



# The Bull Sheet

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**THE OCTOBER MEETING**  
**TAM O SHANTER COUNTRY CLUB**  
**NILES, ILLINOIS**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1953**  
**RAY DIDIER, OUR HOST**  
**ANNUAL FALL TOURNAMENT**  
**DINNER — MEETING**

**OUR TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE HAS SELECTED  
A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF WONDERFUL PRIZES  
FOR THE TOURNAMENT. COME OUT AND PLAY  
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### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Shortening days warn each of us that this year is drawing rapidly to a close. We have two really big events waiting us, events that you really should not miss.

The first is our annual tournament which this year will be held at beautiful Tam O Shanter Country Club. Ray Didier, our host for that day, has recovered from his recent illness and is planning to be his usual royal self; he is always a Royal Host. We hope that Mr. May, too, may be with us. Come early and stay late. The date is October 5.

The second and our crowning social event of the season is our Annual Fall Dance. This year it will be held in the new clubhouse at Midwest Club, Cass Road at 35th Street, Hinsdale, Illinois. This is one mile north of Route 34 at the Westmont stop and go light. The road runs right into the club entrance. It is a beautiful clubhouse, newly finished, newly furnished and Marvin Gruening will be our host.

Plan to be with us all at Midwest. You will have a good time. Our orchestra will play the kind of music that you will want to dance to. The date is Thursday evening, November 5.

We of Medinah appreciate your excellent turnout for our meeting with Wisconsin and the excellent program planned by our Education Chairman, Bob Williams.

I'll be seeing you at Tam O Shanter.

Ray Davis, President.

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### THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

On Monday, Sept. 14, our joint meeting with the Wisconsin Greenkeepers Association was held at Medinah Country Club with our president, Ray Davis, as host superintendent. Both Ray and the weatherman got together and supplied us with a real day of pleasure. The course was in excellent condition, but most of us who played were so busy hunting balls in the shrub beds and trees, that we didn't get a chance to see and appreciate the course.

Our attendance set a new high for a regular meeting. According to the record, 175 men came in the gate, 123 played golf and 163 stayed for dinner. This is even higher than our attendance at the joint meeting at Big Foot Country Club at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, three years ago, when we had 150 for dinner with 103 golfers. And, by the way, the buffet dinner was a real delight.

Our educational and business meeting was called to order in the main ballroom soon after dinner. Dr. Watson, chief agronomist with the Toro Manufacturing Company was the guest speaker and showed us some colored slides on turf work and a short review of what Toro is doing in the way of research. After Dr. Watson's presentation, we enjoyed a question box. Dr. William H. Daniel of Purdue and Dr. Watson served as specialists on the panel while Bert Rost and Les Verhaalen represented the superintendents.

We want to thank our Wisconsin friends for their wonderful turn out in joining us in a day of real fun and wish to express our hope that our meeting with Wisconsin will be as wonderful as this was in future years.

### THE MIDWEST RETAINS CUP

Our association successfully defended the Midwest-Wisconsin Trophy which is played for annually at our joint meetings with the Wisconsin Greenkeepers Association.

The Midwest won with a score of 306 to Wisconsin's 319. The winning team was as follows, Stan Arendt, 76; Dick Buchen 76; Julius Goffo 76; Al Pruess 78. The Wisconsin scores were, R. Iverson 78; P. Iverson 78; Chas. Shiley 81; John Crewe 82.

Other winners for the day were.

Low net. 1 Jim Service, 2 Bert Barrows, 3 Al Pruess, 4 Bill Metcalf, 5 Stan Arendt, 6 Wally Strange, 7 Ed Muzik, 8 Bob Williams, 9 J. Conrad, 10 Ray Davis, 11 R. Michels.

Blind Bogey. 1 Dick Becker, 2 P. Telicious, 3 R. Michels, 4 T. Sohlur, 5 Bill Malpede, 6 Chas. Vann, 7 K. Chaplin, 8 Cy. Shabaz, 9 Frank Wedel, 10 Jack Colwell, 11 Wally Oren.

The refreshments on the course at Medinah were by the courtesy of Joe Kelly, representative of the Smith Agricultural Chemical Co. Many thanks, Joe, your kindness was greatly appreciated.

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### CONGRATULATIONS

The Warren Rosemans are the happy parents of a boy, Dan, born August 26. They now have a family of two boys and a girl. Our best wishes to you, Warren and Mrs. Roseman.

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### BERNARDI-SAIELLI NEW CHAMPS

Sam Bernardi, pro at Indian Hill Country Club and Bill Saielli, Exmoor Country Club are the new Pro-Supt. champions in the Pro-Supt. tourney held at Mission Hills on August 31.

