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THE JUNE MEETING

LAKE SHORE COUNTRY CLUB

GLENCOE, ILL. — JUNE 8, 1953

SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT

DINNER 6:30 P. M.

BUSINESS MEETING 7:30 P. M.

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DR. KLOMPARENS OF THE UPIJOHN COMPANY WILL BE OUR GUEST SPEAKER ON THE SUBJECT OF MICROSCOPIC IDENTIFICATION OF FUNGI. ALSO FILMS & KODACHROME SLIDES. THIS PRESENTATION CAN PROVE TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THE YEAR. DON'T MISS IT.

SPECIAL GOLF MEETING BONNIE DUNDEE GOLF CLUB, JUNE 22

THE BULL SHEET, official monthly publication of the MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We have completed Operation Zoysia. This operation is worth remembering. When the U.S.G.A. made arrangements to send us our seed late in 1952 we were at a loss to find a greenhouse to grow it in or this would tie up a bench all winter. Dr. Voigt and Dr. Rhodes of the Drug and Horticultural Station at Downers Grove suggested that they would grow the plants at the station. They did. The Midwest and the combined Research and Educational Committees thank the Station and the University and Dusty and Dr. Voigt.

This is tangible evidence of the increased interest by the University in our problems, this was the first act of active cooperation, of helpfulness in the promotion of the solution of our problems. This spring, in March the University and the Station helped us to stage our first Short Course which was a success and which we hope will be repeated in 1954. We appreciate this active participation by the University in our affairs and the help we can get only from the University and the Station. We wish to keep this relationship active and to increase our mutual helpfulness.

The Research Committee and I thank our membership for turning out in such numbers and completing the planting so well and so promptly.

We also thank John Coghill and Norm Kramer who will watch and help the plants to get established and who provided the fairway and the equipment.

Ray Davis, President

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NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members into the organization. Ted A. Weidenfeller, Bennett Lodge, St. Charles, Ill.; Dick Unwin Jr., Clarendon Hills, Ill.; Charles Heckler, Rep. Alliance Hose and Rubber Co.; John H. Lund, Chicago, Ill.; George P. Dalman, Lemont, Ill.; Alfred Shaper, Bartlett, Ill.; Barney J. Wendt, Big Oaks C. C.; Chuck Daugherty, Geo. A. Davis Co.; Elmer O. Mueller, La Grange, Ill.; Dave Mastroleo, Arrowhead C. C.; Donald G. Swenson, Round Lake, Ill.; Dave McIntosh, Oak Hill C. C.; Peter Simmons, Chicago, Ill.; Harold M. Borgman, Chicago, Ill.

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COMING EVENTS

The June Meeting, Lake Shore C. C., Glencoe, Ill., June 8.

Special Golf Day, Bonnie Dundee Golf Club, Dundee, Ill., June 22.

The July Meeting, White Pines Golf Club, July 6.
Annual Picnic, July 27, Nels Johnson Estate, Libertyville, Ill.

M.R.T.F. Field Day, Purdue University, August 3.
Pro.-Supt. Tournament, Mission Hills C. C. Aug. 31.
Midwest-Wisconsin joint meeting, North Shore C. C., Glenview, Ill., Sept. 14.

The October Meeting and Fall Tournament, Tam O Shanter C. C., Oct. 5.

FROM THE EDITOR

With this issue we complete six full years of the publication of THE BULL SHEET.

During the past year we have expanded our circulation to cover the state of Wisconsin, bringing our circulation up to 500 copies per issue. We have also answered numerous requests from different parts of the country to be placed on the mailing list. All of which have been complied with without any charge whatsoever for the service. We now send our publication to some 24 states, the District of Columbia and to Canada.

We hope to continue as we have and to make our paper bigger and better every year. We think we are doing something to assist interested parties in the art and science of our profession. The encouragement and assistance from our subscribers is adequately heartening to us to encourage bigger and better things. We want to thank our advertisers, without whom there would be no Bull Sheet. They have enabled us to carry on in the manner in which we have and to make the paper interesting as it is. In the present setup our advertising revenue underwrites the entire cost of publishing and the Association is not being called on for one cent. We hope to continue along the same lines.

Again, many thanks to you all and best wishes for a successful year.

