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Our 28th Year



FRANK DINELLI, 1st Vice President,
Midwest Association of Golf Course
Superintendents

THE MARCH MEETING
MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB,
Bensenville, Illinois
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1954
AL HINTZ, OUR HOST

GET TOGETHER IN AFTERNOON
DINNER 6:00 P. M.
MEETING 7:00 P. M.
QUESTION BOX

MIDWEST REGIONAL TURF CONFERENCE,
PURDUE UNIVERSITY, WEST LAFAYETTE, IND.
MARCH 1-3, 1954
LET'S HELP DR. DANIEL MAKE IT THE BEST YET
BY ALL ATTENDING

SPRING DANCE MIDWEST COUNTRY CLUB, APRIL 22

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wish to appoint the following committees for 1954.

Membership; Frank Dinelli, Chairman; Roy Chaplin, Walter Killmer, Marvin Gruening, Gerald Dearie.

Educational; Don Strand, Chairman; Robert Williams, Ray Gerber, William H. Stuppel, Bert Rost, Golf; William Krafft, Chairman; David Mastroleo, Howard Baerwald, Herman Woehrle.

Entertainment; Ray Davis, Chairman; Amos Lapp, Matt Bezek.

Turf Research; Bert Rost, Dr. Ralph Voigt, Ray Gerber, Don Strand, Robert Williams, Paul Burdett.

Public Relations; Gordon Brinkworth, Chairman; William H. Stuppel, Ray Gerber.

Bull Sheet; William H. Stuppel, Chairman, Bert Rost, Al Johnson, Paul Burdett.

Placement and Information; Ray Gerber, Chairman.

I have full confidence that I have chosen my committees well and I am sure that all will function in a proper manner for the welfare and benefit of our organization.

Great things are promised for our association this year and I hope that we can all pull together to make it the greatest in the history of the Midwest.

I wish to thank Frank Dinelli for taking over my duties as president while I was away. He has done a splendid job.

Keep in mind the Midwest Regional Turf Conference at Purdue March 1-3. It promises to be the best in a long string of great programs and let's all turn out and help Dr. Daniel put it over.

Our March meeting will be at Mohawk Country Club at Bensenville, Illinois on Monday March 8. Al Hintz will be our host. Get together in the afternoon, dinner at six and the meeting in the evening.

I'll be seeing you in the near future.

George Roloff, President.

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OUR FEBRUARY MEETING

Our meeting at Acacia on February 9, was exceptionally well attended for a winter meeting. Some 60 members were on hand to enjoy the wonderful buffet dinner provided for us and to participate in the evening meeting. Probably the most interesting announcement was the plan of the USGA to assist us in setting up a regional program in this area. It certainly will be a great step forward. Frank Dinelli did a fine job as presiding officer, reports of committees were well received and the question and answer session provided much lively discussion.

The Question Box panel consisted of Matt Bezek, Herman Woehrle, Walter Killmer, John Coghill and Ray Davis. Don Strand acted as moderator.

Our many thanks to Herman Drafke and Mr. Nielsen, club owner, for a most interesting and enjoyable meeting.

MIDWEST MEMBERS HONORED

Robert Williams, Superintendent at Beverly Country Club and a member of our Educational Committee and Chairman of the Educational Committee of the GCSA, was asked by Mr. Issac B. Grainger, President of the USGA to be a member of the Greens Section Committee. We are very happy for Bob and are proud that a member of our Association has been selected to serve on the committee that has been the source of leadership for our industry since its beginning.

The Chicago District Golf Association has appointed Ray Gerber, Robert Williams, Bert Rost and Don Strand as members of the Greens Committee of that important group.

It is truly a great honor for these men and we offer our congratulations.

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INFORMATION MEANS BETTER TURF

Dr. William H. Daniel

Just mowing grass used to be the prerequisite for a greenkeeper or caretaker. It is no so simple for the Superintendent of today and tomorrow as he considers the chemicals, special tools, fertilizers and grasses available. To be effective information gained from research and observation must be assimilated into the thinking and concept of those who manage individual turf areas.

Again the problems and questions concerning many phases of turf management have been considered in preparing the program. The special sections are planned to schedule a wide variety of material. Each person is encouraged to plan to attend those discussions of most interest to them. The cooperation of the several superintendents appearing in panels, as chairmen and as secretaries is greatly appreciated. Their sharing of experiences offers an excellent opportunity to profit you and your organization.

A note of thanks to the many industrial and educational representatives who appear in our program as one of their real contributions toward improving turf.

