

Mid-West Greenkeepers' Association

Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of articles we will run that appeared in early editions of The Bulletin of the United States Golf Association Green Section. This month's article appeared in Vol. 11, No. 2, February 1931. This is one of the earliest records that I have seen of our association. The "purpose of the association" was no doubt the original and it has been changed to what we now have today in our bylaws. Bob Williams can recall attending this meeting with his father when he was ten years old.

A.L. Brandon

Our association developed out of a mass meeting of greenkeepers held in the Great Northern Hotel, Chicago, November 29, 1926, after golf courses in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana had been circularized. It was incorporated under the laws of Illinois, December 24, 1926. We have now 70 active members, who are located in a centralized area within a radius of 150 miles from Chicago. Any greenkeeper or assistant greenkeeper who has had 3 years of experience in actual greenkeeping and those holding the combined position of greenkeeper and professional are eligible for active membership in the association; any person directly or indirectly interested in the development of golf courses is eligible for associate membership. The annual dues are \$5, in addition to which there is a \$5 initiation fee. As stated in the corporate records of the organization the objects for which it was formed were:

"To associate and unite those persons engaged in the construction, reconstruction, development,

improvement, and maintenance of golf courses and their attributes, particularly known and designated as greenkeepers.

"To promote, in any manner, the lawful and legitimate interests of its members; to assist in the development and advancement of the science of greenkeeping for the purpose of improving, standardizing, and developing methods of efficient and economic maintenance of golf courses.

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"To collect, promulgate, and disseminate practical and scientific knowledge of problems and methods of greenkeeping of every kind and nature; to facilitate and promote the interchange of ideas among the members; and to edit, publish, distribute, and circulate magazines, periodicals, bulletins, and journals of all kinds pertaining to the activities and objects of the association."

Meetings are held monthly. Winter meetings are held indoors at the Great Northern Hotel and are educational in character, the round table discussions proving extremely valuable. It is the attempt of the association to present an authority at each meeting to address the membership. Summer meetings have been held at various clubs throughout our membership district since the existence of the organization. Members have visited a large representative number of clubs. Green committee members are cordially welcome to our meetings but we find it hard to gain a representative attendance.

The annual meeting of the association is held in Chicago, January 5. Additional meetings during 1930 were held as follows:

January 29.

At this meeting arrangements were made for the participation of the association in the convention of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America at Louisville, Ky.

February 26.

The meeting was addressed by C. M. Harrison, of the United States Golf Association Green Section.

April 9.

The meeting was addressed by O.J. Noer, soil expert.

April 28.

First outdoor meeting; Medinah Country Club, Medinah, Ill.

May 26.

Chain O' Lakes Country Club, Antioch, Ill.

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June 30.

Harlem Hills Country club,
Rockford, Ill.

July 8.

Meeting held in conjunction with
the meeting of the United States
Golf Association Green Section,
on the A.D. Lasker estate,
Everett, Ill.

July 28.

Skokie Country Club, Glencoe, Ill.

August 25.

Shoreacres Golf Club, Lake Bluff,
Ill.

September 8.

Annual Mid-West tournament at
Medinah Country Club.

September 29.

Chicago Golf Club, Wheaton, Ill.

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were as follows:

*President, M. L. Bezek,
Beverly Country Club;
first vice-president,
Pete Stewart, Lake Shore
Country Club;
second vice-president,
John MacGregor, Chicago
Golf Club; treasurer,
Fred Kruger, Olympia
Fields Country Club;
secretary, A. L. Brandon,
St. Charles Country Club,
St. Charles, Ill.*

December 5.

Indoor meeting, addresses by
A.S. Dahl, of the United States
Golf Association Green Section.

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Country Club; first vice-president,
Alfred Buller, Chikaming Country
Club; second vice-president, R. N.
Johnson, Medinah Country Club;
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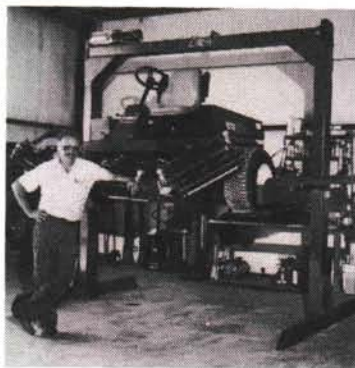
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