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THE JUNE MEETING

BONNIE DUNDEE GOLF CLUB
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1954

AL RAUCH & JOCK ANDERSON, our hosts

GOLF IN AFTERNOON

DINNER — 6:30 P. M.

BUSINESS MEETING — 7:30 P. M.

EDUCATIONAL MEETING

DR. WILLIAM H. DANIEL WILL BE VISITING IN
THE CHICAGO AREA - JUNE 7-8 AND WILL BE
OUR GUEST SPEAKER AT BONNIE DUNDEE.
PLAN TO BE THERE

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Your continued attendance at our regular meetings is most gratifying to me and to our board of Directors and to our excellent hosts month after month. I want to thank those men who have made their clubs available to us for our meetings, to express my sincere appreciation for the use of these clubs. With the June meeting we will be well into our series of summer tournaments and our golf chairman, Bill Krafft, and his committee have demonstrated that they are functioning well and that the prizes will be adequate. With milder weather they hope that more and more members will play golf.

The Entertainment Committee under Ray Davis is giving serious thought to the location of the annual picnic for the kiddies; and the Research Committee under Bert Roost and the Educational Committee under Don Strand report gratifying progress. Each meeting brings news of the recognition of our members on a national scale. For all this I thank you.

It is time that we give serious attention to the possibility of putting our association on a firmer basis in our relationship with the National Association and increased the number of men who are members of both the local and the National. I would invite comments on how this could be done to the end that our whole group would be recognized as a prominent part of the National Association.

George Roloff, President

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DR. WILLIAM H. DANIEL TO VISIT CHICAGO DISTRICT

Dr. Daniel plans to visit the Chicago area on Monday, June 7 and Tuesday June 8. He plans to drive up the morning of the 7th, visit several courses and make our meeting at Bonnie Dundee on that date. Our Educational Committee has arranged for Dr. Daniel to be our guest speaker at our meeting. On Tuesday he plans to visit a number of courses in the district and return home to La Fayette Tuesday night. This will be a rather fast visit, but Dr. Daniel wants the opportunity of seeing present conditions and to discuss ideas with the Superintendents.

We will all be looking forward to the visit as we have always done in the past. Bill always has something worthwhile to talk about and it should be of the greatest interest to us all.

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WHY IS GRASS GREEN

The first green grass of spring is always a welcome sight which leads us to ask, "Why is grass green." Do you know why it is? Grass contains chlorophyll which absorbs most of the colors of sunlight except green, which it reflects.

-Submitted by Frank Dinelli

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Joe Klem, formerly assistant to Ray Rolfs at Riverside, is the new superintendent at Mt. Prospect Golf Club.

OUR JUNE MEETING

Our June meeting will be held at Bonnie Dundee Golf Course on Monday, June 7. This is a favorite golf course for many of our golfers and we are expecting a large turnout. Bill Krafft has a number of prizes left over from the Spring Tournament at Glen Eagles and as at all our outdoor meetings, the Association is donating prizes also. We especially hope to see a good turnout of our Seniors, for this is the site of that long to be remembered low score of Ray Gerber's, when he won the Seniors championship there last year. Al Rauch and Jock Anderson are always the perfect hosts. Dinner will be at 6:30 and the meeting will follow. The Educational Committee is planning a very interesting program which will be well worth your time to attend.

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THE MEETING AT GLENEAGLES

It was a raw, windy day with snow flurries in the air when we assembled at Glen Eagles Golf Club for our May meeting. Some twenty-five hardy souls braved the weather to play golf. Just how many finished 18 holes, we never heard, but anyway — anybody who could play on a day like that should be entitled to a golf prize just for effort. Walter Fuchs had the course cut and trimmed and the greens in beautiful shape, even the bridges turned over in a recent windstorm back right side up and everything that could be done for our pleasure and comfort was done, but as Walter said he has no control over the weather. Sixty-seven sat down to a delicious steak dinner that evening. After dinner, our guest speaker, Fred Grau gave us a most interesting talk illustrated with pictures which was received with great interest and attention by all in attendance.

National Secretary Agar Brown was present and gave us a report on the Directors meeting held in St. Louis. President Roloff announced that our next meeting would be held at Bonnie Dundee on June 7.

Our many thanks to Walter Fuchs and to owner John McNulty for their courtesy and hospitality.

