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GEORGE DAHLMAN,

Supt. Coghill Golf Club

THE MAY MEETING
COGHILL GOLF CLUB
LEMONT, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, MAY 7, 1956
GEORGE DAHLMAN, OUR HOST
SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT
SOCIAL MEETING
DINNER — 6:30 P. M.
BUSINESS MEETING

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SPRING DINNER DANCE, RIVER FOREST GOLF CLUB, SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1956.

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OUR MAY MEETING

The May meeting will be held at Coghill Golf Club on Monday, May 7. George Dahlman will be our host and promises us a wonderful day. This will also be occasion of our Spring Golf Tournament and weather permitting we expect a large turnout. There certainly has been every incentive for us to play in our tournaments due to the fine work of the Golf Committee and the excellent prizes which are provided for us every month. In fact, we don't know how Dave Mastroleo does it with the limited cash he has for the purchase of prizes. So, you had better get the old clubs dusted off and get out and battle for one of them at Coghill. Up to the present time, we have not learned definitely what the Educational program is going to be, but you can rest assured that Gordon Brinkworth will have a good one.

THE SPRING DINNER DANCE

Our annual Spring Dinner Dance will be held at River Forest Golf Club on Saturday, May 5, 1956. The club is located on Grand Avenue, 1/4 of a mile east of York Road, or three miles west of Mannheim Road (Route 45).

Dinner will be at 7:00 P. M. and we are reliably informed that it will be a delicious roast beef dinner. Correy Lynn's orchestra will provide the music and there will be a special entertainment program and door prizes.

Our host and hostess for the evening will be Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Stewart and we know from past experience that they will leave nothing undone to insure our enjoyment of the evening. For an evening of enjoyment, plan to come and bring your friends.

NEW MEMBERS

At our last meeting, Michael Joseph Reitz and Donald Ray Gerber were elected members of our association. We wish to welcome these men into our association and hope we will have the pleasure of their company at all of our meetings.

THE APRIL MEETING

Our April meeting was held at Elmhurst Country Club on Tuesday, April 3 with Edward Burke doing the honors as host Superintendent. It was a beautiful, warm day although a little on the windy side. Some thirty members and guests took advantage of the good playing conditions by touring Ed's well kept golf course. This was the first time out for most of the players and we won't mention how good they were, although Joe Dinelli came in with a 79, which he figured wasn't too bad. A goodly number gathered in the club house in the afternoon to talk over conditions and to get together for a good social time. 78 sat down to a delicious chicken dinner that evening. After a short business meeting, our speaker of the evening, Mr. Robert Van Tress, Garden Editor of the Chicago Daily News and Horticulturist for the Chicago Park District, gave us a most interesting talk on plantings for use on club grounds. Mr. Van Tress's colored pictures were out of this world and needless to say his program was much enjoyed by all. Our many thanks to Ed. Burke for his great hospitality.

GOLF WINNERS

1st low Gross, Joe Dinelli. Low Net; 1 Don Swenson, 2 John Coghill, 3 Bill Krafft, 4 Joe Canale, 5 Dom Grotti. Door Prizes; 1 Al Johnson, 2 Ray Gerber, 3 E. E. Berg.

WISCONSIN NOTES

On April 16th the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents met at the Bavarian Club — North Port Washington Road, Milwaukee, Wis. Over 40 members were the dinner guests of Dick Ryerson. After a very fine meal, President Del Stolenwerk called the meeting to order, the main business of which was the presenting of the revised By-Laws of the Association to the membership. After discussion on the changes in the By-Laws they were accepted by a vote of the membership. The next order of business was the arranging of a tentative program of meeting places for the summer months.

May 7 (Election of Officers) Brynwood Country Club Milwaukee — Lester Verhaalen

June 11, Beloit Country Club, Beloit.

July 16, Oconomowoc Country Club (Tentative Place & Date)

August 13, Clintonville, Wis.

September 10, (Joint Meeting Mid-West A.G.C.S.) Nippersink Manor lodge.

September 17, (Tournament Meeting) Open

October 2, Ozaukee Country Club, Milwaukee

Most Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents reported that the turf had come thru the winter in very good shape. But lack of spring rain and an extremely dry sub-soil, together with very cool weather, had retarded the spring growth and turf was now below normal for this time of year.

