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Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents



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President Midwest Association
of Golf Course Superintendents

THE JANUARY MEETING
RIVER FOREST COUNTRY CLUB
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 1957
EDWARD STEWART, OUR HOST
SOCIAL MEETING IN AFTERNOON
DINNER — 6:30 P. M.

BUSINESS MEETING 7:30 P. M.
EDUCATIONAL MEETING
JOHN Mac GREGOR, SPEAKER

*There will be no regular meeting in February,
so this is our last chance to get together to
make our plans for the National Meeting
at Louisville.*

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is my great pleasure and extreme privilege to greet you as President of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents. It is a position which I will endeavor to fill to the full extent of my ability and an experience which I know I will truly value for the rest of my life. It is my sincere wish to conscientiously carry on the good work and continue the progress in our organization and profession which has been so excellently conducted by our Association in the past and with the support and cooperation of the membership, I am confident that we can continue to progress.

The executive committee met on December 13 to formulate plans for the coming year and the following committee chairmen were appointed. Arrangement, Edward Stewart; By-Laws, Peter Bild; Entertainment, Norman Kramer; Education-Publicity, Walter Fuchs; Golf, Dave Mastroleo; Membership, Dom Grotti; Policy, George Roloff, Ray Davis; Research, Gordon Brinkworth; Parliamentary Procedure, Frank Dinelli; Publication, William Stupple; Benevolence, Peter Bild; Placement & Information, Ray Gerber.

Our immediate past President, Robert Williams, is a candidate for the vice-presidency of the National Association of Golf Course Superintendents at the meeting in Louisville in February. Our association will be behind Bob all the way and it is up to us all to work hard to help get him elected to that office. You can all do so by turning in your proxies at our next meeting, or by sending them to me at 468 Locust Street, Elgin, Illinois.

Our January meeting will be held at River Forest Country Club on Monday, January 7. Ed Stewart will be our host, and from past performances, we know he will leave nothing undone to make us welcome.

With best wishes and the best of luck to all for the New Year of 1957.

Sincerely, Amos Lapp, President

COMING EVENTS

The January meeting, River Forest Country Club, January 7, 1957.

28th National Turfgrass Conference and Show, Louisville, Kentucky, February 10-15, 1957.

Midwestern Shade Tree Conference, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, February 13-14-15.

Midwest Regional Turf Foundation Conference, Purdue University, March 4-6.

THE ANNUAL CLINIC REPORT

Our Clinic at Olympia Fields was, to say the least, a spectacular success. There was an attendance of 102 and those who attended were enthusiastic about the program and the way it was presented. We want particularly to compliment those Superintendents who were on the program, on their interesting presentation of their subjects. Many of those present claimed the program ranked with that of any Turf Conference which they had attended in the last few years. Our many thanks to Gordon Brinkworth and Frank Dinelli for their untiring work in putting the Clinic over and to Olympia Fields for the club's wonderful hospitality. We will be looking forward to the next one.

28th NATIONAL TURFGRASS CONFERENCE AND SHOW

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Schedule —

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Executive Committee Meeting, 9:00 A.M.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Registration—Starting at 9:00 A.M.

Setting up Exhibits—All Day

Tour of Golf Courses—Afternoon

Get Acquainted Hour—5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Registration—Starting at 9:00 A.M.

Opening of Exhibits—9:00 A.M. close 5:00 P.M.

Opening of Educational Conference—2:00 P.M.

Annual Membership Meeting—8:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Registration—Starting at 9:00 A.M.

Educational Conference—9:30 A.M. and 1:30 P.M.

Exhibits—9:00 A.M. close 5:00 P.M.

Speakers Luncheon—12:05 P.M.

Annual Banquet—7:00 P.M.—Brown Hotel

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Registration—Starting at 9:00 A.M.

Exhibits—9:00 A.M. close 1:00 P.M.

Educational Conference—9:30 A.M. and 1:30 P.M.

President's Luncheon—12:05 P.M.

Membership Meeting—8:00 P.M.—Election of Officers

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Educational Conf.—9:30 A.M.—Question the Experts

Executive Committee Meeting—2:00 P.M.

The host association, The Kentuckiana Golf Course Superintendents Association, is planning a full week of entertainment for all ladies who will be attending the Louisville meeting.

All activities will be held in the Kentucky Hotel except the Banquet on Wednesday evening, February 13, which will be held at the nearby Brown Hotel week of February 10-15, 1957 — Louisville, Kentucky.

