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Chicago Golf Club

THE OCTOBER MEETING
CHICAGO GOLF CLUB
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1951
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PRO-SUPERINTENDENT TOURNAMENT AT ST. ANDREWS COUNTRY CLUB,
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THE BULL SHEET, monthly publication of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents. Editor, William H. Stuppel Associate Editors, Bert Rost, Al Johnson

THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

October 1951 marks the end of the first twenty five years of the existence of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents and the beginning of what we hope to be an even more successful era. At this time I would like to pay tribute to those of our members who, thru the years, have worked so hard to make our organization what it is today. It would be impossible to mention them all, but I would like to mention one, he who worked so hard to get the Association started and who has been working for the Association ever since. He is John MacGregor, first president, and president also in 1927-28-37-38, John was also president of the National Association in 1932-33. Today after 25 years, John rarely misses a meeting and is in there pitching all the time. Our many thanks to you, John, for your good work and hope you continue as you have in the last 25 years.

John has kindly consented to write an article on the 25 years of the Association, and which you will find elsewhere in this issue.

William H. Stuppel, President

IT RAINED, BUT WE HAD A GOOD TIME

Yes, the weatherman failed us on August 20, date of our Guest Day at Bonnie Dundee. Notwithstanding the dampness, however, 15 out of the 25 starters finished 18 holes of golf. Jock Anderson and Miss Harms served us with the usual delicious dinner and a bull session and social hour followed.

THE TOURNAMENT AT PURDUE

The G. C. S. A. tournament at Purdue University was held on Sept. 10-11. Ten members of the Midwest played and although none of them could cop a championship, they were in there doing their durndest. Emil Mashie finished in a tie for fourth place and Burt Rost and Joe Canale placed in the first eighteen who received flags. Paul Shurtz won the individual championship and the Cleveland team won the team championship. Well, 1952 is another year and we will be back in there pitching.

FALL TOURNAMENT AT CHICAGO GOLF

Our annual Fall Tournament will be held at the beautiful Chicago Golf at Wheaton, Illinois, on Monday October 15. Supt. Nels Lundblad will be our host. Georg Roloff, Tournament Ch. is getting together a fine bunch of prizes and thinks that this is going to be an even greater Tournament than Frank Dinelli ran last year. Alex Stuppel, pro at Chicago Golf, has a fine colored movie of famous golf courses and has kindly volunteered to show it to us in the evening. Do you remember the wonderful prizes Frank had last year? Well, there will be plenty of the same this year, so you had better come out and grab one off.

Mrs. Bob Chamberlin reports that the ladies had a lovely time at Purdue.

Here's a way to help solve the labor shortage. Bill Krafft gets his wife out on the course to help him. On the day of our meeting at Fox Lake, she was out cutting greens and when she got thru she went out and changed the cups. We understand that she watered the greens the night before. How do you do it, Bill?

MIDWEST DONATES TROPHY

The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents and the Wisconsin Greenkeepers Association have, for many years, been having a joint meeting once a year. Each Association is host to the other on alternate years. The members have played golf together but there has never been any kind of a team trophy to be played for. The Directors of the Midwest thought it would be a good idea to put up some sort of a trophy to be played for at these joint meetings by a team of four men from each association. In fact, the four low scorers comprise the team. It was ordered that a suitable trophy be found for this purpose and Frank Mastroleo, one of the Charter members of our Association, very graciously donated the cup which is now known as the Midwest-Wisconsin Trophy. It sure is a dandy, and I am sure that both Associations are going to try hard to take it home with them each year.

