retired to the dining room where General Manager Ralph Krueger served us a fine meal.

There was a brief business meeting where the following points of business were resolved.

The Midwest Association voted to return a blank recommendation to the National Association's nominating committee. It was felt that we presently have two men from the immediate area active in National affairs and that another man would not stand much of a chance in being elected. Recommendations of men from outside our local were also discussed but again there was no definite decision made. The Secretary was instructed to inform the National Nominating Committee that we were not recommending men for the election in Philadelphia.

Tony Meyer, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, asked for a show of hands regarding the question of two annual dinner dances versus one annual dinner dance. The membership voted to have only one dinner dance per year and that should be held preferably in the fall.

Arrangements chairman, Al Johnson, informed us that the next scheduled meeting of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents will be held jointly with the Wisconsin Chapter at the Rolling Green Country Club on September 9, 1963. This is the Monday after Labor Day.

Tony Meyer introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Dr. Jack Butler, the extension turf specialist from the University of Illinois. His talk was an introduction to our membership of the work that is being done at present and the work that is being planned. He also introduced to us the men that are working on these projects by the use of colored slides. All in all it was an enlightening presentation. It is good to see their program getting under way. We should be hearing a great deal from the University of Illinois during the next few years. Many of their undertakings involve the Golf Course Superintendent and his problems in turf.

One point that was noticed during the past three meetings; several of our members have failed to dress properly. The absence of neckties is very objectionable. We cannot afford to dress improperly. If we wish to be considered "Gentlemen" in our profession we must first look like "Gentlemen". If you want to look like a slob, then continue to ignore the necktie.

A new 'first' occurred when Chairman of the Golf Committee, Marv Gruening, presented all the prizes in the form of women's wear. He felt that the women would appreciate a gift once in a while from their husbands. Low Gross was shared by Bill Saielli and Pete Voykin with 78's. The winners of the Blind Bogey were: Ben Kronn, Charlie Schultz, Elmer Lempke, Emil Cassier, Norm Barnes and Dudley Smith. Other winners were, Adolph Bertucci, Charlie Rack, Jim Raines and Ed Braunsky. The longest drive was won by Art Benson, Jr. and the prize for being the closest to the hole on a par 3 was Joe Canale. Additional prizes for the last two events were donated by Ralph Krueger, the General Manager of Palos Country Club.

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ANNUAL FALL CLINIC

Warren Bidwell and Dudley Smith, Co-Chairmen of the Educational Committee, have announced the dates for our Annual Fall Clinic. This year will find the dates a little earlier in the fall than in the past. We will meet on November 19, and 20, 1963 at the Olympia Fields Country Club.

The Committee is in the process of finalizing the program. Many of the subjects and speakers have been selected and from all early indications it should be one of the finest Fall Clinics in our history. This will be our 11th Annual Clinic. Each one seems to improve on the one preceding it.

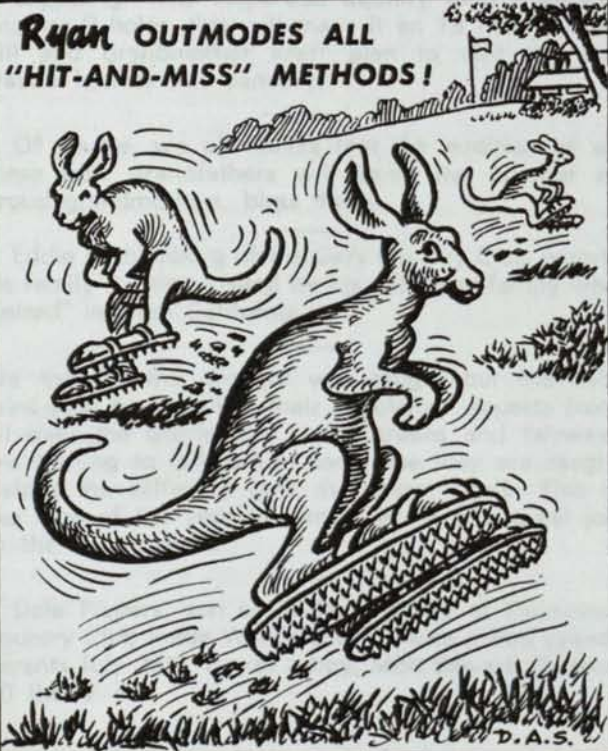
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