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Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents



CLARENCE MUELLER

**THE DECEMBER MEETING
ANNUAL MEETING AND
ELECTION OF OFFICERS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1957
GLENDALE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
CLARENCE MUELLER,
HOST SUPERINTENDENT
SOCIAL MEETING IN AFTERNOON
DINNER — 6:30 P.M.
BUSINESS MEETING — 7:30 P.M.
EDUCATIONAL MEETING**

*This is an important meeting,
so let's have a big turnout
and show your officers that
they have your full support.*

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our next meeting will be held at Glendale Country Club with Clarence Mueller as our host.

This will be our Annual Meeting. It is a particularly important meeting and urgent that you attend as you will elect a new slate of officers to guide our Midwest Association for the year 1958.

Our fall dance at the River Forest Country Club and the Turf Clinic at Olympia Fields ended this year's special activities. I think Midwest members are to be congratulated on their support, evidenced by their attendance, at any project or activity that is planned for the Association.

I also would like to express my appreciation for the monthly meeting attendance shown during the past year. I think it's really been fine!

At this time I would like to thank the Chairmen of my various committees for the fine work they have done and for the cooperation they extended to me during the past year.

In closing — I would like you to know that it's really been a pleasure for me to have served as Midwest's President for the year 1957. I've thoroughly enjoyed it!

AMOS LAPP, Pres.

OUR DECEMBER MEETING

Our December meeting will be held at Glendale Golf & Country Club on Monday, December 2, 1957. Our host will be Clarence Mueller. This will be our Annual Meeting and election of officers. We are not sure that there will be a speaker for the evening, but we are sure that our Educational Committee will have something of interest for us all.

We have had a number of meetings at Glendale and we always remember the wonderful hospitality that has always been shown us there. We are sure that it will be no different this time and we are looking forward to a great meeting at that time.

If the weather is agreeable, we are sure that there will be some hardy golfers out. If you do not play, come out in the afternoon for a social meeting with your fellow members. Dinner will be at 6:30 P.M. and the meeting will follow.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents has prepared the following slate for the Annual Election to be held at Glendale Golf & Country Club on December 2, 1957.

PRESIDENT: Edward Stewart, Henry Lange.

1ST VICE-PRES.: Dave Mastroleo, Peter Bild

2ND VICE-PRES.: Gordon Brinkworth,

Lawrence Marczinski

SEC.-TREAS.: Don Gerber, Adolph Bertucci

DIRECTORS: (2 to be elected) Ben Kronn,

Elmer Lemke, Ray Didier, Wes Updegraff

In compliance with the By-Laws, additional nominations for all offices may be made from the floor at the proper time.

Nominating Committee members, Frank Dinelli, Chairman, George Roloff, Ray Gerber.

THE NOVEMBER MEETING

We were guests of International Minerals and Chemical Corporation at Chicago Heights on Monday, November 4. It was a busy day and our members and guests arrived early at the plant. After a very instructive tour of the plant, we adjourned to Cherry Hills Country Club for a delicious dinner, a most instructive movie and a short talk by Jerry Carney of the Company. Our hosts for the day were Jim Leonhart, Everett Potterton who is in charge of the Chicago Heights plant, Jerry Carney who did the talking, John D. Zigler who is General Manager of the International Plant Food Division and Mr. Furness of the Credit Dept. At the meeting, International announced the completion of work on their new Brand X fertilizer and Norm Kramer, Don Strand and Frank Dinelli commented favorably on the results of trials with the new material. It was a very successful meeting.

THE DINNER DANCE

Our Annual Fall Dinner Dance was held at River Forest Country Club on the evening of November 2. We had a delicious dinner, an excellent orchestra, good entertainment, and our hosts, Peggy and Norm Kramer very thoughtfully provided beautiful flowers for all the ladies. There were well over 100 at the dance. There was a nice assortment of door prizes, also. When Norm reported on the dance, he gave full credit to his wife Peggy for managing the whole affair. We had a wonderful time.

