



The Bull Sheet

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Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents



CARL HOPPHAN

**THE MAY MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 1958
AURORA COUNTRY CLUB
AURORA, ILLINOIS
CARL HOPPHAN, OUR HOST**

**SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT
DINNER - 7:00 P.M.
BUSINESS MEETING
EDUCATIONAL MEETING**

*Our Golf Committee Has Made
A Fine Selection of Prizes
For Our Spring Golf Tournament
Better Be At Aurora On May 6
And Shoot For One Of Them.*

SPRING DINNER DANCE, RIVER FOREST COUNTRY CLUB, MAY 3.

THE BULL SHEET, official monthly publication of THE MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS. Editor, William H. Stupple, 543 Michigan Ave., Highland Park, Ill. Associate Editor, Joe Dinelli.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This sure has been a dry spring compared to last year, but it has given us a lot of time to do our spring work. Everyone is busy watering and it won't be long before the leaves are out if this warm weather stays with us.

The May meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 6th at the Aurora Country Club. Carl Hoppman will be our host. This will be our Spring Tournament so lunch will be served to those wishing to play golf early. Dinner will be served at 7 o'clock with a business meeting following.

Plans for the National Conference in Chicago next January are coming along pretty good, but we will need a lot of help to make this a big success. Let's all pitch in and make this a Conference that will be long remembered by everyone.

Don't forget to keep May 3rd open for our Spring Dinner Dance. Get your cards back to Norm and Peggy so they can make all the arrangements.

A big "Thank You" goes to Al Hintz and the staff at Mohawk Country Club for the delicious dinner we had there last month.

The secretary has informed me that he has sent out some second notices to a few of the members, so fellows lets get them in before we get real busy.

Ed Stewart

COMING EVENTS

Spring dinner dance, River Forest Country Club, Saturday, May 3.

May meeting and Spring Golf Tournament, Aurora Country Club, May 6. Carl Hoppman, Host.

June meeting, Brookwood Country Club, June 3, Joe Venturella, Host.

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

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

September meeting, Joint meeting with Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association, in Wisconsin, course to be announced.

October meeting and Fall Golf Tournament, tentative, Northmoor Country Club, Frank Dinelli, Host.

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

December meeting, Annual meeting and election of officers, Glendale Golf & Country Club, December 1, Clarence Mueller, Host.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following as new members of our Association. Art Benson, William H. Brady, David Cairnes, Joseph Tretz.

Marvin Gruening was hospitalized early in April when he was struck in the eye by a metal tape.

Jock Anderson reports that Bonnie Dundee has just completed a 131 foot well which is giving them 500 gallons per minute.

THE MAY MEETING

Our May meeting will be held at Aurora Country Club, Aurora, Illinois, on TUESDAY, May 6. Carl Hoppman will be our host. This will also be the occasion of our Spring Golf Tournament, so you had better be prepared to participate. Golf will be in the afternoon and for those who do not play, a social meeting will be in order in the club house. After dinner in the evening, we will have our business and educational meetings. Carl is one of our younger Superintendents, so let's give him some encouragement by visiting him on that day.

THE SPRING DINNER DANCE

The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents SPRING DINNER DANCE will be on May 3rd, 1958, at the River Forest Golf Club. Delicious roast beef will be in the menu and will be served at 7 p.m.

Correy Lynn and his music were enjoyed so thoroughly by all who attended the fall dance that I've asked him to return with his orchestra to make this spring dance as enjoyable. For the lovely ladies of our choice there will be flowers to make them brighter than springtime itself. Plans are to have a large assortment of prizes—with a few booby prizes tucked in for fun.

I hope you will plan to attend this SPRING DINNER DANCE on May 3rd—and bring your friends with you—the more the merrier. Tickets will be \$5.00 per person, and they may be paid for at the door.

River Forest Golf Club is located on Grand Avenue, two miles east of Route #83, or two and a half miles west of Route #45.

I'll be looking for you on May 3rd at River Forest Golf Club.

Sincerely

Norm Kramer, Entertainment Chairman
159th St. & Parker Road, Lockport, Ill.
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P.S. To those of you who have never attended before, we'd love to have you plan on coming to this one—I'm sure you'll find everyone friendly and have an enjoyable evening while making new friends.

Peggy Kramer

G. C. S. A. COMMITTEES APPOINTED

The following committees and respective chairmen are hereby appointed for the current term of 1958 ending at the annual meeting in January 1959.