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GOLF WINNERS

1. Don Swenson, 2. Dave McIntosh, 3. Joe Klem, 4. Dick Buchen, 5. Russ Reid, 6. Warren Roseman, 7. Adolph Bertucci, 8. Chas. Vann, 9. Jock McIntosh, 10. Pete Simmons, 11. Frank Duggan.

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LOVE THAT GOLF COURSE

If you haven't read the article by that name written by Don Herold and distributed by the WORTHINGTON MOWER COMPANY of STROUDSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, it will be well worth your while to get hold of a copy, read it and pass it on to your chairman. It is the result of the help of Herb Graffis and a survey conducted among the Superintendents and Green Committee Chairmen to learn what players can do to help keep the golf course in beautiful shape.

Our compliments to Worthington Mower Company, Don Herold and Herb Graffis for a most remarkable job.

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Hearts Club members are wondering if they will be able to inveigle Bill Daniels into a game when he visits us on June 7.

SOME OBSERVATIONS ON SPRING WEED KILLING

There have been a number of inquiries as to the best method of eradication of some of the early spring weeds, such as knotweed and chickweed, especially on fairways where bent grass is present. It is fairly well known that some of our weed-killers are injurious to bent. Bent grass has been found to be very tolerant to the arsenicals and for that reason sodium arsenite and arsenic acid are being widely used for the elimination of the afore mentioned weeds. However, it has been found that both of these weeds are pretty tough customers and that you really have to bear down on them to get rid of them. Light applications of arsenicals are, for the most part, ineffective. From experience we have found out that even repeated applications at the lighter rates of one or two pounds to the acre do not entirely control the weeds. If the weeds are localized, that is patches here and there in the turf, it is recommended that spot treating be done. This can be done and although the grass may be scorched by the chemicals, the appearance of the entire area is not effected too badly by the treatment, whereas if the entire area is treated at the higher rates, although damage to turf is superficial, the appearance is bad and sometimes leads to criticism.

Spot treating sounds like a big job, but with a good spray rig and two or three men with spray guns it is surprising how much turf can be covered in a short time.

In the case of knotweed, it will be necessary to repeat the first application due to more of the seed germinating after the treatment. Chickweed has been found to be much more difficult to control where it has developed a thick mat, such as in the rough or other long grass. On tees and short-cut fairways it has been found to have control with a single application, either killing the chickweed entirely or so thinning it out that it is no longer noticeable.

It has long been known that lead arsenate will eliminate chickweed, but it certainly has no effect on knotweed.



WISCONSIN GREENKEEPERS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The regular April meeting was held on Monday, April 19 at Brynwood Country Club with Les Verhaalen as host. Golf in afternoon and the business meeting at the Bavarian Club, 5423 N. Port Washington Road, Milwaukee. The May meeting was on May 3 at Morse Hills G. C., Beloit with Fritz Reinhardt as host.

Future meetings will be as follows.

June 1, North Shore G.C., Menasha, H. Hanneman, host.

July 12, Merrill Hill C.C., Waukesha, Al Decker, host.

August 9, Maple Bluff C.C., Madison, Bill Brady, host.

September 13, Brynwood C.C., Milwaukee, Les Verhaalen, host.

September 20, Butte Des Morts C.C., Appleton, Jack Taylor, host.

SPREADING IT THIN

We reported in our last issue that Lake Shore Country Club was having troubles renewing the lease on the land on which 11 holes of the course are situated. Adolph Bertucci, Golf Course Superintendent, with a big smile on his face, reports that differences with the owners have been ironed out and that his club has a new 15-year lease on the ground. Adolph had an idea that everything would come out all right and kept the greens and fairways cut and in playing condition thruout the controversy. We are indeed very happy to see this beautiful course in business again.

The McIntosh brothers, Jock and Dave, have completed the remodeling of the Tavern Room at Oak Hills. The room is now equipped with a new bar and picture windows. Without this thought in mind, of course, but how about a meeting at Oak Hills in the near future?

Mel Warnecke of Evanston C. C. is now able to wear suits he gave up more than five years ago. We envy you your streamlined figure, Mel.

We are happy to report that Oscar Borgmeier is recovering rapidly from his recent illness and expects to be back on the job very soon. However, he may take a little trip in the meantime and Chuck Daugherty will fill in for him as he has so capably done during Oscar's illness. We will all be most happy to have Oscar's genial presence with us at our meetings again.

Lawrence Marczynski of Rolling Green had his car stolen late in April and recovered it 11 hours later. Not even the change in the glove compartment was taken. Lawrence says that he will from now on remember to lock his car and remove the key when he parks it.

