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Supt. Ridgemoor Country Club

**THE JULY MEETING
RIDGEMOOR COUNTRY CLUB
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, JULY 9, 1956
CLIFF RASMUSSEN, OUR HOST
GOLF TOURNAMENT IN AFTERNOON
SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER
DINNER — 6:30 P. M.
BUSINESS MEETING
EDUCATIONAL MEETING**

IT WILL BE WELL WORTH YOUR TIME TO TAKE AN AFTERNOON AND EVENING OFF AND ATTEND THE MEETING AT RIDGEMOOR. CLIFF SAYS HE WILL HAVE THE RED CARPET OUT FOR US AND ASSURES US A WONDERFUL TIME.

ANNUAL PICNIC, POTTAWATOMIE PARK, ST. CHARLES, ILLINOIS, JULY 23

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our June meeting at Ravisloe Country Club proved to be even better than Bill Stupple's advance publicity in the BULL SHEET. The course was in excellent condition, the attendance was the biggest yet this year, the food was superb, the guest speakers were tops, and Walter Killmer as our host just can't be beat.

We are now looking forward to another fine meeting in July at the Ridgemoor Country Club. Ridgemoor is centrally located so that your traveling distance will be equalized. Our host sup't. will be our good friend Cliff Rasmussen who maintains a fine golf course that will be your pleasure to play. Dave Mastroleo says he will have more of those wonderful prizes for you to shoot at also. Gordon Brinkworth promises to have another outstanding educational program.

Dr. Marvin Ferguson, director of the USGA green section, stopped in our city on his way to the OPEN at Rochester, N. Y. He reports that the USGA plans to set up a regional area here in the Midwest. This should tie in nicely with our projected plans for local research here in the Chicago area. Dr. Ferguson will stop back for a visit to Knollwood C. C. after the OPEN and will let us know at that any further developments since their committee meeting at Rochester. Knollwood, by the way, is the site of the USGA amateur next September 10th.

Mal McLaren's informative report at our last meeting was so well prepared and presented that it met with immediate and unanimous approval. Mal hit some items that were real "meat" and made your attendance well worth the effort. We hope to have another "visiting Sup't." speak at one of our meetings later in the year.

For the first time in a long time, it was real nice to see several green chairmen at the meeting with their sup'ts. Let's hope this will continue and that our meetings are good enough to make you feel that you would want to bring your chairman or other club officials to our meeting.

Robert M. Williams, President

COMING EVENTS

The July meeting, Ridgemoor Country Club, Monday, July 9.

The August meeting, Gleneagles Golf Club, Monday, August 6.

The September meeting, joint meeting with Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association, Nippersink Manor Lodge, September 10.

Midwest Regional Turf Foundation Field Days, Purdue University, September 17-18.

The October meeting and Fall Tournament, Tam O Shanter Country Club. Date to be announced later.

Fall Dinner Dance, Mohawk Country Club, November 3.

NEW MEMBERS

At our last meeting Fred A. Jauman and Thomas Coyne were elected members of our association. We wish to welcome these men into our group and hope we will see them often at our meetings.

Bill Saielli had been teaching his wife, Lucille, the game of golf in his spare time and his efforts paid dividends when she copped the first prize at a Ladies' Invitational Tournament at Exmoor during June.

OUR JULY MEETING

Our July meeting will be held at Ridgemoor Country Club on Monday, July 9. Cliff Rasmussen will be our host. Ridgemoor is a beautiful course and has been kept in beautiful condition for many years from the days of Eddie Dear'e and Harold Reed and now Cliff is energetically following in his predecessors' footsteps. Cliff assures us that we are going to have a wonderful time at his club and that the welcome mat is out for all of us. There will be the usual golf tournament in the afternoon. We expect this to be the biggest turn out of golfers for 1956, even exceeding Ravisloe where we had 77 golfers. Gordon Brinkworth is arranging an educational program which you will not want to miss.

THE JUNE MEETING

Our June meeting was held at Ravisloe Country Club on Monday, June 4. Walter Killmer was our host and old genial Walter certainly showed us a fine time. The weather was perfect and some 77 golfers registered at the first tee to tour Walter's plush golf course. Everyone who played the course reported it to be in fine condition, but a tough course to play, due mainly to the thousands of trees on Ravisloe's sporty course. The weather was warm and the refreshments on the course were much appreciated.

After a social hour in the evening we repaired to the dining room to partake of the wonderful buffet dinner which Walter had ready for us. We always have a good dinner when we go to Ravisloe and this was no exception. There were 120 present for dinner.