Chas. Shiley

We regret to announce the death of Henry Stoltze, who was an associate member of our Association. Mr. Stoltze, you will remember, was the owner of the Black Diamond Humus Company and was well known to members of the Association.

Russ Reed was on the ailing list during the month and had to spend several days in the hospital. We understand that he is up and around again, however, and we all hope you are fully recovered, Russ.

Frank Dinelli, Chairman of the Practical Research Committee, reports that several projects will be underway by Superintendents this Spring, but he needs more help to complete a successful program of research.

Elmer and Al Bertucci are very proud of their new watering system at Old Elm Club. A modern, up to date system has been installed under the supervision of Scotty Stewart and Ray Didier was called in to do the digging of two lakes on the course which it is hoped will help to alleviate the water shortage such as we had last summer. On the same subject, a number of other courses in the Chicago district are contemplating following Old Elm's example. The water situation is really serious, and the way the season is starting, it will continue to be.

It is planned to have our June meeting at Ravisloe Country Club on June 4. Walter Killmer will be our host.

NOTRE DAME RENOVATES FOOTBALL

FIELD WITH DOWFUME MC-2

By Chester R. Keeley,

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana

The very valuable 2.2 acres of turf of the football playing field within the stadium at the University of Notre Dame had shown increasing deterioration over the past several years. This was most noticeable in a central "aisle" more or less centered on the field which receives the heaviest traffic.

Efforts had been made over past years to restore the turf by fertilization and seeding but these measures had not resulted in any permanent improvement. The field was not satisfactory during the 1954 football season and University authorities decided to renovate the turf completely in time for the 1955 season.

Originally we were prepared to sod the area with established turf. This has the advantage that it gives a green surface immediately. For a football field it has the disadvantage that the sod does not always join tightly with the underlying soil. Football players have been known to lift a cleat-shod at the height of some exciting play only to have an entire sod come with it. In addition sodding is expensive. It was decided to seek an alternative if a satisfactory one could be found.

In view of the gratifying results of a technique used at Alabama Polytechnic Institute* and at Mississippi State College, we decided to work the area, add new soil, organic matter and sand, and then fumigate with Dowfume MC-2 under plastic covers. This latter treatment was to kill unwanted grass, weeds, and weed seeds as well as possible harmful soil nematodes and insects prior to newly seeding the area.

The Dowfume MC2 fumigant was applied at the rate of one pound per 100 square feet. Following a short aeration period, the soil was leveled and planted with a mixture of 75 pounds each of Kentucky and Merion bluegrass which had been given a preplanting treatment to hasten germination and establishment. The seed was soaked in water for two days and then kept moist for eight days on a concrete floor. The one inch layer of seed was raked over several times. After this treatment the Kentucky bluegrass seed had begun to sprout. The entire 150 pounds of moist seed was then thoroughly mixed with 300 pounds of milorganite to facilitate handling and seeding with the usual equipment. Seeding was done on April 29 with spreaders adjusted to deliver approximately 400 seeds per square foot.

During dry weather, sprinkler irrigation was used in accordance with moisture requirements as determined by 12 strategically placed moisture blocks. First mowing was on the 34th day after which the grass was mowed twice a week for five weeks. Then the schedule was three mowings per week. In 15 weeks the grass was rooting to a depth of 9 inches and the field was practically ready for heavy football traffic. There was no undesirable grasses nor weeds in the entire area and the new turf has developed uniformly. We feel that we now have a turf that will stand up well and will present a satisfactory appearance during the entire football season beginning on September 24 and finishing up on November 19.

*Down To Earth, Vol. 10, No. 2, Fall, 1954.

The Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendent's Association will be our host for our joint meeting at Nipersink Manor Country Club the second Monday in September.

SPREADING IT THIN

Activity the Saturday before Easter gave excellent promise of heavy summer play on golf courses. Most of the South side courses offered freshly cut greens with a beautiful green cast presenting a promise of more beautiful and satisfying conditions to come as the south wind looses its winter chill and the sunny days get warmer and longer. May we all have a good, enjoyable, troublefree summer.