PRIZE WINNERS

Mrs. Ed Stewart, Mrs. Robert DeNovo, Mrs. Nick Manusos, Mrs. Paul Popp, Mrs. Dom Grotti, Miss Edith Shaw, Mrs. Paul Popp, Mrs. Dom Grotti, Mrs. Russ Reed, Jim Burdett, Mrs. Archer Smith, Mrs. Ralph Jacks, Mrs. Ben Gee.

OUR 5th ANNUAL CLINIC

Something over a hundred golf course superintendents and guests attended the Clinic at Olympia Fields on November 19 and 20. Present were superintendents from Canada, Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, Indiana and Wisconsin. Walter Fuchs and Gordon Brinkworth are to be congratulated on their fine job of planning the clinic and their good work in seeing that everything went along smoothly. It is our opinion that this was our best effort to date and there were many complimentary remarks from those present about the interesting material presented to us. Usually, some of the old guys get a little sleepy in the afternoons at these conferences and doze off a little. We didn't see any of it at this meeting. The speakers held the interest of the listeners at all times. All the speakers were good, but we want particularly to compliment some of our younger Superintendents on the program, Joe Dinelli, Floyd Sander and Ted Woehrlé for their presentations. It is really encouraging to see the younger generation taking such an interest in the affairs of the Association. The hospitality of Olympia Fields in taking care of us was just wonderful as it has been in the past.

A transcription of the talks at the Clinic can be obtained from Gordon Brinkworth at Olympia Fields for one buck.

SCHEDULE for 29th NATIONAL
TURFGRASS CONFERENCE and SHOW

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Executive Committee Meeting, 9:00 A.M.
Registration for "early birds", afternoon

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Registration—Starting 9:00 A.M.
Set up Exhibits—All day
Opening of Educational Conference—2:00 P.M.
Annual Membership Meeting—8:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Registration—Starting at 9:00 A.M.
Opening of Exhibits—9:00 A.M. close 5:00 P.M.
Policy Committee Meeting—10:00 A.M.
Educational Conference—2:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Registration—Starting at 9:00 A.M.
Exhibits—9:00 A.M. close 5:00 P.M.
Membership Meeting—8:00 P.M.—Election of Officers

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Registration—Starting at 9:00 A.M.
Exhibits—9:00 A.M. close 5:00 P.M.
Educational Conference—9:00 A.M.
Get Acquainted Hour—6:00 to 7:00 P.M.
Annual Banquet—7:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 For special turf interest groups

Exhibits—9:00 A.M. close 12:00 Noon
Educational Conference—9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon
Panel Session, Question the Experts—2:00 P.M.
The host association, The Mid-Atlantic Golf Course Superintendents Association, is planning a full week of special events and entertainment for the many ladies and children who will be attending this event in the Nation's Capital.

All activities will be held in the
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week of
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WISCONSIN NOTES

Frank Musback is busy altering a number of holes at Blue Mound Country Club. These alterations are made necessary by the widening of Route 100, which will affect 4 holes along the west edge of the course and another 3 holes be affected by the widening of Burleigh Avenue, which runs along the north edge of the course. Over at Westmoor Country Club, also in the Milwaukee, District, Irv Bertram is arranging for the changing of 5 holes and rerouting of some of the others. This, also, has been made necessary by road construction. Many other courses in Wisconsin are busy with course alterations. Port Country Club at Port Washington started work on an additional nine holes, bringing their total up to 18. West Bend Country Club is also adding nine holes to their course. New 18 hole courses at Manitowac, Branch River County, Green Bay, and a municipal course at Madison are under construction or about to be started in the near future.

Jerry Dearie says that if he had his choice of greens for easy upkeep, he would take "elephant head greens" any time. When Jerry was asked what he meant by this type of greens, he explained very fully on the blackboard at Olympia Fields.

The Hearts Club recently initiated Roy Nelson of Golden Valley Country Club, Minneapolis.

Have you made your plans for the Washington trip yet?

