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Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents

Our 27th Year



Frank Mastroleo and
"Frank Mastroleo Trophy"

THE NOVEMBER MEETING
BONNIE DUNDEE COUNTRY CLUB
Dundee, Illinois

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1952
JOCK ANDERSON & AL RAUCH, our Hosts

GOLF IN AFTERNOON
DINNER 6:30 P. M.

MEETING IN EVENING
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OUR ANNUAL FALL DANCE IS
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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Two of our members were recently honored by their respective clubs for long and faithful service.

Saturday, September 13, was set aside by the members of Geneva Country Club as Frank Mastroleo Day to honor their Superintendent, Frank Mastroleo. It was a big day for Frank, it honored him for his 32 years of service to the club and to many of the members, Frank has been a familiar figure and helper since childhood and is now serving the third generation of some families. About 150 members played golf and stayed for supper. A buffet lunch was served at noon and refreshments all day long. Frank was presented with an easy chair and an electric razor. The membership also presented a cup to be known as the "Frank Mastroleo Trophy" to be played for as an annual event.

Al Purvey, Superintendent of McHenry Country Club was honored by his club for his 30 years of service. The members arranged a big dinner at the club at which Al and Mrs. Purvey were guests. It was a great event and a great honor for Al. Al received a gold watch and he and Mrs. Purvey also received many other gifts.

Our Association is very proud of these men and of the service they represent. They are both charter members of the Association and are loyal and faithful members, attending meetings faithfully, although both must travel great distances to attend. Our congratulations, Frank and Al.

I am happy to announce that in the future our official publication, The Bull Sheet, will also be sent to our good friends and neighbors, the Wisconsin Greenkeepers and I hope that they will get a great deal of enjoyment out of it.

Our Entertainment Chairman, George Roloff has scheduled our annual Fall Dance for Saturday, November 22 at Benhardt's Hall in Roselle, Illinois. It has been a long hard season and it is time to relax, so give the little woman a break and take her out to Roselle for an enjoyable evening.

Ray Davis, President

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ON THE AILING LIST

Mel Warneke, Supt. Evanston Country Club, underwent an emergency operation at the St. Francis Hospital in Evanston on October 20. At last report he was getting along in good shape but would be in the hospital for several weeks. Our sincere wishes for a speedy recovery, Mel.

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Bill Rueck, veteran member of the Midwest, has left Big Oaks Country Club after many years to take the position of Superintendent at Mauh-Nah-Teessee Country Club at Rockford, Illinois. Bill started on his new job October 11.

The Midwest Nominating Committee met at Frank Dinelli's Northmoor Country Club on Monday, October 20 to make a preliminary selection of candidates for office for 1953. Frank was the perfect host to say the least. The committee plans to get together again at Bonnie Dundee on November 3.

JOHN COGHILL WINS FALL TOURNAMENT

John Coghill of Silver Club was crowned new Midwest golf champion at our Annual Fall Tournament held at Ravisloe Country Club on October 6. The championship is figured on low net score.

It was a beautiful fall day, a little on the chilly side perhaps, but a great day for golf. Fifty some odd golfers turned out to tour host Walter Killmer's excellent golf course. Some of the boys had a little trouble with Wilter's thousands of trees, which, by the way, have been all planted by Walter. It was a great day and everybody had a wonderful time. After golf we retired to the clubhouse and partook of one of Walter's famous buffet dinners. What a spread.

