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THE JULY MEETING
WOODRIDGE COUNTRY CLUB
LISLE, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, JULY 12, 1954
PETER BILD & TED HAMMERSCHMIDT
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BUSINESS MEETING — 7:30 P. M.
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ASSOCIATION ANNUAL PICNIC, ROUND LAKE GOLF CLUB
MONDAY, JULY 19, 1954

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is the time of year when we are all extremely busy on the golf course and spend many hours in our endeavor to keep our courses in the best shape possible. Many feel that it is not possible to leave the job even for a few hours and I agree conscientiously that we should spend all the time possible on the course. However, it is also necessary that we strive to better ourselves in our profession. I believe that our monthly meetings are most valuable to all of us, not only from a social standpoint but mostly as an educational medium. Most of our most successful superintendents are those who "get around". In other words they get out and learn a few things from their fellow superintendents. I feel that our summer meetings are most valuable to us all because then we get the practical knowledge that is most necessary to us all. By attending our meetings, if only for the evening session we get to talk to the other fellow and get his ideas on practical golf course maintenance and if we pick up but one small idea at each meeting it is well worth the time spent. Our Educational Committee is striving at all times to give us the best program possible. So, no matter if your course is in the most perfect shape possible and you are not having any troubles, come out to our meeting at Woodridge on July 12 and mingle with your colleagues.

Our Annual Picnic will be held at Round Lake Golf Club on Monday, July 19. There will be a good time for all. Give the wife and kids a treat and bring them out to Round Lake for a most enjoyable day.

George Roloff, President.

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THE MEETING AT BONNIE DUNDEE

It was a wonderful day for golf at Bonnie Dundee on June 7 and there was a turnout of 47 golfers in the afternoon. Al Rauch had the course in wonderful shape and it was truly a pleasure to play. Al's greens were just perfect and there were many comments on the trueness of the putting surface. 75 sat down to dinner that evening in the clubhouse. We were very happy to have as our guest Dr. William H. Daniel, who was in the Chicago district on the 7th and 8th making a tour of some of the courses. Dr. Daniel gave us a very interesting and instructive talk on protective turf management. He divided his talk into four sections which were, (1) Protection against weeds, (2) Protection against insects, (3) Protection against wear, (4) Protection against disease. His talk was very interesting to us all and gave us a lot to think about.

GOLF WINNERS

Seniors, 1. Bill Stuppel, 2. Amos Lapp, 3. Ray Gerber. Handicap event, 1. Emil Mashie, 2. Joe Canale, 3. Bill Krafft, 4. Frank Wedel, 5. Julius Goffo, 6. Stan Arendt, 7. Barney Wendt, 8. Al Pruess, 9. Bill Saielli, 10. J. Lund, 11. Carter McIntosh, 12. Warren Roseman, 13. Dom Grotti. Guests, 1. Bob Hook, 2. Ralph Bennett.

NEW MEMBER

Ralph Bennett, 427 Riverside Drive, McHenry, Illinois was voted in as a member of our Association at the June meeting.

ALFRED F. GERING

Alfred F. (Al) Gering, Superintendent Skokie Country Club, Glencoe, Illinois passed away on Monday, July 5 and was laid to rest on Thursday, July 8. Al had spent his entire greenkeeping career, covering a span of 25 years, at Skokie. He was one of our most progressive superintendents and his passing is a great loss to our profession. Surviving Al are his wife and three children.

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OUR JULY MEETING

Our July meeting will be held at Woodridge Country Club, Lisle, Illinois on Monday, July 12. Peter Bild, Superintendent and Ted Hammerschmidt, owner, will be our hosts. Our meetings in the past at Woodridge have been most enjoyable and we will be looking forward to the wonderful hospitality of Pete and Ted.

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OUR ANNUAL PICNIC

Our annual picnic will be held at Round Lake Golf Club on Monday, July 19. Association member Don Swenson will be our host. There will be games for kids from 3 to 83, golf, swimming, boating, and in the evening the Entertainment Committee will serve their famous hot dog supper. Let's make it a big day and bring mama and the kids out for a good time.

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EARLY SUMMER TROUBLES

The summer of 1954, at least from the way it has started, seems to be headed for one of our worst in present years. Starting with leaf spot in Kentucky blue grass in the early spring, we have already had most of the troubles associated with a rough summer. Dollar spot has been very severe this month. Brown Patch has been very severe in certain localities and the dreaded diseases, Curvularia and Melting Out have been giving us a headache during the hot, humid weather of June. Then there is that mysterious disease, if it is a disease, that appears on fine turf under oak and elm trees. Tests are being made to see just what it is, but to date we have not received a definite answer to just what it is. Web worms, which were so abundant last year, are numerous at this time. Scald has injured much turf where water remained after heavy rains and the hot sun with high humidity just cooked the turf. Poa Annuua seems to be very lush and with a little more of the hot weather it, too, will start to pass out. All in all, it is a summer when we must be on our toes at all times.