"Information Means Better Turf" will be a fact in 1954 to the extent questions concerning your problems are discussed. You have a responsibility—to ask questions—so that this may be another profitable Conference for you toward Better Turf in 1954.

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NEW MEMBERS

We wish to welcome the following new members into the Association.

Arthur E. Arnold (Apprentice), Box 33, Route 2, Des Plaines, Illinois

Granville H. Coburn (Regular), 402 Foster Ave., Rockford, Illinois

Paul W. Burdett (Associate), Swift Rd. Lombard, Ill.

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Midwest members participating in the program at the Purdue Turf conference are; Dr. William H. Daniel, Frank Dinelli, Herb Graffis, Carl B. Habenicht, Al Johnson, Norm Johnson, Dr. William Klompars, Dr. O. J. Noer, Bill Stuppel, Reuben Thode, Robert Williams, Ted Woehrle.

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Paul Burdett's son, Paul Jr., a graduate of Iowa State University, is now associated with his father in the golf course supply business. Paul Jr. joined our association as an associate member at Acacia.

P R O G R A M
MIDWEST REGIONAL TURF
FOUNDATION CONFERENCE
Purdue Memorial Union

MONDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 1

South Ballroom—Taylor Boyd, Chairman

- 1:15 Welcome Dean H. J. Reed
1:30 Putting Grass Leaves to Work
S. N. Postelthwait
2:15 Adult Education at Purdue University
George E. Davis
2:40 Intermission—Coffee served
3:00 Seed Supply and Prices Gager Vaughan
3:30 Hocus Pocus in Grass Breeding .. Glenn Burton
4:00 Discussion

MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 1

North Ballroom

- 6:00 Annual Banquet Toastmaster, Herb Graffis
Research Helps Everybody W. F. Pickett
Purdue Glee Club
The Hoosier Trio

TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 2

South Ballroom—Frank Dunlap, Chairman

- 9:00 Techniques and Turf Quality F. V. Grau
9:45 Successful Turf Areas O. J. Noer
10:30 Intermission
10:45 How Did the Interview Go?
P. E. Lull with volunteers
11:45 Group picture

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 2

- 1:15 See Division meetings

TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 2

West Faculty Lounge—G. O. Mott, Chairman

- 7:00 Movie—Turf Management Carl Bretzlaff, Nar-
Movies
8:30 Annual Meeting of Midwest Regional Turf
Foundation (Everyone invited)
9:30 Annual Meeting Board of Directors, Room 318

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 3

- 9:00 Continue divisional schedule
11:40 Close of Conference
11:50 Advisory Council luncheon and meeting

DIVISION A

Athletic Fields, Cemeteries, Industrial and Home
Lawns. Room 363. Bob Duke, Chairman. C. Habenicht,
Secretary.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 2

- 1:15 Facts & Fancy on Liquid N.P.K.-A.J. Ohlrogge
Display of Fertilizers
2:25 Break
2:40 Crabgrass Control in Turf R. A. Engel
3:40 Private car tour to Turf Plots, Hy 52 N.W.—
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(Alternate program if bad weather)

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 3

- Cliff Runyan, Chairman Ray Keen, Secretary
9:00 Athletic Field Reseeding F. V. Grau
9:50 Break
10:00 Panel on Turf Planting Equipment & Procedure
R. Plent, A. Pion, C. Habenicht, C. O. Bohne,
G. Burton
11:20 The Vegetative Grass Potential W. H. Daniel
11:50 Close

DIVISION B

Fee Golf Courses, East Faculty Lounge
R. Thode, Chairman D. Kennedy, Secretary

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 2

- 1:15 Who Plays Golf Today H. Graffis
1:45 Survey of Superintendents W. H. Daniel
2:00 Poa Annuua and Arsenic Toxicity
T. Woehrle and W. H. Daniel
2:40 Break
2:55 Replanting Golf Greens Joe McDermott
3:10 Planting Stolons on Large Areas A. Linkogel
3:25 Ask the Question A. Linkogel, Joe McDermott,
D. Kennedy, N. Johnson
4:30 Close

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 3

- Clarence Wolfrom, Chairman Robert Mitchell, Sec.
9:00 Introduction
9:10 The Kiss and Kin of Turf Disease, E. Sharvelle
9:40 Turf Fungi Activity W. Klomprens
10:10 Break
10:20 Weather and Disease R. Engel
10:45 Fungicides for Protection R. Engel,
E. Shock, F. V. Grau
Microscope Teams — Room 355
S. Postelthwait, Bob Williams
11:50 Close