THE FALL DINNER DANCE

Everybody who attended the Dinner Dance at River Forest Country Club on November 24 had a wonderful time. There was an attendance of 105 and our compliments to Ed and Mrs. Stewart for another job well done. The ladies were pleasantly surprised on being presented with corsages by compliment of the Association. Door prizes were donated by Frandsen Bros., Al Schaper (The Sod Nursery), C. O. Borgmeier, Illinois Lawn Equipment Inc., Smith Equipment & Supply Co., Roseman Tractor Equipment Co. and Paul Burdett. Prizes were won by 1. Mrs. Walter Rose-ninkel, 2. Mrs. Robert Williams, 3. Mrs. Al Johnson, 4. Bob Green, 5. Mrs. Bill Saielli, 6. Al Hintz, 7. Marvin Wheeler, 8. E. Bolte, 9. Betty Dorband, 10. Ona Mahon, 11. Mrs. Paul Popp, 12. Rox Bolte, 13. Mrs. Alvin Hintz, 14. Debbie Updegraff, 15. Leroy Deering.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting held at Midwest Country Club on December 4, started out with beautiful weather for that time of the year. We were surprised that some of our golfers did not take advantage of the weather to play a round of golf. However, we did have one golfer. Floyd Sander took Dr. Daniel's advice to inspect the golf courses at our meetings by playing nine holes by himself. A number of Superintendents had a social meeting in the clubhouse during the afternoon and there assembled some 50 members for dinner that evening. After dinner, Pres. Robert Williams called the meeting to order. This being our Annual Meeting, the officers made their reports for the year, as did the committee Chairmen. The changes in the By-Laws recommended by the Executive Committee and prepared by By-Law Committee Chairman Peter Bild, were approved by a vote of the membership. Probably one of the nicest things done at the meeting was the election of our two Charter Members, John MacGregor and Frank Mastroleo, to Life Memberships by unanimous vote of the members. Also elected were the Honorary Members for the year. They are, Dr. O. J. Noer, Dr. Charles Wilson, Dr. Wm. H. Daniel, Dr. James Watson, Dr. Wm. Klomprens, Dr. Ralph Voight, Charles (Chick) Evans, Joe Graffis, Herb Graffis and the elected President of the National Association for 1957. It was voted to raise the annual dues of our Association as follows, Class A from \$9.00 to \$10.00, Class B from \$9.00 to \$10.00, Class C from \$4.00 to \$5.00 and Class D from \$9.00 to \$20.00. President Williams appointed Amos Lapp to be Delegate and George Roloff as alternate to the National Meeting at Louisville in February. The next order of business was the election of officers for 1957. Amos Lapp was unanimously elected president, Ed Stewart was elected 1st Vice President. For 2nd Vice President, Peter Bild was nominated from the floor and he was elected. Al Johnson was unanimously elected Secretary-Treasurer. For Directors, Bob Williams declined his nomination and Frank Dinelli, Bill Saielli and Bill Stupple were nominated from the floor. Elected to the offices of Directors were Dom Grotti, Norm Kramer and Walter Fuchs.

GET YOUR PROXIES IN!

If you have not already sent your Proxy to George Roloff please do so at once. Also if some of the National members who are not members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents Association wish to entrust them to George, he will be very happy to receive them. Send them to Amos Lapp, 468 Locust St., Elgin, Illinois.

As you probably know, Bob Williams is a candidate for Vice President of the National Association and we want to do all in our power to see that he is elected.

WHAT KIND ARE YOU?

1. Some members are like wheelbarrows - no good unless pushed.
2. Some are like canoes - they need to be paddled.
3. Some are like kites - if you don't keep a string on them they will fly away.
4. Some are like footballs - you can't tell which way they are going to bounce next.
5. Some are like balloons - full of wind and likely to blow up unless handled carefully.
6. Some are like trailers - no good unless pulled.
7. Some are 100 per cent members in regular attendance, and are very cooperative. Which one are you?

from Leo Cleary

OUR JANUARY MEETING

We will meet at River Forest Country Club with Ed Stewart as our host for our first meeting of the New year. We will have our usual social meeting in the afternoon (we doubt if there will be any golfers out that day) and dinner and meeting in the evening. Education Committee Chairman Walter Fuchs has announced that our old friend and Charter Member of our Association, John MacGregor has compiled a history of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents and that he will ask John to be on the program at River Forest to talk on that subject. It should be very interesting.

It was voted at our last executive meeting that in the future, guests of members at our monthly golf tournaments will be charged green fees, the rate to be set by the Golf Committee Chairman.

Who's got Dinelli's coat? Frank Dinelli, being one of the last to leave our meeting at Midwest Country Club, found that somebody had taken his top coat and left his own. Frank says that it is a good coat, but it fits him a little too tight around the middle, and is anxious to get his own back.

Some of our members attended the sessions of the North Central Weed Conference at the Sherman Hotel, Chicago on Dec. 10-11-12. Speakers on the program were Gordon Brinkworth, Ted Woehrl, Norman Goetz and Dr. William H. Daniel.

Bob Williams was a speaker on the Texas Turf Conference at Texas A & M in December. Bob's subject was "Modern Management."

Ed Stewart, Arrangement Committee Chairman, requests that anyone who would like to have one of our monthly meetings at his club to contact him at the earliest possible time so that he can get his schedule lined up as soon as possible.

J. Oliver Johnson, one of the pioneer Seed men and one whom our old timers will remember with great respect passed away late in November.

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BY-LAW CHANGES

ARTICLE 11 MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1.