The above was written in good faith early in April and as of April 24 we are still waiting for the warm soft weather and rain that will make things really get up and grow. So far the soil gets dryer and dryer, each morning the sprinkler system is thawed out and set going to bring some measure of moisture into the soil. The Magnolia blossoms that should be smiling on us now have all been frozen and now we hope that May will bring the warm spring rains.

One of the few stay at homes this winter, who did not go to California was Bill Swantz of Hinsdale. Bill and his wife went to Florida and ran into the unseasonable cold January weather that prevailed there this winter. They stayed only three days in Miami then came home to get warmed up. Bill tells of putting on his overcoat and standing over a stove in the middle of the day and shivering. Maybe we ought to be glad we did not get to Florida this last winter.

John Coghill at Silver Lake C. C. has added a most beautiful addition to the clubhouse during the winter. The area has been more than doubled and the new dining room looks out of an array of plate glass windows onto the golf course. It is beautifully decorated and furnished. Norm Kramer, too, is most proud of the new addition and of the refinished and refurnished club house.

Ray Runfeldt of the Winnetka Parks has built a 14 foot open cockpit runabout boat which he expects to power with a 20 H P outboard motor. He expects to use it on Lake Michigan this summer.

Dave McIntosh of Oak Hills also made a boat during the late winter. This one is also a runabout which Dave expects to power with a 7 H P outboard. He plans to use it on the Oak Hill pond and to let the kids play with it. Next winter maybe he will build a bigger one.

Elmer Lempke is moving into the brand new home he built in Niles, Illinois the last week in April. It is a two bedroom ranch style, full basement with an attached two car garage and a nice kitchen.

Stan and Ethel Corey of Chapel Hills are moving into their new apartment at the club. The clubhouse has been rebuilt and enlarged, and two apartments added.

Jock and Mrs. McIntosh of Oak Hills are welcoming their new son, James Clarence McIntosh, who was born April 4th. James Clarence is their second son. Our congratulations to Jock and Mrs. McIntosh.

Don Stewart, second son of our old friend, Pete Stewart, is now Supt. at the Joliet C. C. at Joliet, Ill. Don reports the course has come thru the winter in good shape and is hoping for a calm and uneventful summer.

Bill Saielli of Exmoor and one of his sons, spent 3 weeks during March at Miami, Florida. Bill loves Florida.

John Coghill attended the April meeting at Elmhurst C. C. with his oldest son John Jr. 12 years old. John Jr. enjoyed his chicken dinner.

Billy Smith was celebrating his birthday at Elmhurst. Billy did not say how old he was, but our congratulations and hopes for many more birthdays.

A number of the Superintendent's in the Chicago District have been and still are busily engaged in spraying their elm trees with special DDT formulations to try to kill off the elm bark beetle which spreads Dutch Elm disease. Many communities are engaged in a similar program and we are hopeful that much will be done to prevent the spread of the disease in this area.

We hear from a reliable source, that the Golf Committee is going to revive the putting contests at our meetings. This is good news to some of us old guys who have given up playing golf for more less strenuous pastimes.

Work will soon be underway on the construction of a new service building at Exmoor Country Club. The building is to measure 40 by 120 feet and will be of concrete block construction.

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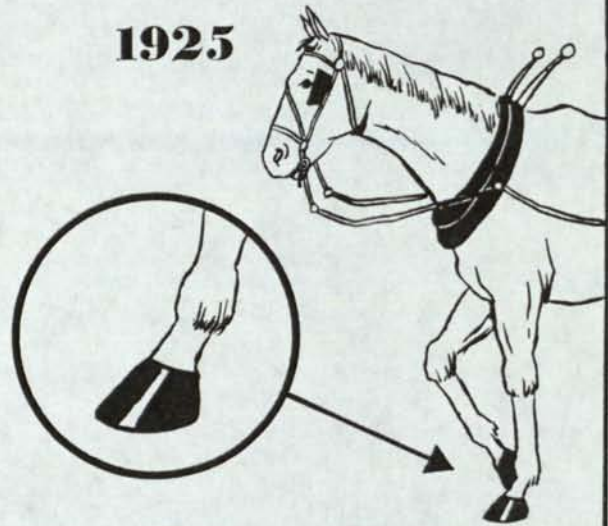
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