William H. Stupple, Editor

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WISCONSIN NOTES

At the April meeting at Old Heidleberg Gardens in Milwaukee, the Association held their annual election. Results were as follows: Pres. Howard Gabbey; Vice-Pres. Arnold Wessel; Sec.-Treas., Bob Howe.

Howard says that they did a great job of rail-roading him into the Presidency for the second year. Howard is only kidding, he is doing a great job as president and likes the work.

The May meeting was held at Milwaukee Country Club on May 11. John Stampfl was host and had the course in great shape. John says that there came near not being a meeting. The flash flood of May 2 brought so much debris down the river that John and his crew were out all night on Saturday the 2nd and most of the day of the 3rd keeping the debris from piling up on the bridges and the flood washing them away. John says that they had to cut tree trunks under water with hand saws to free them so that they could pull the logs out of the water. However, they did a good job and the bridges were still there for the boys to get around the course.

The hospitality of the Milwaukee Country Club could not be surpassed and we of the Midwest were very much impressed with the way in which we were welcomed.

At the meeting that evening it was announced that Frank Kress was in the hospital. We hope that by this time that he is home and feeling better.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the Association donate \$100.00 to the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation.

Tom Mascaro was present and showed his very interesting slides of courses all over the country.

The June meeting was scheduled for Nakoma in Madison the second Monday, Herb Graf, Host and the July meeting for Oneida C. C. in GreenBay, Ray Sorenson, Host.

OPERATION ZOYZIA COMPLETED

On Monday, May 18, fifty members and guests of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents gathered at Silver Lake Country Club to plant $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of fairway to Zoysia seedlings. The ground was first aerified with one inch spoons in strips two feet apart. Seedlings were placed in the two outside rows and the center row in every fourth hole. The seedlings were carefully placed and a core of soil forced back into the hole with the seedling and firmed down. We were very fortunate in having considerable precipitation the preceding day and the ground was in fine shape for the planting. A number of two inch plugs were also put into the fairway under the supervision of Dr. Bill Daniel, who was our guest that day. The whole planting operation took about an hour and a half. Fortunately, we had a little shower soon after the planting, so the seedlings should do all right.

Dr. Daniel had several extra flats of seedlings which he distributed among some of the men for planting on their own courses.

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THE MEETING AT SILVER LAKE

After the Zoysia planting, 24 of the hardier members braved the wet weather to play golf. Very few finished 18 holes but all were unanimous in saying that the course was in beautiful shape. John and Norm have done a wonderful job in conditioning Silver Lake. We had a wonderful roast beef dinner and the meeting followed. At the meeting the idea of the National Association employing an Agronomist to travel about the country and gather information and coordinate information and make it available to the members was approved by the membership and was referred to the Policy Committee. Bob Williams reported on the Cleveland meeting of the Directors of the National Association. Dr. Bill Daniel was our guest and gave us a talk on timely subjects. Golf winners were as follows. Chas. Vann, Bill Saielli, J. Lund, Bill Malpede, R. LeGrande, Bud Heckler, Pete Simmons. Our many thanks to John and Norm for their hospitality.

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CONGRATULATIONS JOE AND MRS. KELLY

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly announce the birth of a son, Timothy Joseph, born in St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette, Ind., April 22. The boy weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz.

Our heartfelt congratulations, Joe, and when are you passing out the cigars?

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We were very happy to have with us at Silver Lake our old friend Lawrence Huber of the Ohio State University golf course at Columbus. Lawrence was in Chicago visiting his daughter. Lawrence says he is coming back someday to see how strip number 7 of the Zoysia planting is coming along. Lawrence planted the whole strip himself.

Charley Jones and Dirk Naughton from Champaign and Mahomet, Ill. Midwest members from downstate were also there and assisted in the planting.

Frank Dinelli worked so hard at his job of keeping the planters supplied with "water" that he was too tired to play golf afterward. The boys noticed Ray Gerber standing around with a pencil behind his ear and a notebook in his hand and many thought that he must be the timekeeper. It turned out, however, that Ray was working as reporter for The National "Reporter" and as correspondant for the Chicago papers.