THE MEETING AT FOX LAKE

It was a beautiful day, the day of our meeting with the Wisconsin Greenkeepers Association. It was held at Fox Lake Country Club where Bill Krafft is Superintendent. The Course is in the rolling country of that part of Lake county and some of the holes are really honeys, especially number 6 where most of the boys had trouble. The course was in fine shape and Bill and the clubhouse staff did everything in their power to make it an enjoyable day. Sixty golfers toured the course in the afternoon. As usual there was a putting contest also for those who did not play. Pete Stewart, Frank Dinelli and Cy Graham, who for some reason did not play, ended in a deadlock for first, with Pete the eventual winner of the playoff. There were some really fine scores in the afternoon with the Midwest men scoring the best and carrying off the Midwest-Wisconsin Trophy which was played for, for the first time. In the evening we were served a wonderful buffet dinner and if anybody went away hungry or didn't get an extra piece of pie, it was his own fault. It was some feed. Present at our meeting was Dr. William H. Daniel of Purdue, Dr. Roy Shenefelt of the University of Wisconsin and Dr. Ralph Voigt of Illinois. Dr. Daniel gave us a short talk on the work at Purdue and on golf course turf in general. Dr. Shenefelt, who was our principal speaker gave us a very interesting and valuable talk on white grubs and their control. After the presentation of the trophy and prizes, the meeting adjourned and everybody allowed they had had a wonderful time, and were looking forward to our next meeting with our neighbors from Wisconsin. The president, especially, had a good time; he won the golf bag. Refreshments on the course were by courtesy of Roseman Tractor Mower Co.

Prize winners were as follows:

The team that won the trophy for the Midwest were, El Pruess, John Coghill, Ralph Wymer Jr., Bill Krafft.

1st low net for members, Bill Stuppel; 2nd, Ray Rolfs; 3rd, El Pruess; 4th, Julius Goffo; 5th, Stan Arendt; 6th, Les Verhaalen; 7th, Jock MacIntosh; 8th, Audie Williams; 9th, Dom Grotti; 10th, John Coghill; 11th, Bob Chamberlin; 12th, Bill Saielli. 1st low net for guests, Rev. Mel Blume; 2nd, T. Lindholm; 3rd, L. Miller; 4th, H. Michel; 5th, O. Johnson. Putting Contest, 1st, Pete Stewart; 2nd, Frank Dinelli; 3rd, Cy Graham. Prize for high score of the day, Al Purvey. This prize was donated by Lem Conn of Dupont.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

25 Progressive Years Of The Mid-West Golf Course Superintendent's Association

by John MacGregor

Not having any records or data of the Association to go by since it's origin, there may be omissions which are not intentional, because there are numerous members who contributed much toward the advancement of the Mid-West. Presidents who have served during the past 25 years, I have spoken of briefly, not having at hand, their contributions to the Association.

This being the 25th Anniversary of the organization, perhaps a review of the origin and progress made during the span of 25 years would be of interest to your members, charter, regular and associate.

The organization of National Association of Greenkeeper's of America was formed at the Sylvania Golf Club, Sylvania, Ohio, in the month of September, 1926. At that meeting, officers and directors were chosen to direct the affairs of the Association. The writer was one of the directors chosen. The National President, John Morley, requested me, being the director of that district, to get the greenkeepers together for a meeting with the purpose of organizing in that district. A simple request, but what a mighty task it turned out to be. My family and myself worked for two weeks getting the first notices out, with the aid of the FRAZER GOLF YEARBOOK. We sent notices to every club in the States of Wisconsin, Iowa, Indiana and Illinois. Five-hundred in all and out of the 500, sixteen interested men came to the first meeting, which was held at the Great Northern Hotel at Jackson and Dearborn Streets in November, 1926.

The first officers were chosen from among those at this meeting and were as follows:

PRESIDENT John MacGregor
VICE-PRESIDENT Alex Binnie
SECRETARY Ed. B. Dearie
TREASURER Fred Sherwood

The name of the association was decided on and the name chosen was the Mid-West Greenkeeper's Association. The directors names I do not recall, however, committees appointed were, by-laws and membership; these committees being the most necessary toward the building of a young organization.

The following year the by-laws were drawn up with the aid of a lawyer, submitted to the membership and accepted. Regular monthly meetings were held and problems were discussed, which at that period was something unheard of. It was really difficult to speak of his experiences on any subject, as many of that era, guarded their secrets zealously. However, as time went on and more meetings were held, the boys reflected a more friendly attitude toward each other, problems were being discussed more freely.

Our membership increased month by month through members discussing the association with greenkeepers at other clubs who were not eager to join, until they were better informed on the aims and objects of the association. As time went on, more committees were appointed, which were thought necessary.

