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THE JULY MEETING MONDAY, JULY 7, 1958 GLENEAGLES COUNTRY CLUB LEMONT, ILLINOIS WALTER FUCHS, OUR HOST

GOLF — SOCIAL MEETING DINNER - 7:00 P.M. BUSINESS MEETING EDUCATIONAL MEETING

> You will want to play Gleneagles where the \$50,000.00 Chicago open will be played the end of this month.

Annual Picnic-Adler Park, Libertyville, Ill.-July 15.

THE BULL SHEET, official publication of THE MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS.

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#### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

While sitting here writing this message it is raining and we have had our share of rain for the month of June. But we have been lucky that the temperature hasn't been real high with all this wet weather.

We had a very good turn out at the Brookwood Coutry Club and Joe Venturella was an excellent host. The course was in fine shape and the new Club House was beautiful. Our next meeting will be at the Gleneagles Country Club on July 7th where the Chicago Open will be played. From all reports the course is in beautiful shape and is a sure challenge to the golfer. Walter Fuchs will be our host and I'm sure he will show us all a good time.

On Tuseday July 15th we will have our annual picnic which will be held at Adler Park in Libertyville. Nels Johnson will be our host so save that date and bring out the family and have a good time. Hot dogs and pop will be served by the Association.

Ed Stewart

#### NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following as new members of our Association. Gordon A, Ramsey, Gordon V. Davis, Raymond L. Sophie, Joseph W. Gentz, Edward M. Schult and Roy Nelson.

#### COMING EVENTS

July meeting, Glenagles Country Club, July 7. Walter Fuchs, Host.

Annual Picnic, Adler Park, Libertyville, Ill., July 15.

August meeting, Twin Orchards Country Club, August 4. Ben Kronn, Host.

September meeting. Joint meeting with Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association. Brynwood Country Club, Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 9. Les Verhaalen, Host.

October meeting and Fall golf tournament. St. Charles Country Club, October 6. Art Benson, Host.

November meeting, Silver Lake Country Club, November 3. John Coghill and Norm Kramer, Hosts.

Fall Clinic, Olympia Fields Country Club, November 18-19. Gordon Brinkworth, Host.

December meeting, Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, Glendale Golf and Country Club, December 1. Clarence Mueller, Host.

Jim Holmes has an office in Room 241, La Salle Hotel, Chicago and volunteers to be of any help he can to our association now and later in preparation for the Turf Conference and Show at the Sherman Hotel next winter. Jim says he will be glad to help us whether it is with typing, mimeographing or leg work. His phone is State 2-7485.

#### HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

Our secretary has sent out third and final notices for dues for 1958 and says that if he does not get a prompt response, those on the delinquent list will be dropped from our membership list.

#### THE JULY MEETING

The July meeting will be held at Gleneagles Country Club, Lemont, Illinois on Monday, July 7. Walter Fuchs will be our host. There will be the usual golf tournament in the afternoon, social hour, dinner and the business and educational meetings to follow in the evening.

#### OUR PICNIC

Our Annual Picnic will be held at Adler Park, Libertyville, Ill. on Tuesday, July 15. Nels Johnson whose home is near the park will be there to greet us. There will be dancing, swimming, games for young and old, refreshments and, of course our famous hot dog supper in the evening. If you are planning to have lunch at the park, bring your own picnic basket. The Editor has thoroughly scanned weather charts and comes up with the forecast of fine weather on that date, so accept the invitation of the Picnic Committee to spend a wonderful day at Adler Park on July 15. Adler Park is on Milwaukee Avenue near Route 120.

#### OUR JUNE MEETING

It was a beautiful day at Brookwood Country Club when our host, Joe Venturella led some 56 golfers around a perfectly groomed golf course for 18 holes of sterling golf. The greens were in excellent condition and the fairways close cut. All who played had a happy time and, except in a few cases, all were well satisfied with their game. A social hour was enjoyed after the golf tournament was over and 75 members and guests then enjoyed a bountiful roast beef dinner.

At the meeting following dinner, President Stewart announced the resignation of Ray Gerber as Chairman of the Information and Placement Committee. Ray had been Chairman of this committee since it was formed in 1950. He has done a wonderful job and we are sorry to see him go. Ed Stewart announced that he would take over as Chairman for the time being, at least. Agar Brown, National Secretary, attended our meeting and announced that at the Spring Executive Committee Meeting, the Administration Committee and the President were empowered to interview and hire an assistant to the Secretary for the St. Charles office. Several men were interviewed and on May 21 John E. Lagershausen was selected for the position. Mr. Lagershausen comes well recommended and will be of great assistance to the Secretary mostly in working on The Golf Course Reporter. Mr. Brown urged all Superintendents to get pictures of their courses and send to him not later than November 10 to be used in the Souvenir issue of the Golf Course Reporter for the National Turf Conference and Show this winter in Chicago. He reported that the National membership was now 1223. Golf Committee Chairman Ben Kronn distributed the golf prizes.