Second was John Revolta and Mel Warneke of Evanston and third was Stan Arendt of Inverness and Dick Buchen of Chesterfield.

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### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

George Roloff of the Entertainment Committee announces our Fall Dance will be held at the Midwest Country Club on Thursday, November 5.

The club house at Midwest was built and furnished this Spring.

It offers beautiful surrounding with wide picture windows. There is adequate parking space. John Polocovick, owner-manager and Marving Gruening Golf Course Superintendent, will be our hosts.

It is planned to have a buffet supper, an excellent orchestra and many door prizes.

Plan to save that date, Thursday, November 5.

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### WISCONSIN NOTES

Jacobsen Manufacturing Co. threw their annual party for the Wisconsin Greenkeepers on Monday, August 24 at Meadowbrook Country Club in Racine, Wisconsin. There was a golf tournament in the afternoon in which 47 men played. There were 36 prizes, so almost everybody got something. A delicious baked ham dinner was served in the evening and needless to say a good time was had by all.

The pilgrims from Illinois attended the party at Meadowbrook and as is always the case when they visit Wisconsin they received a royal welcome.

## WHAT HAPPENED TO GRASS SEED?

By this time if you have tried to purchase any grass seed you will know both Blue Grass and Red Top are sky high and very scarce. In each case the crop estimate is about 50% of normal. The demand for grass seed to finish the many building and construction projects continues unabated.

With this condition prevailing naturally prices are unreasonable. Blue Grass is currently quoted at \$1.25 per pound and fancy Red Top at \$.85 per pound. There will be little of either for the trade next spring.

Just what happened to the crops when apparently there was a favorable growing season is hard to pin down. A combination of fall drought (1952) and reduced acreage created this situation.

Other grass seeds commonly used are more plentiful. Fescues of all varieties are in good supply at normal prices. The Bent Seed crop is at least average and prices should remain about in line with the past few years. *Poa Trivialis*, which earlier looked plentiful, has now followed the lead of Kentucky Blue Grass — is scarce and high in price. Merion Blue Grass seed production has increased considerably this year and there is now considerable Merion Blue Grass seed available, but still high in price. Rye grasses have followed the trend of Red Top and are considerably higher in price than for several seasons.

In satisfying your requirements for grass seed for the next season it is absolutely necessary that everybody consider the use of substitutes for Kentucky Blue Grass seed. There just isn't enough to go around and of course this situation will not be remedied until after the next crop. Right now with dry weather prevailing throughout the Kentucky Blue Grass belt the outlook for a seed crop in 1954 is none too good.

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## SPREADING IT THIN

When we were at Purdue on August 3, one of the things that most impressed us was the showing of a strain of bent which Bill Daniel calls 10(37)4. This strain of bent is a vigorous grower, very resistant to Dollar Spot and Brown Patch. Bill mentioned that it was one of the parents of Polycross bent. It is not available at this time.

Roy Robinson, formerly of Bartlett Hills Country Club is now with George Roloff at Roselle Country Club.

The other fine evening we counted over 200 robins on one short fairway all busily turning over replaced divots in search of food and drilling in the turf. There must have been thousands of them all over the course. The divots the members replace the birds lift, so what can we do about it.

A number of Superintendents have been having good results with iron sulphate to correct chlorotic conditions in their greens. Small amounts up to a pound to a green give wonderful results. It is sprayed on the grass using as little water as possible. The greens look a little black the next day, but soon clear up.

Some of the courses in the Chicago district are up against a serious water shortage. Some of them buying their water from communities have been restricted to a very small amount. Reason is that the towns have mushroomed so in the last few years that the water systems are just not adequate. Bert Rost at Park Ridge is planning to drill a well and build himself a lake as a reservoir on the course. Bert was cut off without enough water and his fairways have suffered this summer as a result.

Joe Dinelli was quite disgusted with his 86 at Medinah and says he left his clubs in the pond in front of number 18 green. Better get them, Joe, it really wasn't the fault of the clubs nor of the course and many a Superintendent has to explain this to his members every year.

Howard Baerwald, who has been the assistant to Don Strand for the past two years is now Superintendent at La Grange Country Club.

John Darrah of the Cleary Corp. was with us for a brief visit during the Medinah meeting. He has been travelling the country far and wide and it is always a pleasure to have him with us from time to time.

Paul Popp broke his leg late in August at a company picnic while fielding a fast one. Later, he broke the cast and revisited the hospital while the new one was being set. He is now working every day and recovering very well.