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THERMOMETER MEASURES PLANT TEMPERATURES

A new plant thermometer was described by Paul D. Voth, professor of botany at the University of Chicago.

The device, which can measure temperatures on a single leaf with a tolerance of a tenth of a degree, is expected to give a new insight into temperature requirements for plant growth.

Voth first used the instrument to study temperatures around liverworts (mosslike plants) near Point Barrow in northern Alaska, where the soil is frozen solid.

The gauge is called AbbottONR in honor of the university's Abbott Memorial Fund and the Office of Naval Research, which provided the funds for its construction.

A NEW SERVICE FOR HOME OWNERS

THE SMITH EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY CO. has come out with a brand new idea to help keep lawns green. Archer Smith has lined up a dozen Chicago area oil distributors to do the work. About 100 oil dealers were reported enrolled for the service on a national basis, attracted by the twin advantages of a summer business and a means of keeping their personnel intact. The idea is to spray liquid fertilizer on lawns.

Converted to the new service, the oil trucks are steam cleaned inside and out, and equipped with a new $\frac{3}{4}$ inch high pressure hose, sprayer, and special nozzle. Pumping equipment already installed for oil will handle the liquid fertilizer just as well, and the driver, now afoot, should be able to maneuver the sprayer over a 50 by 125 foot lawn in 15 minutes, Smith officials said.

A number of Chicago area drivers have been trained to make the summer switch from oil to fertilizer, completing their "course" in a demonstration at River Forest Country Club several weeks ago.

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CENTRAL ILLINOIS GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT'S ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED

A meeting of Golf Course Maintenance men was held Monday, June 21st at the Tilden Hall Hotel, Bloomington, Illinois, and the Central Illinois Golf Course Superintendents' Association was organized. The following officers were elected: James Brandt, Superintendent, Danville Country Club, Danville, Illinois was elected president; C. W. Jones, Pro-superintendent at Champaign County Country Club, Vice-President; Floyd Mendenhall, Superintendent Decatur Country Club, Decatur, Illinois, Secretary-Treasurer.

Directors: Charles Carr, Superintendent, Mattoon Country Club, Mattoon, Illinois; F. A. Sundy, Superintendent, Bloomington Country Club, Bloomington, Illinois; Fred Springer, Pro-Superintendent, Newman Golf Club, Peoria, Illinois.

There were twenty-eight golf course people in attendance at the meeting.

The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents offers its congratulations and pledges any help possible to the new association.

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We were talking to one of our tree expert friends the other day and he told us that he had a long siege in the hospital with fungus pneumonia which he became infected with after smelling of the inner bark of Phloem Necrosis infected elm trees in Springfield. Bert Rost reports that his lake is still closed for fishing.

Walter Hoyt reports that there were no good fires in his fire district this winter. It was a pretty dull winter for Walter.

A number of the Superintendents in the Chicago District have gone into the duck raising business. Members of the clubs have found that Easter ducks are cute when small but when they get a little larger a little hard to cope with, in other words they are a mess to try to raise around the house, so, they do in a good many other emergencies, they turn to the Superintendent to take them off their hands and to turn them loose in the lake or other water hazard on the course. It looks like the boys will be enjoying some good duck dinners this winter.

CLEAR YOUR MUDDY POND

Water in Harold Riback's pond is clear enough to drink, and it's a wonderful spot for fishing and swimming. But for 5 years after it was built, the $2\frac{1}{2}$ acre Boone Co., Mo., pond was too muddy for fun. Just $3\frac{1}{2}$ tons of agricultural gypsum changed it into a recreation spot for the Riback family.

Riback appealed to Merrill Woodruff of the University of Missouri for help when the pond failed to clear naturally. Woodruff told him the mud was caused by small bits of clay held in suspension. It takes calcium salts to cause this clay to settle; the pond water didn't have them. Gypsum was prescribed, since it is calcium sulphate and can settle clay without injuring either fish or fish food.

If your pond needs clearing, try 15 lbs. of gypsum for each 1000 cubic feet of water. Figure volume by multiplying one fourth the deepest footage by the number of steps around the pond squared. A pond 8 feet deep and 200 steps around has 80,000 cubic feet. It needs 1200 lbs. of gypsum costing about \$15.00. Treat at any time; use a raft if your pond is above a quarter acre. Gypsum spread over winter ice will distribute well when ice melts. You need good grass cover on banks and watershed to make gypsum work. There won't be much clearing if every rain brings more clay silt.

