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THE SEPTEMBER MEETING
JOINT MEETING WITH THE
WIS. GREENKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
MEDINAH COUNTRY CLUB
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1953

RAY DAVIS, OUR HOST
GOLF TOURNAMENT — AFTERNOON
DINNER, 6:30 P. M.

BUSINESS MEETING
EDUCATIONAL MEETING
GET-TOGETHER WITH WISCONSIN MEN

DR. JAMES R. WATSON, JR., CHIEF AGRONOMIST OF THE TORO MANUFACTURING COMPANY WILL BE OUR GUEST SPEAKER AND WILL GIVE US A ROUNDUP OF THE SEASONS TURF PROBLEMS & THE MOST RECENT FINDINGS BY THE RESEARCH MEN FOR PRODUCTION OF BETTER GOLF TURF.

PLAY FOR THE MIDWEST-WISCONSIN CUP AT MEDINAH, SEPTEMBER 14.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we of Medinah Country Club welcome the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents and The Wisconsin Greenkeepers Association to Medinah for the annual joint meeting of the two associations. As President of the Midwest Association, I am particularly anxious that you all have a good time and a real get together.

We have much to offer this meeting at our club this season. Our fall plans call for a program of rebuilding six greens on our well known number three course and to that end we have established a C-15 nursery to provide sod for these greens. Some of the greens may be under construction during the meeting. We have treated all the fairways on our number three course for crabgrass control and they will have been well fertilized and reseeded before the meeting on September 14.

To get back to our nursery again, several years ago we had a failure of grass on the greens which we found to be caused by Helminthosporium. We found what the disease could do to the greens when they were hard hit. We picked out parts of the greens that were unaffected and planted them in the nursery. This selection of Washington bent had been particularly resistant to all disease during the last several years and we are watching it with a great deal of interest. We have named it "Medinah Special". We also have a vigorous type of Bermuda grass that has grown very well this summer and two plantings of Z-52 and Z-73 Zoysia and we hope you will find our nursery worth a visit.

Medinah's Greens Chairman, Mr. DeCardy, has been most helpful in working with me during the time he has been in office. A lake has been constructed on the first course which bears his name and after several failures, we have now a practical dam that is worth seeing. Under him our courses are adequately fertilized and our equipment is rapidly being modernized.

Medinah, Mr. De Cardy and I join in welcoming you all on September 14. Please come.

Ray Davis, President.

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BILL GLOVER PASSES AWAY

We are very sad and sorry to hear that Bill Glover passed away of a heart attack on the grounds of the Fairfax Country Club, Fairfax, Virginia, on July 30.

Bill was well known to the members of the Midwest and was serving his second term as Director of the GCSA, having been reelected at the Columbus meeting. His untimely death will leave a void in the ranks of progressive superintendents that will be hard to fill.

We have lost a good man.

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COMING EVENTS

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

GCSA 25th Annual Turf Conference and Show, Miami, Florida, January 3-9, 1954.

MIDWEST-WISCONSIN JOINT MEETING

It has been the custom in recent years for the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents and the Wisconsin Greenkeepers Association to hold a meeting together in September of each year, alternating the meeting places. This year it is our turn to entertain Wisconsin. Ray Davis, our President, has graciously invited us to meet at Medinah Country Club where he is Superintendent. Good fellowship is the order of the day at these meetings and they are greatly enjoyed by both groups. We intend to make this meeting most enjoyable and profitable for all who attend. As usual there will be a golf tournament in the afternoon featuring play for the Midwest-Wisconsin Cup, which is a team event, four men to the team. The Midwest has won the trophy the last two years, but the Wisconsin men have some good players and they may pull an upset this year.

Let's all turn out and give Wisconsin a big welcome.

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THE MEETING AT SPORTSMAN

It was a beautiful day at Sportsman Country Club for our meeting there on August 10. 48 golfers turned out for the tournament in the afternoon and all were unanimous in their praise of Roxie Bolte's greens. Roxie is doing a wonderful job and the course was in superb shape. At 6:20 P.M. we retired to the dining room where we found a delicious buffet dinner awaiting us. It was some feed and was greatly enjoyed by all of us. Our many thanks to Roxie and the club manager for a wonderful day.

At our business meeting following dinner, President Davis announced that our annual meeting with the Wisconsin Association would be held at Medinah Country Club on September 14.

After the business of the Association had been disposed of, the meeting was turned over to Bob Williams, Chairman of the Educational Committee. Bob appointed a panel of the members and a Question Box followed.