IT LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER ROUGH WINTER

Mathon Kyritsis came out with his annual prediction of the winter weather the other day. According to him, we are going to have the worst winter since 1950. Mr. Kyritsis, who is president of the Illinois Commercial Fisherman's Association bases his forecast on the habits of perch. He says that if the perch stay in relatively shallow water at this time of the year, that it will be a mild winter and if they are found in deep water that it will be a severe winter. His fishing crews have found the perch in water 200 to 250 feet deep and Mathon says this means a real tough winter.

According to an ancient Indian superstition, we are going to have a lot of snow this winter. In fact, there are going to be 30 snows heavy enough to "trail a cat in". It seems that we had our first snow fall on October 26, and the total of 30 is reached by adding 26 to the number of days that the new moon was old and this was four. Now just how much snow it takes to trail a cat, we don't exactly know, but it is probably about the same amount as will keep the golfers off the course during the winter.

We recently had a most interesting letter from Bill Rueck. Bill, as you will remember, is a member of our association and was formerly located in the Chicago district. He is now Superintendent at Indian Valley Golf Course, Novato, California. The course is in northern California, has 18 holes and Bill says he has his problems. One of them is trying to keep the thousands of coots or mudhens off the greens. Bill says they really cut the grass down. He put an ad in the local paper inviting anyone to come out and shoot them to try to reduce their numbers. Then he has trouble with deer running over the greens. One evening Bill counted 47 deer on his number 2 fairway. Bill says there is a great shortage of experienced Golf Course Superintendents in California and that he knows of one contractor alone who has 6 golf courses to build.

Our old friend Bob Marbury stopped by to see the Editor on his way north for his annual deer hunting trip. Bob is living in Fort Pierce, Florida and says that he is feeling better now than he has in years.

Members of our Association were shocked to hear of the death of Don Strand's father and mother in an automobile accident. We wish to express our sympathies to Don and his family.

Nels Johnson was recently honored by the Chicago Horticultural Society. He was awarded the Charles L. Hutchinson Medal at their Annual meeting.

Michiana Golf Superintendents Association held its November meeting at Notre Dame University on Monday, November 18. Chet Keeley was the host. This meeting has become a tradition with the Michiana men. They meet at Notre Dame every year at that time and Chet provides the turkeys for the dinner. He raises them right there on the golf course. Movies of life on the Campus at Notre Dame and of the Army-Notre Dame football game were shown. It is reported that a fine time was had by all.

We often hear of men who have served a great number of years on golf courses. We wonder if there is any golf course in the country that came near the record of men on the course at Exmoor Country Club. Five men on the crew are now completing a total of 170 years of service to the club. They are: Bill Stuppel, 39 years, Emilio Amedei, 34 years, Nello Piacentini, 34 years, Reuben Thomas, 32 years. Alex (Scotty) Cummings, 31 years. And that's a long, long time.

The time of the year has come when our thoughts turn to budgets. The main principal in preparing a budget is to keep it as simple as possible. In this way it will be easier for your Greens Chairman to understand and present it to the board. The following is an example that may help you in doing this:

SAMPLE BUDGET

Salaries & Labor	67.2%
Fertilizers	10.1%
Chemicals	2.4%
Seed	1.4%
Watering Costs	2.9%
Gasoline & Oil	2.6%
Equipment, Repairs, Replacement	9.6%
(a) Golf Equipment	
(b) Equipment — New	
(c) Equipment — Repairs	
(d) Tools	
(e) Others	
Turf Repair and Replacement	3.8%
(a) Trap Sand	
(b) Top Dressing	
(c) Roads & Paths	
(d) Trees & Shrubs	
(e) Others	
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SPREADING IT THIN

Jerry Carney of International reported that over half of the Nitrogen in their new Brand X was carried as slowly available Nitrogen and that a new formulation of minor elements that are effective in promoting deep rich color and plant strength is incorporated in the fertilizer.

Walter Fuchs of Gleneagles missed the meeting because he was attending the 50th wedding anniversary of his father and mother in Iowa.

