

SUMMARIZATION OF 11th ANNUAL TURF CLINIC

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Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents Olympia Fields Country Club Olympia Fields, Illinois

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Proceedings were commenced when Mr. John Ebel, Superintendent at Biltmore Country Club and president of Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents, welcomed those attending, approximately 125 strong. After a few timely remarks, Mr. Ebel introduced Dr. Gene Nutter, Executive Secretary of the Golf Course Superintendents Association, who delivered the keynote speech. Gene's talk was entitled "Progress and Change" and was certainly a stoker speech (or one which "fires you up"). He dwelled on our advancing population and economy since World War II and the impact these are having in golf. Many new and "top" golf course superintendents are in demand and an increasing number will be needed in the future. Also, skilled golf course labor is needed and is essential to the smooth operation of a country club. He went on to say that the Chicago area is slightly above average in the growth, personal income and net and gross income of industry. The extended golf picture in the Chicago area is excellent.

Dr. Nutter presided over a panel entitled, **What I have Learned About**. Panel discussion was as follows:

1. "Aerification" — Norman W. Kramer, Golf Course Superintendent, Point O'Woods Country Club, Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Mr. Kramer presented his complete program of green and fairway aerification and why he chooses to follow such a program. He has found that machines which make vertical grooves to a depth of 1/4 to 1/2 inch into the soil are superior for aerifying and thatch removal. However, he continues to use a puncher type aerator at least once during the season. Both types of aerification, but especially the soil slitting type, prepare excellent seed beds. Norman commented that it is foolhardy to overseed unless overseeding is preceded with vigorous aerification. Winter damage has been severe at Point O'Woods during past seasons. Therefore, Mr. Kramer aerified late this fall in an effort to determine if this may reduce winterkill.

Norman commented that at the present time he has completely worn-out two drum type fairway aerifiers and is well on the way with the third. For the past two seasons he also has used the slitter or

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