Al Hintz fell out of a tree at White Pines while trimming in August and broke a leg. Al claims the tree pushed him and says its really getting tough when even the trees push you around. Al is getting along in fine shape.

Joe Graffis was a distinguished visitor at our Medinah meeting. We always have the welcome mat out for the Graffis boys.

Roy Chaplin's son, Donald, is expected home from a 2½ year tour of duty in Japan and Korea.

Due to our National Turf Conference and Show being held in Miami in the early part of January, Pres. Ray Davis has decided that we hold our annual meeting and election of officers at our December meeting. The Nominating Committee consisting of Bill Stupple, Frank Dinelli, Dom Grotti and Stan Arendt has been instructed to have its slate of candidates ready for that meeting.

Charley Nash, owner of Mission Hills, contributed \$150.00 prize money for the Pro-Supt. Tournament on August 31, played at Mission Hills.

We note a great deal of publicity being given to 2, 4,5-T as a clover killer. The Superintendents of the Chicago District take credit as being pioneers in the use of the chemical. We refer you to an article in THE BULL SHEET, Vol. 4, No. 14, February 1951, on the use of the chemical.

Talking about the Seniors, we still think it is not too fantastic to be thinking about a Home For Retired Greenkeepers in Florida some day. Frank Mastroleo, Midwest Senior President, is sold on the idea and thinks the efforts the Seniors have been making to raise a few bucks may be the beginning.

We renewed acquaintance with Earl Dowell, who you will remember was located in this district for many years, at Purdue, where Earl is Supt. at La-Fayette Country Club. A young tornado tore thru LaFayette the night before the Field Day and Earl was busier than a one-armed paper hanger cleaning up. His course was literally covered with tree branches. Earl is doing a great job there and reports that he and his family are in the best of health.

Zoyzia plantings are in our estimation not doing too well. The grass seems to take a long time to become established in existing turf and is very difficult to find. Where it is planted in new ground with no competition, it does fairly well. Bill Daniel showed us some plantings at the LaFayette Country Club and estimated that the area planted would be 80 per cent Zoyzia in three years time. We may be wrong, but bent on watered fairways in this district seems to be our answer right now, but Merion bluegrass cannot be counted out. The main difficulty seems to be in the scarcity of seed. Some of the men who have used it on tees swear by it as a tee turf and are planning to renovate some of their tees from time to time to Merion. There is no doubt but that it is a tough grass and does not need a great deal of care.

Ray Davis treated all his 18 fairways on the number three course for crabgrass control. While Sodium Arsenite got the greatest attention he had trial plots of kerosene and the Ester of 2-4-D, and three new oil sprays from Standard Oil Co.

He plans to rebuild 6 greens on the third course and has planted a beautiful C15 nursery. There are many other grasses in this nursery and it is worth while seeing.

Ray Gerber is beginning to listen to the call of the male pheasants now that the nights are cooler. He stands by the fence and cackles back to them answering their calls morning and evening. The one regret of the fall to Ray is that the wedding of his son Donald to attractive Lynn Hunt falls during the Saturday of the hunting season and that afternoon Ray figures he will have to put away his gun. Jo Gerber is quite pleased with her prospective daughter in law.

Herb Graffis says that there are 9,637,435,329 places on a golf course where a ball can land and if a crabby players ball happens to rest on a spot where the grass isn't, the offended golfer immediately adopts a career of making the superintendent's life miserable.

Dr. Ralph F. Voigt has been promoted to the rank of professor of pharmacognosy and pharmacology at the University of Illinois college of pharmacy, Dean Earl R. Searles has announced. He will also assume the duties of administering the Department of pharmacognosy and pharmacology. Dr. Voigt previously held the rank of associate professor. He is an honorary member of our association.

Knotweed has been designated as the greenkeeper's friend, It grows where nothing else will. However, this be as it may, many of us think it is getting a little too friendly.

From all reports, we are going to have a wonderful time in Miami in January.

Wonder what happened to the Senior's prizes at the last Tournament?

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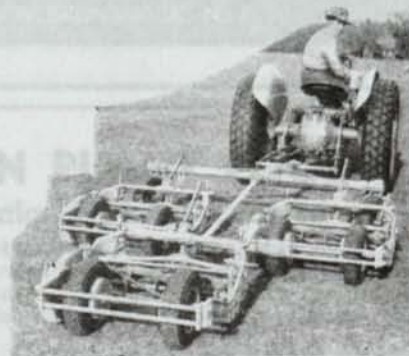
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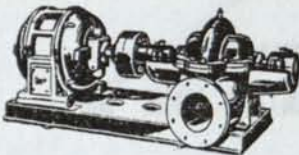
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