Jerry Transier lost his clubs at the Medinah meeting and wishes that if anyone knows where they are they would let him know.

Mrs. Mel Johnson passed away and was buried Saturday, November 9. Mel has been a member of our association for many years. Our condolences, Mel.

Chet Keeley held his annual Thanksgiving meeting of the Michiana Golf Course Superintendents, at Notre Dame University on Monday November 18. 14 members of our Association attended the party. Bad weather prevented us from having a larger attendance. All told, there were sixty present. The boys enjoyed a tour of the Campus and were treated to movies of the Notre Dame-Oklahoma football game after the turkey dinner. It was a fine day.

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Most of the superintendents have about completed their fall construction programs, although there are a few who want "just a few more good days". From all reports, new seedings this fall have done remarkably well.

A number of out-of-town guests at the Clinic and quite a few of our members stayed over night at Olympia Fields. They certainly do treat us fine.

Dave and Jock MacIntosh have a new hobby now. For many years Dave has flown a plane and last fall he built a boat. Now, however, Dave and Jock have a 15 foot boat powered with a 35 hp motor so from now on they will have to be called the co-captains MacIntosh. They are having the same trouble everyone else in this business has during this nice weather, they can't ever get away to use the outfit.

At our last meeting, Dom Grotti reported that we need three more national members to be able to vote by delegate at the National Meeting in February. Let's Get Them!

THE MOLE

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following as new members of our Association: LeRoy Charles Kramer, Harold George Michels.

The U.S.D.A.'s 1957 Yearbook entitled "Soils" is hot off the press. It contains 88 chapters written by 142 scientists, and indeed should be an important addition to every superintendent's library.

Copies of this book may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C., for \$2.25.

Dr. Eliot C. Roberts recently announced the re-activation of the University of Massachusetts' Winter School after suspension of one year. This course was started 31 years ago by Professor L. S. Dickinson.

Enrollment is limited to 25 men, it starts on January 13, is open to all interested in the turf field, and a small tuition fee is charged. Persons interested should contact Dr. Eliot C. Roberts, University of Mass., Amherst, Mass.

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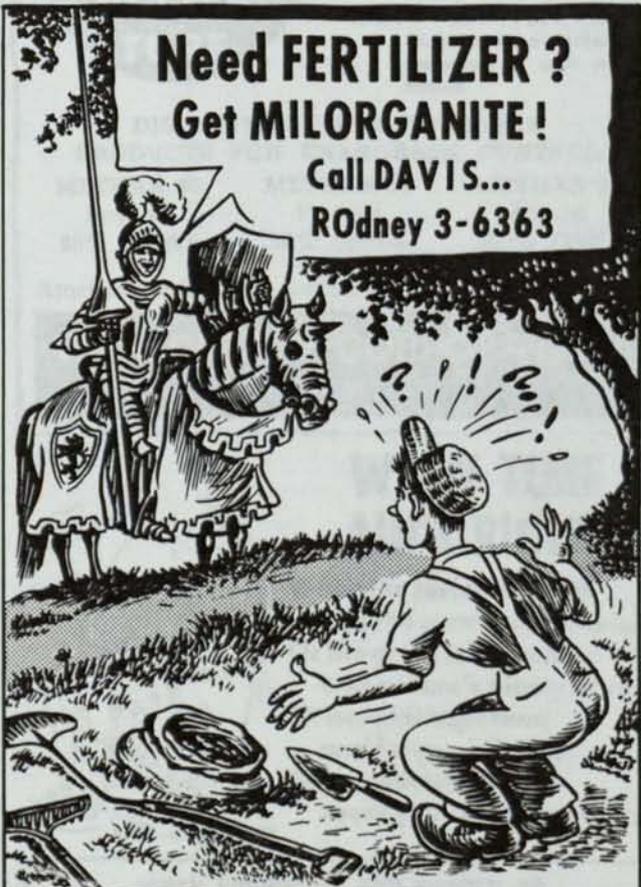
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