THE BERTUCCI CLAN

One of the outstanding greenkeeping families of the Midwest are the Bertuccis. There is Elmer who is Superintendent of Old Elm Club at Fort Sheridan, Illinois and his son, Al, who assists him there and Joe, Superintendent of Lake Shore Country Club at Glen-coe, Illinois, and his son, Adolph, who is with him there.

Elmer went into golf course work at Exmoor Country Club under Stewart Gardner in 1910. He worked on the greens there until 1912 when he went to the Old Elm Club to assist in laying the foundation for the clubhouse. He has been there ever since as greensman, foreman and superintendent.

Joe also got his start at Exmoor, beginning in 1913. Later he went to Old Elm and then moved to Knollwood Country Club and was Superintendent there from 1928 until 1947 when he became Superintendent at Lake Shore Country Club, where he is today.

Elmer and Joe have seen the development of greenkeeping from the early days thru to the highly specialized job it is today. They have been a credit to the greenkeeping profession and are highly respected among their colleagues.

Al and Adolph have sons of their own and we hope someday to see them follow in their father's and grandfather's steps.

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THE SPRING PARTY

Our annual spring party was held at Silver Lake Country Club on April 25. Our hosts were John Coghill and Norm Kramer. Eighty-five people were there and they sure had a good time. Between dances Paul Burdett showed some of his very interesting slides.

A buffet supper was served at 11:15 and door prizes were drawn.

Door prize winners were as follows: Mr. Capitani, Mr. Tondini, Mrs. Burdett, Mrs. Dalzell, Joe Klem, Mr. Jensen, Bill Smith, Russ Bell, Mrs. Borgmeier, Mrs. Paul Popp, Walter Killmer, Dom Grotti, Ray Gerber, Mrs. Doud, Ray Davis, Mrs. Matt Bezek, Mrs. Herman Woehrle, Amos Lapp, Mrs. Jensen, Louis Pejtes, Oscar Borgmeier, Dave McIntosh, Bob Chamberlin, Phil Keacher, George Dahlman, Gordone Brinkworth, Jerry Transier, Mrs. Amos Lapp, Mr. Dalzell, Mrs. Dom Grotti, Mrs. Ray Davis, H. Wolff, Herman Woehrle, Mrs. Keacher, Jock McIntosh, Mrs. Wolff, Mrs. Dalman, Mrs. Hintz, Bob Williams, Al Hintz, Mrs. Capitani, Matt Bezek, Mrs. Ray Gerber.

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THE MIDWEST SENIORS CLUB

Frank Mastroleo was celebrating his 60th birthday at Silver Lake and a number of his senior colleagues honored him by electing him President of the newly formed Midwest Seniors Club. This is a club of senior members of the Association restricted to members 50 and over. Other officers elected were, Emil Cassier, Vice-President, Ray Gerber, Secy-Treas., and Bill Stupple, director. The Club hopes to play for the Club championship at the Special Golf Day at Bonnie Dundee on June 22. Any member joining on or before that date will be considered Charter members of the Club. Send applications to Ray Gerber, Glen Oak Country Club, Glen Ellyn, Ill., or the Editor of this paper. No dues asked for. By-Laws, etc. to be drawn up later. Better get on the band wagon its gonna be a pretty exclusive outfit.

SPREADING IT THIN

Mrs. Bill Schwantz has about recovered from a major operation. She is now at home in the Schwantz's new home in Clarendon Hills. She is doing fine. The last time the Mole passed the house there was washing on the line. Bill spent his vacation last winter working on the house and expects to get to the Miami meeting of the National this coming winter.

Ben Gee of Nordic Hills is still under observation by the Hines Hospital, although he is at home and working and feeling much better. Ben reports that he may have to have an operation for ulcers but that the doctors at Hines have not yet decided this would be absolutely necessary. We are glad you are feeling better, Ben.

Mrs. Geo. Roloff reports that George is out and around again after an attack of Sciatica which had George in bed for two weeks. George hobbles around every morning, Mrs. Roloff reports, and gets a little better every day. Having had the same thing, we really sympathize with George.

John Darrah is now with the Cleary Corp. and has just returned from a brief visit to the home territory between Southern trips. John has visited Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee and expects to visit southern Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio. He likes his new job as research technician for the Cleary Co., manufacturers of PMAS, SOILOAM and NITRO-GRO.