The regular meeting of the Association followed the dinner. Most of the regular business was dispensed with. However, two important items were taken up. Pres. Davis called for recommendations for officers to be submitted to the Nominating Committee of the National Association. Ray Gerber nominated Bob Williams as a candidate for National Director. The motion was duly seconded and passed. Pres. Davis appointed the Midwest Nominating Committee consisting of Frank Dinelli, Bill Stupple, Stan Arendt, Dom Grotti and Ray Gerber, Chairman. The committee was instructed to get busy as soon as possible and select a slate of officers for 1953. Walter Strange, a new member was introduced to the members. Pres. Eckstein of Ravisloe was introduced and invited us back again in the near future. The meeting was then turned over to Tournament Committee Chairman Herman Whoerle and the prizes were distributed. Winners were: 1st low net and new champ, John Coghill; 2. Mike Polacci; 3. Frank Dinelli; 4. Jock MacIntosh; 5. Al Pruess; 6. Ray Runfeldt; 7. Joe Canale; 8. Bill Krafft; 9. Al Purvey; 10. Chuck Daugherty; 11. Julius Goffo; 12. Charley Vann; 13. Julius Buchen; 14. Adolph Bertucci; 15. Tom Flynn; 16. Al Rauch. 17. Mike Coyne; 18. Ray Gerber; 19. Stan Arendt; 20. Amos Lapp; 21. Lawrence Marcuzinski; 22. Andy Dunn; 23. Emil Mashie; 24. Bill Saielli; 25. Bill Stupple; 26. Bob Williams; 27. Emil Cassier; 28. Warren Roseman; 29. Dick Buchen; 30. Norm Kramer; 31. Frank Mastroleo; 32. Ed Muzik; 33. Pete Bild; 34. Eddie Wohlenberg; 35. Oscar Borgmeier. 1st Blind Bogey. Jerrv Transier; 2. Dom Grotti; 3. Bob Chamberlin; 4. Bob Breen; 5. Carter MacIntosh; 6. R. Simmonson; 7. L. Clanahan; 8. John Anderson; 9. E. Schmidt; 10. Ray Yele; 11. Russ Reid; 12. A. Frieberger.

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Dom Grotti, Supt. Sunset Ridge Country Club, has completely renovated his tees this fall. He has enlarged them in every direction possible to give him more tee space. Dom says that the tees should be as large as the greens. He is seeding and sodding with Seaside bent. Dom also enlarged his lake on the course and used the material for fill for his tees.

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A number of Superintendents from the Chicago area recently had an enjoyable day at Tripoli Country Club, Milwaukee, Wisconsin as guests of Mr. Vic Kadish, of the Milwaukee Sewerage Commission (Milorganite). The boys enjoyed a game of golf, a wonderful dinner at the club and a social hour afterwards. Orville Decker, Tripoli Supt., had the course in great shape and received many compliments from the visitors.

THE ZOYSIAS AS TURF GRASSES IN THE MIDWEST

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In a constant effort to develop superior grasses for turf production, those in turf research are very interested in selections of Zoysia grasses. Since there has been considerable publicity on the new grasses, this memo attempts to summarize our present information.

Recently several selections of zoysias have been tested in our Midwest Regional Turf Foundation experimental plots, and the U. S. G. A. Green Section has been especially interested in a zoysia breeding program. So far Meyer (Z-52) Zoysia (a fine-leaved, vigorous selection of common Zoysia japonica) has been one of the better selections. Also Z-73, a seedling selection from Meyer Zoysia, is being tried experimentally. Zoysia matrella, which has been used on several tees in Louisville, has a fine texture but tended to winter-kill, especially in 1951-52. Limited seed of the common Zoysia japonica is imported from the Orient. There have been only experimental quantities of seed of Meyer or other selections harvested, but seed yields have been good. In addition to a lack of seed, vegetative material is very limited in quantity.

Disadvantages of Meyer (Z-52) Zoysia

- (1) It is slow growing, especially in competition.
- (2) Both seed and vegetative planting material are scarce or unavailable.
- (3) Zoysia seed germinates slowly (like bluegrass) and seedlings grow slowly. (like Merion bluegrass).
- (4) Turf may have some invasion of annual winter weeds as chickweed.
- (5) Rhizomes may be a nuisance around flowerbeds.
- (6) Probably will not tolerate cool, shady areas in Midwest.
- (7) Turns brown gradually in fall.
- (8) Greens up slowly in spring.
- (9) There is a need for mechanical ways of placing and establishing zoysia plugs, sprigs or seedlings into existing turf.

Advantage of Meyer (Z-52) Zoysia

- (1) Grows well during season of most golf use.
- (2) Forms a dense cushion mat.
- (3) Can be cut closely.
- (4) Runners grow under and through other vegetation.
- (5) Is very drought tolerant, but its "wet-feet" ability is questionable.
- (6) Responds to heavy spring and summer nitrogen feeding.
- (7) Has wintered practically as well without as with mulch.
- (8) May be planted, particularly as plugs, until late summer.
- (9) Is better than U-3 for fall and late spring color.
- (10) Turf when brown is still very dense and playable.
- (11) Is very tolerant to chemicals, so weedy grasses can be treated.