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We visited Tam O Shanter during the Worlds Championship Golf Tournament and found Ray Didier taking it easy on the front lawn of his home there. Ray is looking his old healthy self again and says that he is feeling fine, but still has to take it pretty easy. He is allowed to drive around the course, but not to exert himself. The course was in beautiful shape in spite of the rains during the tournament and the heavy traffic of play. The greens which suffered so much with disease last year are in wonderful shape and Ray says that there has been very little trouble this year.

We talked to Al Linkogel and some of the other Superintendents from the St. Louis district at LaFayette during the Field Day there. They are seriously going into converting their fairways over to U-3 Bermuda. The method is to aerify and disc the existing turf, spread U-3 at the rate of 30 bushels of stolons to the acre with a manure spreader, spiking in and rolling. Results to date have been to say the least, marvellous.

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We certainly are very grateful to Nels Johnson for his hospitality at our picnic. Those who attended said that it was the best picnic ever and are looking forward to going back there again. Many thanks, Nels.

THE QUESTION BOX

(taken from our Aug. 10th meeting, educational prog.)
Panel members, Bill Stuppel, Emil Cassier, Frank Mastroleo, Frank Dinelli, Geo. A. Davis.
Moderator, Bob Williams.

Q. Why does *Poa Annuua* go out on turf areas adjacent to putting surfaces right to the line where the putting green mower cuts and yet the *Poa* seems to survive rather well on the close cut green?

A. Several clubs reported various ways that they would make a project for University research. We think it might be a matter of compaction, power mower abrasion or merely a height of cut factor.

Q. What are the results with Merion blue grass on local courses up until this time?

A. Straight Merion is doing well at various heights and with varied cultural practices, in both tees and fairways. Mixed with bent, the bents are crowding out the Merion.

Q. What chemical should be used for crabgrass on fairways and in rough?

A. PMAS has been doing a promising job on various areas when applied as per manufacturers recommendations.

Q. What might be done about "MONDAY GOLF" at the clubs where employees bring in excessive numbers of guests and show little or no consideration for the course and its upkeep.

A. Several clubs reported various ways that they are trying to stop unauthorized use of the courses on Mondays when the club is considered to be closed. Some of the means were, using written passes issued by the Pro, Manager or Supt. Opening the club to regular membership play on Monday the same as any other day, stop all play of employees and guests.

Q. Is there any control for pythium blight on established turf?

A. Calo-chlor and other mercuries have been reported to stop the disease. Also Cadmium compounds and dusting with lime have reportedly given control. Usually the damage has been done before control may be affected. Guarding against super saturation of the soil is best preventive measure.

Q. We have a green that is constructed with a soil that is very heavy with organic matter and have difficulty in dry and wet periods with the turf puffing and sinking. Will topdressing help this condition?

A. Yes, if you work out some of the thatch in the Fall or Spring and then topdress.

Q. When is the best time to seed bent seed?

A. Last two weeks in August and the first two weeks in September.

Q. What is considered a good soil nutrient level for August?

A. Moderate rather than high or low.

Q. I have two new greens to rebuild, what soil mixture should I use?

A. It will depend entirely upon the base soil that you start with. The final mixture should be about 30 % coarse sand, 30 % humus and 40 % loam.

Q. Is there any advantage in raising the height of cut of green mowers during hot humid weather?

A. A poll of those present showed a ratio of 4 to 3 in favor of leaving the mowers at the same height throughout the season. However, many strains of bent will not tolerate 3/16ths inch cut in hot weather and in the maintenance of these species it becomes necessary to raise the mowers or kill off the bent.

Q. How can you avoid crabgrass infestation in turf.

A. When arsenate of lead was used as an insecticide we rarely had trouble with crabgrass in the turf. Since we have started using chlordane for an insecticide we now notice that the crab is coming in. PMAS chemical seems to be doing a good job in controlling crabgrass. It is near to impossible to keep out crabgrass without chemical application.

Q. How can grounds chairman answer members that compare other courses to their own as to expenditures and conditions?

A. Establish an educational program within the club so as to keep the membership informed as to the problems and the program that you are following to improve existing conditions. Try to keep your membership turf conscious through timely letters, pictures on the bulletin board and a well informed grounds committee.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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MIDWEST REGIONAL TURF FOUNDATION FIELD DAY, AUGUST 3, 1953.

Bill Daniel, the genial executive Secretary of the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation, presided at the Field Day of the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, on Monday, August 3rd.

On the evening before, the directors gathered at the Union Building for a business meeting. This meeting was accompanied by a violent rain and wind storm which greened up the turf for the next days meeting, but greatly contributed to almost unbearable heat and humidity during Monday. The tour began at 9:00 at the experimental putting green on the campus where different strains of bent on different soil textures under various fertilizing practices and disease prevention treatments made this stop most interesting and educational. The whole green was in excellent shape. Around the collar of green, an attack of *Curvularia* in the Merion Blue Grass turf had Bill Daniel a little discouraged.