Walter Killmer stood guard for several hours over an airplane crackup just over the fence of the Ravisloe Country Club on Sunday May 10. The pilot was killed in the crackup.

Don Strand was the guest on the Vaughan's Seed Store TV program on Sunday, May 17. Don did a right good job and looked real handsome. He is bound to get some fan mail.

Art Benson Jr., son of Art of Aurora Country Club was mixed up in the Panty Raid at Urbana the week of May 10. He was one of the two thousand that got caught. At least he got his name in the paper, on the front page, too.

Mrs. Nels Lundblad, wife of Nels of Chicago Golf is on an extended visit with her mother and sisters in Salt Lake City. The family there is not well and Mrs. Lundblad acts as nurse and housekeeper.

Rev Mel Bluhm, whom we have all met, was present celebrating the birth of his fourth child, a daughter. Congratulations Mel. May you catch up on your back work shortly.

Mr. Malone and Mr. Zilstra of the Upjohn Chemical Co. invited the members of the Midwest to visit the Upjohn plant in a group this fall. The members and their wives would leave Chicago in cars or on the R. R., would be met at the station by Upjohn Bus, and taken to the plant. We would tour the plant after luncheon, have a cocktail hour, possibly a buffet supper and leave Kalamazoo about 6:30 and be home by 9:30. It has possibilities.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Rauch plan to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary with a party at the Bonnie Dundee Country Club May 28th. Al was one of a family of 12 children and he expects to have a fine crowd of relatives and personal friends.

Bill Daniel of the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation is carrying on extensive trials on the 8th fairway of the LaFayette C. C. Treatment will be made for crabgrass control, clover control, chick weed control, Poa Annuu Control, and to control the growth rate of fairway grasses with maleic hydrocide tests. Bill also plans to plant various strains of Zoysia in this fairway.

Bill reports that Operation Zoysia has been completed at Louisville, Cincinnati and Cleveland. It was good to have Bill with us Monday.

Dr. John Vaughan of the Department of Botany, Michigan State College has accepted the position as Head of the Dept. of Plant Pathology at the University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyo.

Marold Reed and his wife spent the winter at Indian Rocks Beach near Clearwater Florida. Harold is feeling better every day.

53 people stayed for dinner at Silver Lake after Operation Zoysia.

Dr. William Klomparens, Ph. D. in Plant Pathology will become a regular full time employee of the Research Division of The Upjohn Co. in Kalamazoo, Michigan June 1. He obtained his Doctors Degree from Michigan State College. He had been a graduate assistant in the Department of Botany under Dr. John R. Vaughn at Michigan State College and did outstanding work there in the field of research on the Helminthosporium disease. He will serve as a field turf consultant to the golf courses and as a speaker for the golf associate on meetings throughout the country.

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EARLY SEASON TROUBLES

A number of the boys in the district report early troubles. There have been reports of fungus on greens, ranging from "red ring fungus" on shaded areas of turf on greens and tees to a more serious type of fungus which Ray Didier had on his greens last spring and it is reported that he has it again this year. The red ring stuff does not seem to be very serious, it coming in in periods of wet cloudy weather and clearing up during dry, sunny weather. It doesn't seem to spread and just thins the grass out. The other is much more serious and is a real problem. Ray reports that copper fungicides have been helpful in clearing up the trouble.

Desiccation of bent, especially "old bent" in fairways is another problem which is troubling the men this spring. It seems that there is very little root system in much of it and in periods of dry windy weather the bent is apt to fade if not watered. It seems to come back all right but there is always the possibility of infestation of Poa Annuu and weeds until it does.

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SPECIAL GOLF DAY AT BONNIE DUNDEE

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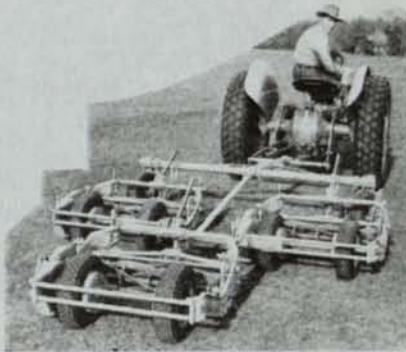
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