

Use of artificial-turf ground cover including such items as material used in the Astrodome, was specifically discussed on 1 occasion only. However, it is my firm opinion that we will hear a great deal more about this in the immediate future.

Only 1 talk was heard on lime. This presentation was at the University of Massachusetts and, as you know, soil acidity is of greatest importance in this area.

Talks on **Poa annua**, or specifically "is **Poa annua** friend or foe" were heard on 6 occasions. As a result, I would judge that most people consider **Poa annua** a foe and are taking more of an interest in just exactly how we can effectively and safely control this weed, especially in fairways. As soon as some-one figures it out, will you please let me know.

Thatch control was discussed twice. The upshot is that you've got to keep it down, 1/2 inch or less.

In New York, the Green Section devoted their entire program to golf course renovation. Certainly, there continues to be a great deal of interest in this subject as many of the older courses are either undergoing or preparing to undergo a renovation program. Let's only hope the play of the course actually improved after completion.

The talk heard the greatest number of times had to do with golf course irrigation. As a matter of fact, this subject was discussed on 16 different occasions. By far the greatest interest at the present time lies in complete "automatic irrigation". The trend definitely is in this direction. The prime reason seems to be labor, or perhaps I should say lack of competent and conscientious irrigation people necessary to operate a manual system. In any event, it appears that automation is here to stay and improvements are on the drawing board.

This year the biggest problem in golf course turf, especially in the north midwest, seems to be just exactly what we are going to do in order to develop or maintain a more acceptable and lasting fairway turf—that is if we can get the labor to do it!

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## "THE EXPRESSWAY"

Troy Meness, former assistant at Edgewood Valley C. C. is the new Superintendent at Cress Creek C. C. . . . Buffalo Grove G. C. in Buffalo Grove, Illinois is near completion—Rod Voykin is Superintendent, Killian & Nugent are Architects, Milburn Company is the contractor, Koelper Excavating is sub-contractor for finish grading and seeding, A. J. Miller Company is installing the irrigation . . . Frank Dinelli at Northmoor C. C. removed 60 diseased elms in February . . . Oscar Miles tells us that Olympia Fields C. C. will host the 1968 "Western Open" . . . A question was asked at our last meeting—"Why haven't we had a Pro-Supt. joint meeting?"—Good question. . .


Medinah C. C. is trying out purchasing and sorting bulk fertilizer in a bin—a report from Gerald should be in order about next November . . . Ron Rossett at Skokie C. C. will install several cart paths this spring—Skokie C. C.'s new clubhouse addition is a real thing of beauty . . . Don Gricus, former Pro-Supt. at the Valley Lo Sportsman Club in Glenview

is now the Superintendent at the Fort Sheridan G. C. . . . Former Superintendent of Fort Sheridan G. C. and Midwest member Chuck Crater, is now attending language school in Texas and will go to Viet Nam in 8 months.

During January '67 Silver Lake C. C. constructed a 145 ft. concrete bridge on their South course—This spring Superintendent Dudley Smith will sod six newly constructed tees with Penncross . . . George Druzisky at Thorngate C. C. will reconstruct his #2 tee, install 4 new cart paths, and construct a new bridge . . . Jerry Cheeseman is investigating "Monday Golf Policies" at several Chicago Area Clubs and will have a report for the **Bull Sheet** in the near future . . . Harold Fredrickson's new assistant, Phil Bersin, comes from Olympia Fields C. C. after 1 year training there—Phil is a Penn State U. graduate and comes from Quincy, Ill. . . . Adolph Bertucci and Paul Voykin were interviewed on WEEF radio, Saturday, March 25th. The topic was golf courses and turf in general. . . .

Ron Rossett at Skokie C. C. has installed C. B. radios on his equipment . . . Much thanks to Paul Popp and the Indian Lake G. C., hosts of our April meeting . . . Bill Stupple turned up at our April meeting—he really looks good after losing 25 pounds and is now down to 210 pounds. He soaked up 2 weeks of Florida sun and for the remainder of the winter he baby-sat with his grandchildren.

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