Fred Grau, now of the West Point Products Company, put on a convincing demonstration of the Aerifier and the Verticut machines at Glen Eagles. Fred makes the following suggestions to get the best results from the use of these machines — "First go over the area in two directions with the Aerifier. Set the Verticut to just cut the grass so it will just nip off the surface runners. Now Verticut twice in different directions. This will pulverize the cores and provide top dressing. Now go over the area with a steel drag mat. It may be advisable to go in two directions with this operation. Now mow and you are ready for business. The putting surface will be more accurate and smoother than before. The Verticut will remove the Poa Annua seed heads and stimulate the bent to more active growth."

The Superintendents watched the operation of the two machines in spite of the raw, cold wind which swept over the hills on which Glen Eagles is built, and Fred reported great interest in the operation.

In an argument later with Ray Gerber, Fred agreed that in some cases the greens will be so smooth already that it might not be possible to make them smoother. This would be the exception rather than the rule in a great many instances.

Our Association has received high honor. Midwest member Ray Gerber, Superintendent of Glen Oak Country Club has been asked to accept the Chairmanship of a newly-formed Manufacturer's Relations Committee of the National Association. National President Norman Johnson made the appointment immediately following the meeting of the board of Directors in St. Louis last month.

Agar Brown, Secretary of the National, speaking of the meeting at St. Louis of the Board of Directors says it was like a meeting of church deacons, no drink-

ing, no smoking, no card playing and some of the guys even got up to go to church on Sunday morning. Agar further reported that the 1956 meeting of the National will be held at Long Beach, California, February 5-10. The Show and meetings will be held in the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium. Remember, boys, this meeting is in 1956 and we go to St. Louis in 1955. How about Chicago in 1957?

Long Beach is about 25 miles south of Los Angeles on the Pacific Ocean. Save your money, boys, we have got something to look forward to.

At dinner at Glen Eagles, Fred Grau kept busy spreading cheese on crackers and passing them around. The Mole regretfully reports that Fred is one of those thin spreaders.

Gerald Dearie made a rare appearance at our Glen Eagles meeting. We should see you more often, Jerry.

John McNulty, owner of Glen Eagles, had dinner with us and supplied the after dinner drink for which we are very much appreciative. Many thanks for your hospitality, John.

Ray Davis, of the Entertainment Committee reported that the Spring Dance at Midwest showed a profit of \$30.20. This is nothing unusual for Ray. He has been putting on our dances for years, showing us a good time without costing our treasury a dime. Some of the members are already figuring out how to spend the dough, but Ray says he is turning it over to the Treasurer to apply on the expenses of our next social get-together. More power to you, Ray.

Frank Mastroleo, Seniors President, played with Tournament Chairman Bill Krafft at Glen Eagles, and since he was the only Senior brave enough to play on that day, Bill ruled that there would be no prize for the Seniors, but would apply it to the next meeting when it is hoped more of the old boys would feel spry enough to brave the elements. Seriously though, by June 7, the date of our next meeting, we should have some nice, warm weather. President Mastroleo has as yet made no announcement of the Seniors Championship, but it should be coming up in the near future and there will be a number of the men who will try to unseat Ray Gerber from his throne as champion. Frank Dinelli says the Tournament was held too early last year for him to be eligible to enter, but he is ready this year, so better practice up, Ray.

Ed Stewart of River Forest got his picture in the garden section of the Tribune May 9th.

Wes Updegraff of Oak Park C.C. is now at home at 228 Pleasant Street, Oak Park, Ill.

The acoustics of the rooms in which we hold our meetings are sometimes not good but the guys in the back of the room feel that they would be better able to hear and understand what the President is saying if he would remove his cigar when talking and give them at least a chance to read his lips. One guy commented, "I don't mind him speaking so low, but that cigar sure interferes with my lip reading". Which reminds us of the time years ago when we had a Secretary who had the same habit. One day some unkind soul substituted a loaded cigar for the one he had laid out ready to light as soon as the meeting started. The resulting explosion was very embarrassing to say the least to the Secretary, coming during the reading of the minutes. Needless to say, there was much merriment over the incident. We can't remember if it cured him of the habit or not, though.

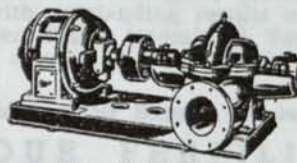
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