Then came the clover control plots where most excellent results have been obtained with the use of 2, 4, 5-T.

At the Lafayette Country Club, quite extensive plots on crab grass control were inspected. Lafayette, Indiana, is really in crab grass territory and we hope the Foundation will come up with some real control recommendations.

At the Purdue Experimental Farm the group was then shown experimental plots with the Zoysias, Bermuda Grasses, Merion Blue Grass and the more commonly known lawn grasses. All of these plots under various fertilization and watering practices were most interesting. We might say that at Lafayette, Indiana, Zoysia Grasses, Bermuda Grasses, Bents, Merion Blue Grass and also Kentucky Blue Grass plots were outstanding. Some of the other grasses didn't seem to like the 100° days that Lafayette is blessed with in the summertime.

It was most heartening to have 168 attend the Field Day. For next year it is planned to have a divided meeting, having the Southern districts come in on one day and the Northern districts on the second day. This should reduce the size of the individual groups and give more time for discussion as well as better hearing and observation. It was also thought best to have the Field Day in the future in September rather than August when many golf superintendents do not care to leave their wards for several days.

C. O. Borgmeier

SPREADING IT THIN

The Mole has been busy digging his own dirt this whole summer and did not take the time to get the diggings in print. The Mole presents it's apologies and promises to mind other people's business better during the coming months.

During the last or middle two weeks in August there was a definite let up in tension, ulcers returned to more normal size, blood pressure dropped a little and the worries returned from disappearing Poa and bent to too much play, sluggish grasses, killing crab grass, fall rebuilding programs, and too little labor. While there was some trouble with grass losses it was confined to areas where the rainfall seemed to be the greatest for the longest periods and many grasses went out. Other parts of the district had very little trouble after the heat broke up.

For the first summer in the memory of the Mole Don Strand lost no weight. He looks good.

Bill Krafft and his wife are having quite a time since Bill moved to South moor. Mrs. Krafft took care of the pro shop, changed the cups, the towels and the tee markers and mowed half the greens and Bill was breaking her in on the tractor while they were at Fox Lake C. C. but at Southmoor, Mrs. Krafft has only been taking care of the house and their daughter and feeding Bill. For a long time Bill got up at 5 A.M. alone, made his own coffee and surveyed the grounds before the men came to work. At nine at night Bill was ready for bed but his wife was raring to go. Now Bill gets his wife up to make his morning coffee and all is harmonious at the Kraffts.

Warren Roseman was on pins and needles all the week of August 17th waiting the birth of his new son or daughter. We will tell you next month what it was.

David Mastroleo at Arrowhead has started his first construction project, a new tee. It will be very big, with a watering valve in the middle, and possibly sodded with Merion Blue grass.

Frank Mastroleo at Geneva C. C. has had rather a calm and uneventful summer, a few spots on the greens, a few busted flag poles, good play and little trouble. Mrs. Mastroleo wastes a lot of her spare time on her new grandson whom she adores.

Mel Warnecke of Evanston came thru without a spot and is proud of his new job. Mel feels fine since his operation and looks like a million.

Norm Kramer at Silver Lake spent a busy summer digging drainage ditches and keeping the 36 holes going. He will be surprised at how much his daughter has grown when he sees her this fall. Norm leaves home at 5 and gets home at 10 some nights. Before he knows it the girl will be married and he will never have known she was growing up.

Refreshments on the course at Sportsman were by courtesy of Allied Industrial Coatings and were greatly appreciated. Many thanks, boys.

Ray Didier is able to cover the Tam O Shanter grounds in a car and is showing daily improvement in his recovery of strength. Ray became an ardent boatsman in his dreams while he was sick and may blossom out with a rowboat and an outboard motor this fall. He dreams of a 100 footer with a quarter deck he can stride across but the trailer will only carry a 14 footer.

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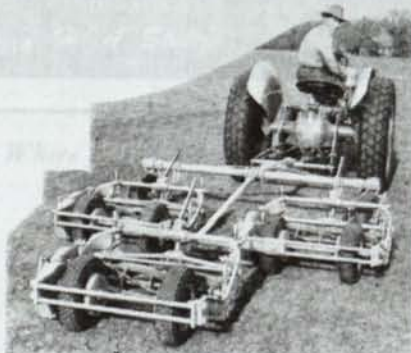
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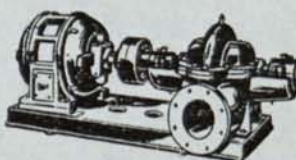
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