My mind has been so concentrated on our Association, I almost forgot to tell you about the first National Convention, which was held in the Sherman Hotel in Chicago in the month of March, 1927.

The Mid-West Greenkeepers Association being the host, all arrangements had to be made for this event by our Association. Every member very actively participated to make it a success.

If my memory serves me right, I believe there were 80 greenkeepers there from many parts of the country. Through the cooperation of John Morley, President and Robert Powers, who by this time was the Editor of the National Greenkeeper, we were able to present a very fine list of speakers for our first turf conference.

Everyone was very much enthused about the progress made in the few months the greenkeepers had been organized. The Convention was a complete success and the M.W.G.A. was congratulated for it's fine work.

The Association progressed and membership increased. The same officers were elected for the year 1927 and again in 1928. By the end of 1928, the membership had increased to 90 or more.

Alex Binnie was elected President for the year 1929. The association kept pace with the previous years; interesting meetings continued, golf was played and more of the members became interested.

Matt Bezek was elected President for the years 1930-1. Under Matt's regime, interest kept pace; meetings continued during the golf season at the clubs where the greenkeeper was a member and where the meeting and dinner were held, those who did not play golf walked over the golf course, interested in the condition of the particular course. Some very interesting discussions developed, pertinent to maintenance problems.

We had bi-monthly get-togethers for golf (such as President Stupple is now advocating). Everyone who played golf had to turn in his score card to the Chairman of the Golf Committee, to establish his handicap for the annual tournament. The Association donated a cup which had to be won three times by the same person before it became his property. The rule for the tournament was anyone competing for the cup had to play 36 holes the day of the tournament. There was always a good turn-out for this event.

Ralph Johnson was the next President for the years 1932-3. Ralph's tenure in office was very successful and the association continued to go ahead with interesting meetings and golf. The Winter meetings, which I forgot to mention, were held in a hotel in Chicago. The N.A.G.A. Convention was held in the Sherman Hotel in Chicago and was the most successful convention yet held. The committees were very active. Ed Dearie was the General Chairman and did a wonderful job. The Mid-West was highly complimented for it's fine work.

Gus Brandon was President during the year of 1934. The association continued to grow in membership and interest during his term of office.

Cyril Tregillus was President for the year 1935. He was an excellent executive.

Frank Dinelli was the next President and served for the year of 1936. Frank was a strong advocate of the short course in greenkeeping.

John MacGregor was again President during 1937-1938.

Harold Clemens was President for the year 1939. He was a very methodical man in his administration.

Graham Gardiner was President during the years 1940-1. Regular meetings and golf as usual, with the question box in vogue. Graham was President when the N.A.G.A. Convention was held in the Sherman Hotel in Chicago. This being the third Convention held in Chicago. This also was a very successful convention. John Darrah was the General Chairman and I believe the committees worked hard, which was evidenced by the success of their efforts. The Mid-West was highly complimented on it's success.

John Darrah was President for the year 1942. Up to John's administration, the Association was strictly a membership organization. During that year, associate members were admitted. Membership increased at once.

Ray Gerber was the next President and served during the years 1943-4. Membership continued to increase and interest continued. During Ray's reign, he worked with the C.D.G.A. in building two putting greens and a pitch and putt course for the veterans at Hines Hospital. . . . the boys at the hospital really enjoyed their Pee Wee Golf Course.

Ray Didier was the President during the years 1945-6. The question box had become regular routine at the meetings. The short course at Purdue had also developed into a yearly event and was well attended. The turf committee was very active and contributed much valuable information.

Don Strand was the next President elected for the years 1947-8. The association progressed greatly. Membership increased. Don was a very active President. The turf committee continued functioning and kept after the University of Illinois about an experimental garden. The committee also helped those who requested aid. The greenkeeper's calendar was a valuable contribution to the profession. Bob Williams was the author.

Mel Warnecke was the President for the year 1949. The fine work of the committees continued under Mel's leadership. Golf at the meetings was stressed and more men were playing golf, which is a great asset to themselves and their club. It is surprising what you see while playing golf that you do not see walking or riding over the golf course.