There shall be six classes of members as follows:

(a) Charter Members. Those persons who become members of this Association prior to the date of the first Annual Meeting in 1927.

(b) Honorary Members. Those persons whose outstanding work in our profession or in related fields, entitles them to special recognition. Honorary Members may be dismissed from business meetings at the discretion of the President, but may attend all Educational and social Meetings and are entitled to all benefits of the Association, except they shall not have the right to vote and they shall not be required to pay any dues.

(c) Class A Members. Those persons presently employed as Superintendents of the Golf Courses who shall have held such a position for not less than three years prior to the time of application for membership is made herein, provided however, that effective, January 1, 1957, any persons making application for Class A Membership, if not already a regular member in good standing of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America must do so at that time.

(d) Class B Members. Association Superintendents who are employed in Golf Course Maintenance Work as qualified Superintendents, but who are not eligible for admission as Class A Members. Class B Members may attend all meetings and are entitled to all benefits of the Association, except however, they shall not have the right to vote.

(e) Class C Members. Those persons who are employed as trainees in Golf Course Maintenance Work. Class C Members may attend all meetings and are entitled to all benefits of the Association, except however, they shall not have the right to vote.

(f) Class D Members. Commercial Members who are sufficiently interested in our profession to attend meetings and work for the advancement of this Association, but who are not eligible for admission as Class A Members. Commercial Members may be dismissed from business meetings at the discretion of the President but may attend all Educational or Social Meetings and are entitled to all benefits of the Association except however, they shall not have the right to vote.

The Turf Maintenance Equipment Service Clinic held at Elmhurst Country Club under the sponsorship of Frandsen Brothers and Illinois Lawn Equipment, Inc., on November 13, had an attendance of 125 and much valuable information was presented for the Superintendents.

WE NEED YOUR VOTE! According to membership figures, slightly more than half of our class A members of the National Association. In order for us to be represented by a delegate at the National meeting, it is necessary that 60% of our Class A members also be Regular members of the National Association. So you see if we do not make our quota we will have to vote by proxy which we would like to avoid if possible. So, if you are a Class A member and are not a member of the National also, why don't you contact our Secretary and get him to send you an application blank, or contact the National Secretary, Agar Brown, at St. Charles. We would appreciate your cooperation.

SPREADING IT THIN

Paul Burdett Jr. left for army service on December 5. Paul said he was headed for Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. We know Paul will make a good soldier and wish him all the luck in the world.

At last report, Stan Arendt was still in the hospital. We sincerely hope that Stan will soon be home again.

Bob Strand, son of Don Strand of Westmoreland C.C., is the new Superintendent of Barrington Hills C.C.

We received a letter from our old friend Harry S. (Bill) Bailey who said that he had made a trip to Florida in November and visited Harold Reed and Bob Duguid. Bill says that Bob is very pleased with the way Poa Annua reacts to Florida weather and conditions.

Mary Gruening has built five new greens and tees at Midwest Country Club and is now busy constructing nine additional holes. Marv is a busy boy. The Superintendents who attended the December meeting at Midwest were very much interested in the heavy machinery which Marv is using for his new construction.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Matthies, who formerly ran the Sod Nursery at Bloomingdale, Illinois are making a trip around the world. They were scheduled to go thru the Suez Canal but will have to go around Africa instead.

Barney Wendt who now is Head Gardener for the Olson Rug Company at Pulaski, reported that this fall he planted 6000 tulip bulbs, 500 hyacinth, 500 narcissis and 600 crocus, to provide a Rainbow Garden next spring. Be sure and visit Barney when the tulips bloom next spring.

The annual Fall Clinic for Golf Course Management was opened by President Williams in the great Ball room at the Olympia Fields Country Club. The attendance was unusually good, and over 102 registered during the session.

The crowd did not come only from our own membership, but from all over the middlewest. Ward Cornwall, President of the National Association, gave a talk as did several others from different associations. Our own speakers gave their reports in a splendid manner and it was a good and instructive meeting.

The food was especially good, and the course included two luncheons and a banquet. Frank Dinelli as Chairman of the Research Committee and Gordon Brinkworth as Chairman of the Educational Committee were both excellent.

We had a good meeting at The Midwest C. C. on the 4th. The dinner was delicious, roast beef, the servings were more than adequate and the service was good and the surroundings gracious. Our Hosts were Marv Gruening and John Polocavic and they did their best to show us a good time.

Mel Johnson, who has been a member for many years and really an old timer in the district, came to this meeting. Mel sells Pro shop supplies and every fall lays out and builds one or more golf courses. Lately he has been specializing in the par three 9 hole layouts.

Gosh, Folks, it is Christmas time now, as I write this our hearts are filled with thanks for the many delightful things that have filled the past year and slightly dismayed at the multitude of activities that present themselves for fulfillment during 1957. The year past has flown with a speed never before equaled in our life time, with one day crowding another, filled to the overflowing with activity, till the time when one looks back to see only a jumble of good and fruitful activities. It has been a good year.

It is too late to wish you all a Merry Christmas but it is never too late to wish you all a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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