Welfare—E. Border; Advisory—J. Thomas; By-Laws—S. Moore; Finance—L. Lambert; Public Relations—A. Bertoni; Education—H. Maples; Editorial—R. Nelson; Standards & Tolerance—L. Lambert; Membership—N. Monical; Administration—W. Stupple, F. Dinelli; Industrial Relations—O. J. Noer, E. Border; Election—L. Strong, Chairman, P. Weiss, W. Cornwell, W. Beresford, N. Johnson; Nominating—(by Exec. Committee)

The following special detail appointments are hereby assigned for 1958.

Trustees of Benevolence Fund—R. Williams, N. Monical, A. Bertoni; Coordinator and representative to USGA & UVS—P. Weiss; Secretary-Treasurer GCSA—A. Brown.

OUR APRIL MEETING

We met at Mohawk Country Club on Monday, April 7, and, it being a nice day, 20 of our members took advantage of the weather and played golf. It was just a warmup for the season, there being no tournament scheduled, however, all who played reported the course in fine condition and as having a wonderful time. Al Hintz was our host and did all he could to make us welcome. Those who did not play golf enjoyed a very nice social meeting in the club house. Dinner that evening was chicken served family style and was much appreciated by all who participated. At the meeting following, Wes Updegraff, Educational Chairman, introduced Mr. Joe Nathan who gave us a talk on electric carts. Placement Committee Chairman, Ray Gerber, announced that there was a Superintendents position open at East Lake Country Club, Atlanta, Georgia, and also that a new course, in Nashville, Tennessee, was in need of a Superintendent. Research Committee Chairman, Walter Fuchs, announced that his committee had met with the assistant director of Morton Arboretum, Tony Tizna for the purpose of determining if it was possible to establish a turf garden there. The committee was shown a 30 plot demonstration area near the administration building and an 80 acre area that could be used for experimental work. The committee enthusiastically approved the location of the proposed areas and of the preliminary talks on the subject. It was the desire of the committee that a definite understanding be reached as to the length of time that the plots could be active and the part the Midwest would be able to play. It was suggested that the Arboretum would establish the lawn grasses and that our Association would, if it so desired, establish the plots of fine turf. Walter said it was an encouraging meeting and that our dream of turf gardens in the Chicago area may soon come true. Door prizes were drawn and the meeting ended in good order.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

1. Dick Hedberg, 2. Roy Robinson, 3. Harry Drafke, 4. Jock MacIntosh, 5. Elmer Lemke, 6. Bill Brenner, 7. Bob Breen.

We received a card the other day from Cyril Tregillus, who many will remember as a long time member of our Association and past President of our group. Cyril has retired and is now living in Clearwater, Florida. He says he is quietly settled and enjoying life. He sends his best wishes to all his former associates. And best wishes to you, too, Cyril and may you enjoy your retirement for many years to come.

The United States weather bureau in it's 30-day forecast from mid-April to mid-May calls for temperatures to average above seasonal normals over the northern half of the nation with greatest unseasonal warmth over the Great Lakes region and upper Mississippi valley. Subnormal rainfall with considerable sunshine is indicated over the northern half of the nation.

This spring, has without doubt, been one of the driest in the last 20 years. There have been reports of desiccation on certain types of putting green turf. Examination shows that most of it is on severely matted turf which has practically no root system at this time of the year.

CHICAGO AREA NEMATODES

By Jim Holmes USGA Green Section

It is becoming apparent that nematodes are serious turf parasites. It is possible that superintendents have learned to live with nematodes, especially on greens, by following excellent cultural practices or in general, "babying" turf on green areas. This brings-up a rather ironical twist; although certain nematocides may effectively control parasitic nematodes, the treated area may not improve visably, because of the extensive, thorough, practically individualistic cultural practices followed.

The question can then logically be asked; what is actually gained through treating with chemicals for control of parasitic nematodes? And, is such a practice reasonable even if nematodes are controlled? In order to help answer these questions, test plots were set out at Butterfield Country Club (No. 18 green) and Midlothian Country Club (No. 10 green) in September 1957 (Thanks to the cooperation of Bert Rost and Ed Duehr). Two nematocidal chemicals, VC-13 and Nemagon were applied at recommended rates on areas of 400 square feet. Prior to the treatment, soil samples were sent to Mr. Vernon Perry, Nematologist, at the University of Wisconsin for screening. In both cases large populations of parasitic nematodes were detected.