William Stupple was elected President for the years 1950-1. The 1950 National Convention was again held in Chicago at the Sherman Hotel. Bill was the General Chairman and the committees functioned well under his leadership. The most successful convention ever held was the result; the ladies will vouch for that, I am sure, so far as they were concerned. Bill is doing a fine job as President.

The meetings are well attended; instructive and educational. The turf garden so long fought for is near reality. The University of Illinois is eventually very much interested. The committees are active and producing excellent results.

Remarkable progress has been made in mowing equipment. Twenty-five years ago many were still using push type putting green mowers. It took a great deal of convincing to change to power those who were skeptical. However, today every golf course has been converted to the power putting green mower. It is fortunate, too, because it would be almost impossible to induce the present day workman to push a putting green mower. Fairway mowing equipment has been greatly improved so that fairways today almost without exception, have beautiful evenly cut turf. Rough mowing has become a simple operation today because of the development of mowers which enable one to mow rough more frequently and economically. When one looks back to the days when rough was cut with the sickle bar, and the raking together of the cut grass and hauling away of the grass, one can realize the advancement in mowing equipment.

When you look back and remember the types of sprayers that were in use years ago, one wonders how it was possible to accomplish what had to be done. Today it is a pleasure to operate the latest type sprayers because of the economy in time, material and labor, so we can truly say we have progressed.

The U.S.G.A. green section, and many universities have contributed enormously through research at the various experimental gardens and short courses, toward more economical maintenance. Chemicals have been developed for the control of weeds, brown patch, dollar spot and other fungi, earthworms, ants and other pests, fertilizer practices, better grasses for putting greens and fairways although location, climatic conditions play a very important part in the type of grass used.

All of these advancements have been brought about during the past 25 years.

The superintendent of today is a serious student of the profession. He is intelligent in his application of the information at hand. The next 25 years will see advances in maintenance methods just as revolutionary as we have seen during the past 25 years.

May the future of the Mid-West Superintendents' Association be a bright one.

PLEASE NOTE

The date of the Pro-Superintendents meeting at St. Andrews has been changed from Oct. 1 to Oct. 8.

MAINTAINANCE HINTS

The job of keeping the grass cut at the base of trees and under fences has long been a problem to golf course superintendents. Here at our club, the job required about eighty-five hours labor and a power trim mower. I have seen the job done using a scythe and then raking the cut grass and hauling it away, which would require at least twice as much labor and expense. When the grass has been trimmed, it is only a matter of three or four weeks and the whole job must be repeated. With the present labor costs being what they are, we are continually trying to reduce labor wherever possible. With the foregoing in mind it occurred to me that we would be much better off with no turf at all at the base of trees and the golfers would be better off, too, as they would prefer to hit a ball from bare ground as compared to hitting a shot from a clump of overgrown grass. We set out to accomplish the job of having bare ground at the base of our trees rather than turf that occasionally grew too high for either good golf or good groomed appearance. We started out with a three gallon Hudson sprayer filled with fuel oil and sprayed around all the trees in one area and waited and watched to see what the results would be. After a period of two weeks, we were so well satisfied with the looks of the job that we went ahead and treated every tree on the course. The time was about 24 hours labor and the material amounted to about thirty gallons. The spray covered about 14 to 18 inches out from the base of the tree. The average time for treating each tree is about 15 seconds. Some new growth started after three months and a second application has been made that will last the balance of the season.

I was afraid at first that there might be some damage to the trees but it seemingly has no effect on them. I checked this possibility with several tree experts and they agreed that no damage should occur as long as the material is kept away from the bark of the tree. Undoubtedly other materials would serve the same purpose. We picked fuel oil because we had a supply available, and its cost was very reasonable. An additional time and labor saving was effected by placing the sprayer on a caddy cart and wheeling it from tree to tree.

Bob Williams

SPREADING IT THIN

The three sons of John Coghill of Silver Lake are recovering from the chicken pox.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Didier of Tam O' Shanter are now two time grand parents.

Ray Didier used one pint of the 8 pound per gallon chlordane emulsion with Cadminate and severely burned a green. Other cadmium materials seem to be compatible.