After dinner, President Williams called the meeting to order. Ray Gerber, Chairman of the Information and Employment Committee, reported that he had had inquiries for the employment of Superintendents at the following courses. The University of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland, Cherokee Town and Country Club, Atlanta, Georgia, Peachtree Golf Club, Atlanta, Georgia and also that Packard and Wadsworth, Golf Course Architects, were looking for a man to serve as superintendent on a course they were building in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Education Chairman Gordon Brinkworth introduced the speakers of the evening, Stan Graves, President of the Northern Ohio District of the Golf Course Superintendents of America and Mal McLaren Past President of the Golf Course Superintendents and also from the Northern Ohio District. Stan gave us some interesting details of how he maintains Westwood Country Club, Rocky River, Ohio and Mal gave us a talk on his methods at Oakwood Country Club, Cleveland, Ohio. The talks were certainly most interesting and gave us some idea on the progress that Superintendents are making in furthering their profession. We can't remember when we had a more attentive audience for a speaker at any of our meetings. His and Stan's remarks really made us sit up and think and we are sure that their visit has done much to help our members. Their visit was in return for the one Bob Williams made to their district in April. Our many thanks to them for their cooperation and enthusiasm and the best of luck to both.

Dave Mastroleo, Chairman of the Golf Committee announced that there were 77 golfers and awarded the many nice prizes.

PRIZE WINNERS

1 low gross, Emil Mashie, 71. 1 low net Harold Borgman, 2 Ben Kronn, 3 Joe Dinelli, 4 Norm Kramer. 5 Al Shaper. 6 Tom Covne. 7 Floyd Sanders. 8 Al Prosser. 9 Bill Saielli, 10 Bill Krafft. 11 Stan Arendt. 12 Floyd Pahr. Seniors, Frank Mastroleo. Guest, Barney Barnstable.

Stan Graves played his usual steady game of golf at Ravisloe, although we didn't see his name on the prize list.

THE ANNUAL PICNIC

Ed Stewart announces that the Picnic will be held at Pottawatomie Park, St. Charles, Ill. on Monday afternoon, July 23rd. Ed promises swimming for the kids and grown ups alike, golf, hot dogs, cold drinks (pop), boat rides, train rides, and believes that there will be so much activity for the kids that he does not plan any games, but will have favors for all the kids.

Ed plans that we will all come about two o'clock, swim, ride the various boats, train, and that the hot dogs and coffee will be ready at 6 p.m. so that we can all eat together.

The Park has both a swimming and a wading pool with top rating. The swimming pool is quite large with a fine bath house. The park is large enough to hold a lot of people and the Fox River borders it on the west side. The Fox River has a run for boating of at least 3 miles so we can get in a good boat ride. The management has fixed up a replica of a river steamer with music and Ed plans that each kid shall have a ride on this boat. Ed Runfeldt, Dav McIntosh and Burdett have all promised to have little boats on the river and may be persuaded to provide rides too. This year there is a dock so it will be possible to get on and off the boats more easily. There is a golf course there but Ed hopes we can use the St. Charles Country Club, for those who wish to play golf. Keep the 23d of July open and plan to attend the Picnic during the afternoon and evening.

SPREADING IT THIN

Bob Breen of the Fresh Meadows C. C. had a run of bad luck the last week in May. Vandals stole two greens mowers the Friday before Decoration Day and then Decoration Day morning they took 10 ft. of sod off one of the greens.

Bill Daniels, Norm Goetz, Bob Pickett and Nick Britton, who has a fellowship in Turf at Purdue came in and attended the meeting and planned to inspect strains of Blue Grass that Bill had spotted on previous visits. If Bill finds really outstanding strains he may take some of it back to Purdue with him for closer observation.

Lake McIntosh on the Oak Hills C.C. had a work out this spring. Dave built a boat, bought a motor and launched the outfit on Lake McIntosh. In the trial run Jock was the pilot and captain. Jock climbed aboard, revved up the motor and just as he got up speed he ran out of lake and had to steer a course among the oak trees. For the last two weeks the boys have had to keep the boat off the lake because the bass and the bullheads were laying eggs and getting the family nest areas ready and they couldn't be disturbed. The last week in June, the bullheads had hatched out and swarmed around in a ball of swiftly moving black dots over the place where Jock insists he saw the parents building a nest. There were a lot of them in that swarm.

The boys promise to bring a boat to the picnic, Dave insists that he will bring a fibre glass boat with a very large engine. Better plan to come and see it and have a ride. There will be other boats there too.

Mike Coyne of Fox Lake C. C. reported that the Lilacs there were blooming a month late this year and that they were beautiful the first week in June. It is well to keep in mind the lateness of the season when we have lived thru so much heat this summer already.

Emil Cassier of the Sycamore Park District brought Richard Bickle, Secretary of the Park District and of the Chamber of Commerce with him to the June meeting.

One hundred and twenty sat down to dinner on a wonderful evening after a beautiful day at the Ravisloe C. C. Seventy-seven played golf over beautiful fairways and shrubs in the rough. Stanley Arendt gave this report saying the shrubbery was long and full of mosquitoes. He learned the hard way, that's why he had an 83.

The dinner was delicious, a whole round of rare roast beef, ham, corned beef, chicken salad, beans, cold roast beef, apple pie, celery, radishes, pickles, cottage cheese, tomatoes, tongue, fruit salad, sausage, cheese, eggs, potato salad. It sure was a diet buster. The boys all walked away from the table with distended bellies. It was a poor place for a man on a diet. One man asked the waiter how often he could come back; "as often as you can walk" was the reply.