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Al Johnson at Indian Hill has been busy supervising the erection of a building to cover two of his curling rinks. The building is 40 feet by 150 feet.

BULL SHEET CIRCULATION INCREASES

Pres. Davis has given THE BULL SHEET editor permission to increase the circulation by sending the Sheet to our friends in Wisconsin. This means that every Superintendent in Wisconsin will be entitled to receive the publication monthly. There are about 125 golf courses in Wisconsin. This step is made possible by the good financial condition of our paper. It is expected that this move will be made with the current issue, providing we have time to obtain correct mailing list on rather short notice. We sincerely hope the Wisconsin Superintendents will enjoy reading our publication.

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Ray Gerber, the sage of the West side recalled the days of the making of Maple Sirup. The Mole suggested he wanted to plant some Maple Trees and make some maple sugar in the near future. Gerber leaned back in his easy chair.

"I don't believe you have the faintest idea of the making of Maple Sirup or of Maple Sugar," says Gerber, "or of the work involved. When I was a kid we had to collect the sap from the trees in the pasture. Depending on the season, a BIG tree might give a gallon of sap a day, and it took 50 gallons of sap to make 1 gallon of good syrup. When I say depending on the weather, the kind of a day that made the sap really flow was a cold night followed by a warm day. With this kind of a day a real good large tree might give off a bucket of sap a day. Mother had a big kettle on the back of the kitchen stove and she evaporated the sap in this kettle during the sugar season. They might have quicker ways of making sirup and sugar now but they never made better syrup than we made at home. Young Fellow, if you planted trees now and waited till they were big enough to tap for sap, you would not be able to toddle along to collect it".

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Grass plants possess an astonishingly large root system. It has been estimated that a single rye plant may develop, in one season, a total root length of 387 miles and an additional 6603 miles of root hairs! H. J. Dittmer, in his "A Comparative Study of the Subterranean Members of Three Field Grasses," states that in one cubic inch of soil Kentucky blue grass may develop 4000 lineal feet of root growth! Competent authorities have also said that for every pound of above-ground dry matter produced by grass crops, 200 to 500 or more pounds of water are required by the plants, not including that lost through runoff, drainage and evaporation.

The season of the year is approaching when wind, ice and snow can do much damage to trees. Now is the time to look your trees over and help strengthen any weak crotches with cabling and bracing. Not all branch breakage can be prevented by cabling, and bracing, but properly installed cables do give the branches extra strength to resist the strains and stresses imposed by storms, and may add years of useful life to the tree.

Shade Tree Digest

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Mr. Eckhouse, for many years the Chairman of the Grounds at Ravisloe C. C. with us at our annual tournament there in October. He has been member at Ravisloe for 27 years and planted 6400 trees while the chairman of the committee.

SPREADING IT THIN

Al Pruess of Bunker Hill C. C. rebuilt the first tee resodding with Washinton Bent. The tee is 3700 square feet and Al plans to make it still larger in the fall of 1953.

Ray Davis has about finished a complete raking, brushing and areating of all the greens at Medinah C.C.

John Boettger of Idlewilde C. C. reports he put in a large nursery of C15 and 1/2 acre of Merion Blue Grass. John plans to replace some grass on both tees and greens in 1953.

Norm Kramer of Silver Lake C. C. resodded one tee with Merion Blue Grass and seeded six tees with a mixture containing Merion and Seaside Bent. Norm's daughter, Laurette Susan, is doing well and gets sweeter every day. Norm says his tees and greens are exceptionally good this fall.

John Coghill and his family plan to leave for Florida the middle of December.

Stanley Arendt rebuilt 3 greens and the practice green at Inverness this fall. Stanley used Washington Bent. Stanley's son Stanley Jr. has been unreported in Korea since November 1950. Stanley was born and raised in the house just off the 3rd green of the Ravisloe C. C. at Homewood.