Ronald Peter Bild, son of Peter J. Bild of Woodridge, was hit by a car September 2 on Crescent Blvd, Lombard. The boy was severely shaken up, had several cuts and bruises, but is recovering rapidly. Ronald missed the first day of school.

Ben Warren is planting 20 acres of B27 blue grass. H & E Nursery will be able to offer some in the spring and the sod nursery at Bloomingdale is putting in seven acres.

Al Wetzel, 22, who worked for Gerald Dearie at Edgewater for two years, came home after three years in the army in Japan. Al spent one summer at Koganei golf course in Tokyo in charge of the greens. Al reports that golf courses in Japan are natural, that every hazard is natural and greens and tees are fitted in. When Al came to Japan, he found that they were cutting fairways with hand sickles and that there were 75 men on the maintenance crew, each paid \$20.00 per month. Al introduced the fairway gang mower to this particular golf course. Greens were, and still are, cut with hand mowers. Al found the Japanese easy to get along with and that they were hard workers. Bermuda grass is used on fairways and greens and Kentucky blue grass and red top are used on the greens for winter play. The rainfall in Japan is very plentiful. As part of his duties, Al had to build a new green. Having worked for Gerald for two years, but not having much experience in greens construction, Al had to read extensively and call on his imagination for construction details. Here is what he did, "I got hold of twenty truck loads of heavy gravel, boulders 4" to 6" in size and spread them over the greens area. Then I spread rock about as big as your thumb to fill in between. Then I used volcanic ash like porous cinders that holds moisture like a sponge. I used three inches of this material and then topped the green with two feet of soil and sodded it from a nursery of Bermuda sod which I had established. The green turned out fine."

Bill Daniel of the Midwest Turf Foundation spent three days in the Chicago district and was with us at our Fox Lake meeting. Bill has some very interesting reports on fertilizer from the Argo Starch Works, using water from washing corn and starch. This water is concentrated by evaporation and some is being used on grassplots. Bill is going to run greenhouse trials this winter. Bill says, "It looks as though fairway improvement is the Superintendent's biggest job from now on."

On the 16th hole at Fox Lake, Stan Arendt put his second shot in the clubhouse garage. Stan claimed the garage had no business being there and that he ought not be penalized, but he couldn't get away with it.

Bill Oates is reported in the St. Charles Hospital

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GRUB CONTROL WITH CHLORDANE

by J. Everett Bussart, Entomologist, Veliscol, Corp.

Chlordane has been found to be very effective in the control of white grubs and Japanese Beetle larvae in the soil. The current recommendations are to apply 10 pounds of actual chlordane per acre.

Tests have shown that applications of chlordane at the rate of 10 pounds actual per acre provide residual control for a period of at least three years. The actual length of residual protection beyond three years has not been completely determined since the tests are still in progress.

A quicker kill of the grubs has been obtained with chlordane than any other insecticide. At the dosage given above, a high percentage of initial kill will be observed within 48-72 hours. Temperature is an important factor in the grub control and tests have shown the kill at 60° F. is double at 50° F., three times as much at 70° F., and four times as much at 80° F.

Formulations containing chlordane available for use in this application are water emulsifiable concentrates and wettable powders. Tabulated below is the quantity of each formulation to use per acre to provide 10 pounds of actual chlordane per acre.

Formulation	Quantity
45-48% Emulsifiable Concentrate	2-½ gallons
72-75% Emulsifiable Concentrate	1-¼ gallons
40% Wettable Powder	25 pounds
50% Wettable Powder	20 pounds

Regardless of which formulation is used, sufficient water should be used to carry the formulation into the soil where the grubs are actually doing the damage.

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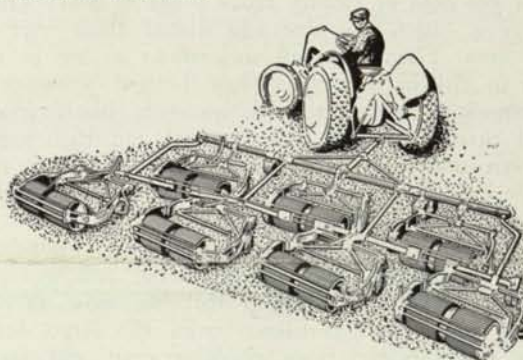
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