After the regular meeting, a special meeting was called to determine in what manner we were to raise funds for our expenses in connection with the National meeting this winter. Four proposals were presented. (1) That our Association should contribute the money out of funds in our Treasury, (2) That all members should be assessed \$5.00 for every \$5.00 of annual dues paid to the association. (3) That all dues should be raised \$5.00 per year for three years. (4) That all dues should be raised \$5.00 for one year. When the proposals were put to the vote of the regular membership, plan number 2 was adopted.

### GOLF PRIZES

1, Low Gross, Jock McIntosh. 2, Al Pruess. 3, Peter Voykin. 4, Norm Kramer. Low Net, 1, Ken Lapp. 2, Gerald Dearie, Jr. 3, Ed Burke. 4, Russ Reed. 5, Roy Nelson. 6, Mike Polacci. Guest Prize, Don Swenson, Jr.

#### DOOR PRIZES

1, Bill Smith. 2, Wes Updegraff. 3, Mike Coyne. 4, Herman Woehrle. 5, Nels Frandsen. 6, Roger Brown. 7, Dick Hedberg.

Refreshments on the course were by courtesy of Armour Fertilizer Works represented at the meeting by Ed Muzik. Our many thanks to Armour and to Ed for contributing to a pleasant day.

#### TURF EXPERTS?

It seems there are more angles to being a turf expert than are generally accepted. There is the familiar aspect of growing fine turf for golf courses and then there is the angle that has to do with Okie Dokie, Capital Lady, No Pushover, and Loan Me Five. Under the pretense of inspecting the grass, a group of south side superintendents hied themselves on a beautiful June afternoon recently, to Washington Park. Seeing thru the excuse clearly the "Ball and Chains" came along to protect the grocery fund, but this turned out to be a mistake, as this feminine instinct melted rapidly under the stress and strain of photo finishes.

All the boys were fully charged with tips by the experts from the various clubs. There are no better turf experts than the locker-room boys, bartenders, dishwashers, and tractor drivers, at the Country Clubs. They have attained this august distinction from years of experting on this mysterious profession, so much affected by a knowledge of astronomy, alchemy, and astrology. In fact, these experts generally ascribe their proficiency in dishwashing, etc., to their eminence in the turf expert field. It took quite a while to compare notes, and reduce all the tips to a useful purpose. So confusing was all this advice, that it was considered wise to throw out the tips, and substitute pure chance, by pulling the winning numbers out of a hat. This system paid off, and can be highly recommended as it resulted in two members of the party holding winning tickets for the daily double. Lucky this was, as by five o'clock the B C's were out of money, that is the grocery money for the next week, but the party could and did eat high on the hog that evening, by forcing the winners to disgorge their loot for the common defense against hunger and thirst.

The meeting was called ostensibly to transact some necessary business having to do with professional matters, but these good intentions went out the window and were heard of no more. It just doesn't work to get the two phases of the turf business mixed up together.

Chuck Daugherty recently made a fishing trip to the wilds of Canada and from all reports has been landing record catches of Wall-eyes, northerns, muskies, bass, etc. It wouldn't be surprising if we were all invited to a fish fry on Chuck when he returns.

A number of Superintendents are planning to inspect the Lake County Poor Farm on July 15. It is near Adler Park where we are going to have our picnic.

#### WISCONSIN NEWS

Ronald Verhaalen, son of Lester, is now superintendent of Ozaukee Country Club Milwaukee district. Replacing Ken. Hubble who has moved to a new course in the Nashville, Tenn. territory. Best of luck to both Ronald and Ken we know you will do a top job at your new locations.

June meeting of the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents association was held at the Lawsonia Golf Course at Green Lake. Dominic Blinkiewiecz, Host Superintendent, extended an invitation to the ladies to join us at this meeting for a tea party and tour of the grounds while the superintendents played golf in the afternoon. Lawsonia was the fabulous estate of Mr. and Mrs. Lawson, built soon after the turn of the century and now owned and operated by the American Baptist Assembly. The estate has over 14 miles of road, with many vantage points overlooking beautiful Green Lake and other scenic points on the estate. Wild deer were seen feeding at the edges of wooded areas. Dinner was served in the hotel on the grounds, and our meeting was held in one of the assembly houses. Dominic showed us some pictures (color slides) that he had taken in the fall and winter of the grounds, tree colors, and scenery were beautiful. Everyone enjoyed themselves and Mr. and Mrs. Blinkiewiecz are to be commended for their ability as host and hostess.

Wisconsin weather continues to be dry with a rain deficiency of about 45% since January 1, 1958. Bright sun and high winds have added to the drought condition. While we have had warmer than normal days, nites have been cold, with frosts severe enough to freeze tree buds and even the bent of our greens. There was a shortage of rainfall last year, very little snow thru the winter and now a dry spring leaves the subsoil very dry, which may cause the graying of some superintendents hair (if he has any left).