DIVISION C

Private Golf Courses, West Faculty Lounge
Al Johnson, Chairman Les Verhaalen, Secretary

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 2

- 1:15 Introduction
The Kiss and Kin of Turf Disease, E. Sharvelle
1:55 Turf Fungi Activity W. Klomprens
2:25 Break
2:40 Weather and Disease R. Engel
3:10 Fungicides and Protection Panel:
E. Sharvelle, R. Engel, O. J. Noer
Microscope Study — Room 355
S. Postelthwait, Bob Williams
4:30 Close

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F. Dinelli, A. Linkogel, R. Phillips, M. McLaren,
N. Johnson
11:50 Close

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Eddie Wohhlerberg of Navajo Fields plans to
take his wife to the Purdue conference. For sure, the
Blue Blazer will see nothing of Eddie this trip, but
we are sure that they will have a wonderful time.
Eddie finally got his house painted and now can manage
the baseball team again.

Dave Mastroleo drove 8,345 miles during his
vacation, commuting between Miami, Florida and Del
Monte, California. He made the trip from Florida to
California in 4½ days. The last day out, he drove
1016 miles in 22 hours. We are glad you are home
safely, Dave. Thats a lot of miles.

Walter Hoyt was first thru the food line at
Acacia.

We were very pleased to have Drs. Voigt and
Crane at our February meeting.

SPREADING IT THIN

John Polocovich of Midwest CC went fishing at Del Ray Beach in Florida and caught a 300 pound shark. John says it was quite a fish.

The members of the Hearts club had quite a session at Acacia. It seems that it is a very exclusive outfit with only a few regular members, but with a number of probationary members. Frank Dinelli, club president, says that the reason is that the regulars get tired of taking each others money and that they have to let a little fresh money in once in a while. Well, its a lot of fun anyway.

Mrs. Jock McIntosh is expecting a son, her first, anytime now. Jock is awaiting the event with interest.

Dr. Marvin Ferguson, the national turf coordinator of the USGA will be with us at our meeting on July 11.

Bert Rost, Chairman of the Turf Research Committee, reported that the USGA Greens Section might be willing to present a tidy grant to the University of Illinois for research work at our Drug and Horticultural Experiment Station during this year. The Committee is already at work drawing up a desirable program. This is, indeed, good news.

Dr. Voigt generously offered the facilities of the Medical campus between semesters including an auditorium, lab space and dormitories if we decided to hold a spring Short Course this Spring. The University is playing a larger part in our lives each year.

Comments of our younger members at the Acacia meeting high-lighted the necessity of constant review and rehashing the history of turf as we know it today. Our younger members have never learned the story of the growth of Poa Annuua and some of them do not know why it was ever necessary to have watered fairways. Stop and think of it, boys, some of them think Ike is the first Republican president, too.

Charlie Carr is now at Mattoon Country Club.

The Question Box questions and answers stimulated thinking so much that for an hour or more after the formal meeting broke up, members formed in groups everywhere and animated discussion of problems continued. This meeting certainly justifies the existence of the organization.



PRACTICAL MAINTENANCE HINTS

Again we have had a very mild winter in the Midwest area. There has been very little snow and not very much rain, although we are now beginning to get some. Frost has not penetrated very far into the ground and at this time is practically all out. It is generally known that our old friend, knotweed, germinates very early in the spring, just about as soon as the frost starts to come out. Knotweed was observed germinating on February 18 this year. We believe this sets some kind of a record. It is hard to imagine any seed germinating in this part of the country in February. There will probably be a bumper crop this spring. The drought of last fall thinned out turf in some places and the early germination, long before the grass can get started, will certainly mean a head start for knotweed. It has been found that the weed is extremely sensitive to the arsenical sprays such as sodium arsenite and arsenic acid when in the seedling stage. Light sprayings are very effective if done early enough and that is the trick, to get your spray rig out on the course early enough. Several applications are necessary to pick up those which show up after the first

spraying. 2,4-D is very effective on the seedling plants, but must be used with extreme caution where bent turf is present.



It seems that the predictions of some of the old-timers were right. It has been a mild winter. Some of the boys who are trying to maintain curling and skating rinks have a terrific job on their hands and it is really remarkable how well they have done this winter. At the present writing with the temperature in the 50's and 60's, ice is almost non existant. However, with any kind of a decent break in the weather in the next few days they will be on the job again.

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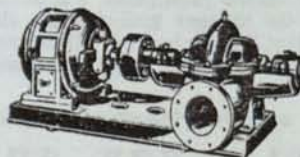
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