Earl Porter, manager and operator of the York Golf Club, 22nd and York Rd., Hinsdale, Ill. was buried Saturday, June 23rd. Earl and Mrs. Porter had operated the York Golf Course for 31 years and will be missed by all of us who knew and admired him.

Scotty Stewart left the desk where he has been designing the water system for the U. S. Air Force academy at Colorado Springs to attend the meeting. Scotty advised us that there will be 1000 acres of turf and that it will require from 1 to 2 inches of water a week during the growing season and about half that amount during the winter. They plan to have 12 wells 1400 ft. deep, an additional 5 million gallons of water a day from the City of Colorado Springs, and will purify all the sewerage for irrigation purposes.

Scotty believes this is the largest overhead turf irrigation project ever conceived and he is proud to be the consulting engineer of the project. We are pleased to know that one of our men is working on this project.

Henry Miller and the Green Acres Country Club suffered the total loss of their machinery storage barn at 6:30 Saturday evening, June 23d. Henry lost all of his equipment except the truck and some mowers that were outside. It was quite a fire. Henry says it was all insured. It was not hard to replace the equipment.

Joe Canale of Deer Park, Oglesby, Ill., down near the Illinois River celebrated his 40th birthday at the Ravisloe meeting. He shot an eighty five for the round. Joe and Herman Woerhle of Kankakee Valley have been two of our most consistant members in summer attendance. Herman rarely misses a meeting summer or winter but Joe takes other employment during the winter and attends all the summer meetings. Joe travels at least 100 miles one way for every meeting and Herman travels almost as far.

Frank Dinelli says that his Zoysia tees are in beautiful shape and that they lost their winter color very early in the spring. Frank gave the turf some protection by covering with hay during the winter and that might have a lot to do with it. Frank is very enthusiastic about Zoysia and believes it is the only grass for tees, at least.

The 17-year locust is with us in full force. It seems that there are more of them to the South of Chicago and much less numerous on the far north side. We have reports that they are very scarce in the southern part of Wisconsin.

Walter Killmer has two new greens planted to Penn Lu stolons. They were coming along in fine shape when we were there in June and are probably now in play.

It was reported to this office that some of the Superintendents liked Ravisloe so much when we were there last month, that they didn't want to go home and kept Walter up until the wee small hours of the morning.

Mal McLaren says that the day at Ravisloe was the warmest he had seen all spring and that when he got on the plane at Cleveland that Stan and he were wearing overcoats. In contrast to our weather, they had a great deal of rain during April and cold weather and things were very much behind at that time.

The Mole.

The green keeper stood at the golden gate
 His head was bent and low.
 He merely asked the man of fate
 Which way he ought to go.
 What have you done, St. Peter said
 To seek admittance here.
 I ran a country club on earth
 For many and many a year.
 St. Peter opened wide the gate
 And gently pressed the bell.
 Come in, he said, and choose your harp
 You've had your share of hell.

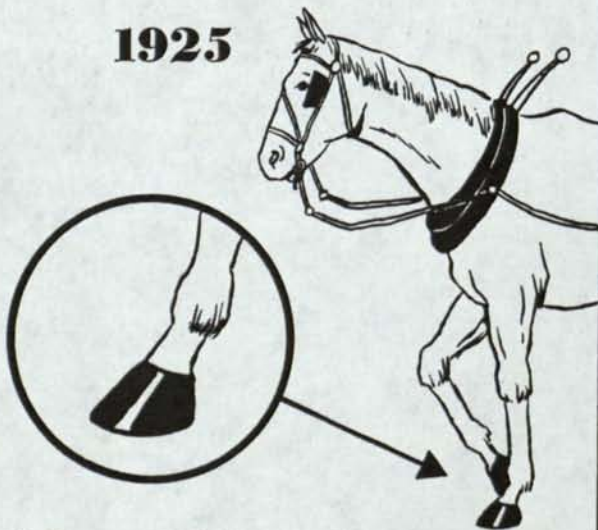
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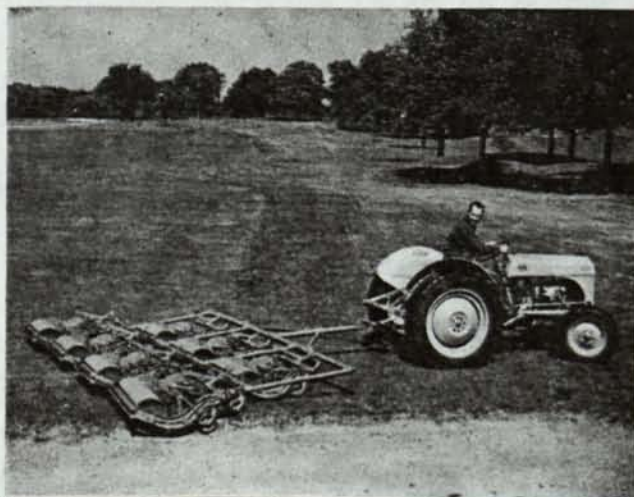
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