#### CHARLES SHILEY

Jim Holmes, agronomist for the Mid-Western District of the United States Golf Association Green Section has been making his Regional Turf Service visits to clubs in this area. He recently visited Exmoor and gave us some dope on some disease trouble we had been having with turf under trees. For a number of years this disease has been noted in the form of reddish spots occurring principally under the shade of trees on greens and tees and showing up during the month of June, after which time it seems to disappear until the following June. Jim informs us that it is a leaf spot disease caused by a combination of Helminthosporium, Ascochyta and Fusarium. Treatment is with Parzate or Dithane Z-78 at the rate of 2 ounces per Thousand square feet, plus one ounce of iron. If turf does not respond to this treatment, Jim says that Kromad at the rate of 4 ounces per thousand should be used and repeated in 5 days. The best time to treat is right after mowing and do not water 111.

We overheard Joe Canale telling Dave Mastroleo his method of applying fertilizer to fairways without missing any turf or overlapping. It seems that Joe sets a man on his spreader with a broom and a can of white wash and every few turns of the wheel the man slaps a dash of white wash on the wheel and that leaves a mark on the turf. According to Joe, "It takes a little labor and is a little messy, but it leaves a mark on the fairway that even I can't miss and makes it a whole lot easier for me to see where I am going."

# MINIMUM ALLOWABLE GRADES FOR TILE DRAINAGE LINES

#### By C. E. Stewart

The excess rainfall received in 1957 in the Chicago area revealed numerous low spots in many golf courses where water ponded and many superintendent's found it necessary to remove this water by installing drain tile in 4", 6" or 8" in size depending on the extent of the area to be drained. In some instances it was found difficult to get sufficient pitch, or slope, for the new tile lines.

In suggesting the following minimum slopes for such tile lines it must be borne in mind that a considerable amount of silt and sand wash into the line, and although catch-basins should be provided to retain the silt, it is also necessary for the drainage water to flow through the tile at a velocity which will keep the silt in suspension and prevent it from settling on the bottom of the tile and eventually to a point where the tile becomes blocked and useless. A water velocity of 3 feet per second appears to be the minimum velocity when silt is kept in suspension and which would prevent it from settling in the tile. To obtain this minimum water velocity the following formula is suggested for 4", 6" and 8" lateral tile lines:

#### 100

#### 5 x D † 50

D being the diameter of the tile in inches.

The above formula indicates that the *minimum* slope in feet per 100 lineal feet is as follows: —

Inside diameter of tile in inches	Minimum slope in feet per 100 lineal feet
4"	1.40 feet
6"	1.30 feet
8"	1.10 feet

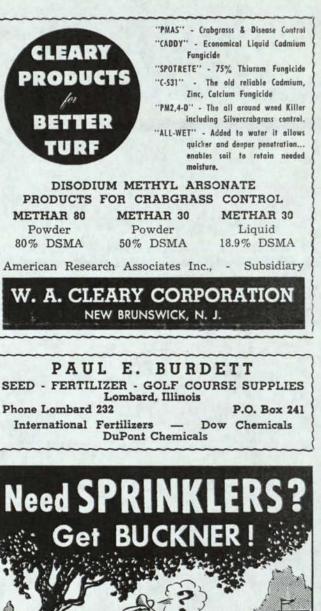
The *maximum* grade is of course limited only by the surface slope of the ground.

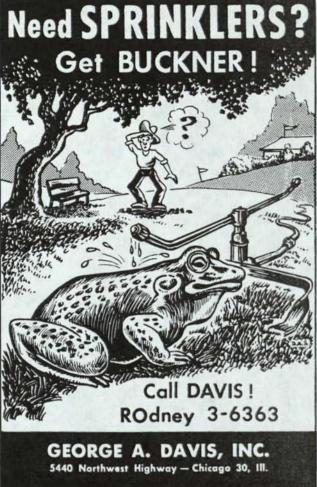
#### OUR APOLOGIES

It seems that in our last issue there was an article on Oscar Borgmeier's golf game. Oscar was pretty much upset about it, claiming that breaking 100 was no problem to him and that he had lost face due to the statement that he hoped to break 100 regularly by the end of the summer. Now we see our error and want to retract the statement and publicly apologize to Oscar. Your Editor was brought up to respect his elders and wants in no way, manner or means to hurt any of them if he possibly can. Oscar, if it will make you feel better, we hope you will soon be shooting below 80 and will go a little further and hope some day you will be among the select few who can shoot their ages.

The cool weather in June has given the superintendent what you might call a "vacation" from troubles, however, all good things must come to and end and with the lush growth of grass and the hot weather to come, be on the alert for all kinds of trouble.

Jim Holmes says that much of turf trouble in the summer months can be attributed to the weakening of turf earlier in the season by disease,







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