John Darrach is growing about 30 acres of Merion Blue Grass for seed. This years harvest was used to thicken the stand in the field. John hopes to be able to offer a seed that will readily germinate in this climate.

John Wareham of the Creston Ia. C. C. visited the Chicago area Oct. 7th.

Herman Woehrle and his wife, of Kankakee Valley C. C. are returning to Germany for Herman's first visit in 25 years. Starting December 22nd and traveling by air, they will be with his sister and her family and several aunts and Uncles at Stuttgart, Germany, on Christmas Eve. They will return February 1st.

Our best wishes go with Mrs. and Mr. Woehrle for a Happy Christmas and a glad reunion with his family.

Peter Stewart has been busy rebuilding No. 6 green at Butterfield C. C. and has incorporated 100 lb. Krillium, rototilling it to a depth of 4" after application. The Krillium has helped greatly in increased friability of the soil and Peter is very pleased with the results.

Bill Schwartz of Hinsdale C. C. has started setting valves in the fairways to eliminate the hose system they have used for the last 25 years. He plans to do about 4 fairways a year till the job is done, and is paying special attention to providing drainage for the line.

Emil Cassier and his wife from Sycamore Park District and their two daughters plan a trip either to Florida or Arizona early in December.

The Sycamore Park District plans to drill an artesian well and to erect a fountain in the memory of Vernon Wetzel, who died on the course of a heart attack July 4th. Mr. Wetzel had attended many meetings with Emil during the eight years he was president of the Park District.

Dick Buchen and his father are continuing the greens rebuilding program started two years ago and plan to rebuild 5 greens yet this fall. They started 55,000 square feet of C15 in August which they plan to use for resodding. So far they have rebuilt 8 greens.

Matt Bezek is now with the Chapel Hills South Cemetery, Worth, Ill. Matt likes his new work.

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WISCONSIN FALL TOURNAMENT

Our annual tournament meeting was held on Monday, October 13, 1952, at the Kenosha Country Club. Bert Barrows was Host Greenkeeper, and had the course well groomed. The weather was not too bad during the afternoon, although somewhat cool and gray, with scattered showers. About 25 were present, with all regular members participating in the tournament play. John Crewe had the low-gross score of 82, and is the new champion. Howard Gabbey had second low-gross with 84. John Stampfl had the low-net score of 80.

Following the afternoon golf game, the boys enjoyed a social hour at the Club House. We then adjourned to Krock's Lake Shore Restaurant for dinner. After dinner, Howard Gabbey, President, acknowledged with thanks the facilities afforded for our meeting by the Kenosha Country Club, with personal thanks to Bert Barrows and Alex Morwaski, Club House Manager. All present extended birthday greetings to Frank Bradt, who was 77 on October 9. Howard also informed the group of the death of Dutch Erdmann's wife, Jessie. He instructed the secretary to wire flowers immediately, to Steven's Point where she is being buried.

Howard proposed that a meeting be held in January, 1953 to set up a program of events for the 1953 season. He appointed the following members of a four-man committee to meet with himself and the secretary at the Old Heidleberg Gardens: Lester Verhaalen, Orville Decker, Paul Jensen, and John Stampfl. He also instructed the secretary to send a letter to all clubs on our mailing list, inviting them to extend invitations before January, should they wish to have a Greenkeepers' Meeting held at their club this coming season. Orville Decker re-affirmed the invitation of Tripoli Country Club to hold the Greenkeepers'-Greens' Chairman Meeting next summer. Howard Gabbey also suggested that the annual tournament meeting be held earlier in the season. Prizes were then awarded by Johnny Crewe and Russ Iverson. The Kenosha Country Club donated a pair of golf shoes, and the R. L. Ryerson Company, a golf bag. Johnny Crewe selected the golf bag, and Howard Gabbey, the golf shoes.

Howard Gabbey authorized the Wisconsin Greenkeepers putting \$32.00 in for prizes. This, in addition to the blind bogey money, meant that all present were awarded a prize. Guests for the day were Bill Stuppel, Frank Dinelli, Dom Grotti and Bill Saielli from the Mid-West Association.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p. m.

Robert G. Howe, Secretary

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