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SPREADING IT THIN

John Darrah of the W. A. Cleary Company is home again for a little while after a long trip around the country. John is very happy in his job and is looking fine.

Ed Stewart of River Forest is really showing the rest of us up in the matter of cutting down the waist line. Ed is getting slimmer and slimmer and it looks good on him, too.

Al Dorband of Mission Hills announces that he is now the "big wheel" at Mission Hills and loves it. Congratulations, Al. Al insists that he is still a Superintendent at heart.

Warren Roseman says he is still only a bearing at the Roseman outfit. Emil Mashie told the Mole that Warren holed out from 135 yards on the 12th hole at Bonnie Dundee and then took an 11 on the 18th.

Emil Mashie shot a 70 and said the course was "wonderful, very, very good." Dom Grotti shot an 80 and said the playing conditions at Bonnie Dundee were ideal, especially since his partner didn't let him down as he usually does, in fact, Dom said if his partner hadn't missed a few shots he would have thought he was playing with somebody else. Don Strand shot a 90 and was heard to say he would rather have fairways like those at Dundee than watered ones.

Oscar Borgmeier was present at the meeting. Oscar didn't play golf but said that he might in the near future. Oscar is looking great and says there are a few guys around that he is itching to relieve from some cash. We are certainly most happy to have Oscar back at our meetings again.

Someone suggested that we submit Senior President Frank Mastroleo as the nearest to an antique to represent the Superintendents to be hung in GOLF HOUSE. Seriously, if you have any real old items that might be of historical value that might be used in GOLF HOUSE to represent advancement in golf, get in touch with Al Johnson at Indian Hill.

After consultation with some of the weather experts, it was decided that Monday, July 19 would be an ideal date for our picnic. Records show that up until that time we do not ordinarily have too much trouble, but they begin right afterwards.

It looks like the Treasurer is going to get our Government bonds into his hands at last. They are resting in a bank in Glen Ellyn and some of them should be about due.

The Mole found Al Rauch and Amos Lapp on the porch after they had collected for the dinner and by passing as one of the collection committee, was able to chisel in on the extra pie and ice cream. However, knowing, that for the next 40 years Al would talk about the dessert the Mole got for nothing, he had to weaken and pay out 20¢ for the dessert.

President Roloff kept the cigars in his pocket all evening and in spite of the heavy overtone of conversation no one reported trouble in hearing him and the meeting was handled with dispatch. After the meeting he got out, not a cigar, but his trusty old pipe, but by that time was in a Hearts game and bothered no one.

Emil Cassier's daughter was married on Sunday the 13th of June. Emil is waiting anxiously for the delivery of his new Buick.

Frank Mastroleo is planning on having the Senior's Championship played at Geneva Country Club, which is Frank's stamping ground. When the subject of the dinner was brought up, Frank allowed as how he was the best spaghetti cook in that part of the state and that he would be glad to put on a spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings. Frank says it will probably be sometime in August.

Jock Anderson of Bonnie Dundee won the Seniors event, but declined the prize. Jock had a 78-6-72.

Roy Robinson of Old Orchard brought his new owners with him to the meeting. They are Albert Newman and Peter Bollenback. Mr. Newman and Mr. Bollenback said that they intended to keep Old Orchard as a golf course and are not going to subdivide it as had been rumored. They are renovating the club house and are considering many improvements on the grounds.

All of us will rejoice with Scotty Stewart, our favorite irrigation engineer, who reported that an oil well in which he has an interest came in the first week of June. The line forms on the right for a ride on Scotty's new boat which the Mole feels will be coming soon. Congratulations, Scotty.

Bill Daniel sat in a Hearts game for a few hands and did right well for himself.

Duck farmer Frank Dinelli announces that he now has 23 ducks on his pond and more are arriving every day. Frank is getting desperate. He says his pond is not large enough to hold any more and doesn't know what he will do if people keep bringing him ducks.

Dr. Daniel says that PMAS is giving good control of crabgrass. The weather in June certainly was ideal for crabgrass growth and regular sprayings are in order to keep down the weed on infested areas.

As some predicted, there are an unusually large number of web worms again this year. This seems to be the case in every summer following a mild winter in recent years.

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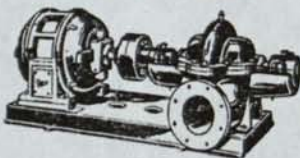


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