A number of superintendents in the Chicago area are of the opinion that parasitic nematodes may be active in some of their greens. In any event, the turf on some greens show symptoms similar to those where large populations of parasitic nematodes are found. Because of the increased interest in this subject sufficient quantities of VC-13 and Nemagon have been obtained to treat a number of test plots.

Before the first of May, I plan to contact as many clubs as possible, which have subscribed for Regional Turf Service in order to:

1. Obtain soil samples and send them to Perry for screening.
2. If parasitic nematodes are detected in large numbers, give the superintendent sufficient nematocidal chemicals to treat representative test plots.

With this many test plots it should be possible to determine if any benefits result from the use of nematocides. Benefits expected are, 1) a more healthy profuse root system, 2) more vigorous turf which is less susceptible to disease and 3) turf which gives superior performance during extended periods of high heat and humidity. In other words, a general all around improved turf which requires less "babying", and is easier to maintain, is expected.

It probably will be late July or August before any noticeable results are evident: if indeed any noticeable results are evident at all, on these test plots.

I would like to thank Messrs. Oscar Borgmeier and Paul Burdett for supplying the research quantities of VC-13 and Nemagon, respectively.

WISCONSIN NEWS

The Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association held it's first meeting of 1958 at the Bavarian Club 5423 N. Port Washington Road, Milwaukee, Wis., on April 14, 1958. The main order of business was the organizing of the various committees.

Membership Committee—Lester Verhaalen, John Stampfle, John Taylor; Golf Committee—Ray Mertens, Howard Gabby, Arnold Wessel; Educational Committee—Cy. Graham, Bob Howe, Cliff Decker; Picnic Committee—John Crew, Fritz Reinhart, Martin Mikulski.

Invitations were accepted for meetings at the following clubs—

May 12—Browns Lake G.C. - Burlington, Wis.; June 9—Lawsonia G.C. - Green Lake, Wis.; July 14—Old Hickory G.C. - Beaver Dam, Wis.; Aug. 11—Kenosha C.C. - Kenosha, Wis.; Sept 9—Brynwood C.C. - Milwaukee, Wis. Joint Meeting, Midwest; Sept. 15—open - Racine, Wis., Jacobsen Mfg. Co.; Oct. 6—open - Annual Meeting; Oct. 14—Ozaukee C.C. - Milwaukee, Wis., Special Meeting.

As a fitting climax to a very interesting and successful meeting, O. J. Noer gave a short talk and showed his fine movie of maintenance on the move, which was well accepted by the members.

After the meeting we were all guests of R. L. (Dick) Ryerson of the R. L. Ryerson Co. for a very fine dinner at the Bavarian Club.

Charles Shiley

SPREADING IT THIN

Walter Hoyt reports that he had to rebuild 3 greens to make room for the toll road thru his course, Timber Trails. Walter says that some so and so ran over his 9th green with a car Easter Sunday and not only once, but backed up a couple of times and tore up about 100 feet of turf.

Chet Randby at Edgewood Valley had to relocate the 17th fairway because of the toll road running thru the property. Work is well on the way to completion and Chet hopes the fairway will be in play in the near future.

It was reported at our last meeting that George Roloff would soon be out of the hospital. We sure hope so. It has been a long siege for George and also Mrs. Roloff, who is with George every day.

Walter Killmer was reported as being out of the hospital and home again. He will have to go back soon for another operation. Walter is in good spirits and is looking forward to the day when he can be with us again. Good luck, Walter.

President Stewart announced at our last meeting that second notices for non payment of dues was going out. If you have not paid your dues, please do so in the near future. We need the dough.

We heard too late to print in our last issue. Mrs. Walter Wallace, wife of Villa Olivia manager, cooked our dinner when we had our meeting there in March. It was a wonderful meal and Mrs. Wallace has our endorsement as an A No. 1 cook.

Agar Brown, National Secretary, informed us that Si Graham, Milwaukee Sewerage Commissioner, has sent him two sets of lawn slides to be used along with a special text written by Charlie Wilson. These slides are available for use by Members when they are called upon to talk at garden or local civic groups. He will keep both the slides and story at his office so that they can be kept track of. If interested contact Agar. His phone is St. Charles 93.

It was with a great deal of sorrow that we learned of the death of Dr. Harvey Lantz of Iowa. Dr. Lantz was a real friend of the Superintendents and was a leader in the effort to promote better greenkeeping in this country. We will miss him.

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