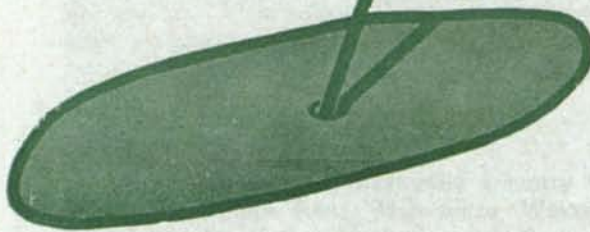




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LES VERHAALLEN

**THE SEPTEMBER MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1958
BRYNWOOD COUNTRY CLUB
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
LES VERHAALLEN, OUR HOST
JOINT MEETING WITH WISCONSIN
GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS
ASSOCIATION**

**LUNCH — GOLF — SOCIAL MEETING
DINNER — 7:00 P.M.
EDUCATIONAL MEETING**

This meeting will not only be a get together with our Wisconsin friends, but will be a most interesting educational meeting.

**Midwest Regional Turf Foundation Field Days
September 15 - 16. Purdue University**

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

William H. Stupple, Editor, 543 Michigan Ave., Highland Park, Ill.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It hardly seems possible that the month of August is gone. The summer has been nice with very little real hot weather.

All the Superintendents that played golf at Ben Kronn's Twin Orchards Country Club really enjoyed themselves. The course was in fine shape and the dinner in the evening was delicious. The nice talk given by Charlie Wilson ended up a perfect day.

Our September meeting will be a joint meeting with the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents. It will be held at the Brynwood Country Club in Milwaukee on Tuesday, September 9th. Les Verhaalen will be the host for the day. This meeting is always the highlite of the year, so let's make our turnout the best.

Ed Stewart

COMING EVENTS

September meeting, Brynwood Country Club, 6400 West Good Hope Road, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Tuesday, September 9. Les Verhaalen, our host. Joint meeting with Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association.

G.C.S.A. Golf Tournament, Pinehurst, N.C., October 2-3.

October meeting and Fall Golf Tournament. St. Charles Country Club, October 6. Art Benson, our host.

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

Fall Clinic sponsored by our Association. Olympia Fields Country Club, November 18-19. Gordon Brinkworth, our host.

December meeting, Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, Glendale Golf & Country Club. Clarence Mueller, our host.

THE MIDWEST REGIONAL TURF FOUNDATION FIELD DAYS

The Midwest Turf Field Days are scheduled for September 15, to be repeated September 16, as in previous years. The program begins on the experimental green at 9:30 A.M. From there we proceed to the crabgrass control plots on the Poultry Building grounds, Campus, then to the Intramural Field for crabgrass control observations.

After lunch we assemble at the Agronomy Farm and from there motorcade for those who wish to go to the Lafayette Country Club to observe *Poa annua* and crabgrass observation. Meeting will close at 4:00 P.M., present plans. Persons may attend any half days they wish, both Monday and Tuesday program being the same.

Dr. Daniel has a good program set up for us and it will be to our advantage to attend.

It's the truth, so help me. Ice was found on water hose at Exmoor on the early morning of August 25. However, there was no frost, just a thin film of ice on the hose. It's unbelievable to think of such cold weather in August, but it happened, in 1958.

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our September meeting will be a joint meeting with the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association. This year we meet in Wisconsin and the meeting will be at Brynwood Country Club, 6400 West Good Hope Road, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Tuesday, September 9. Our host will be our old friend, Les Verhaalen. Les has, for years, had one of the outstanding golf courses in Wisconsin. One of the remarkable things about his course is that the fairways are unwatered, yet, year after year they are maintained in fine condition. The best way to get there from the Chicago district is to take Route 41 to Route 100 in Wisconsin and continue on 100 north to Good Hope Road which is 7200 North. Turn East on Good Hope Road which is right about 2 miles to the club. It's quicker and easier to go this way than trying to find your way thru the city.

It was originally intended to have Dr. James Watson as our speaker, but his schedule will not permit him to be present on September 9. The Wisconsin boys have arranged to have Charley Wilson and O. J. Noer to take his place on the program. The Milwaukee Sewerage Commission has established trial plots on the bent grass nursery at Brynwood to test the various nitrogenous fertilizers now available on the market. These trials will be outlined with string and printed signs will be in place on each plot to tell the history of the trial. O.J. Noer and Charley Wilson will be there to answer any questions. One of them will sum up the trials and results to date in a short talk after dinner in the evening.

Light lunch - sandwiches, etc., will be available at the club. Golf will be all day for those who wish to play. As has been our custom, we will play for the Midwest-Wisconsin Trophy, which is a team event. After a social hour in the evening, the meeting will be called to order for the meeting.

It promises to be an excellent meeting and we should make every effort to have a good attendance at the meeting with our Wisconsin friends.

OUR AUGUST MEETING

It was a beautiful August day at Twin Orchards Country Club when we assembled for our meeting there on August 4. Ben Kronn was our host and he certainly did everything in his power to make us welcome and saw to it that we had a most enjoyable day. There were 58 golfers registered for our monthly golf tournament and all were loud in their praise of Ben's course. A few of the old timers rode around in electric carts, but the majority of the golfers enjoyed walking around the springy fairways. After a social hour in the evening, 78 members and their friends sat down to a most delicious dinner. After dinner, the meeting was called to order and President Stewart announced that all regular business of the Association would be dispensed with and that all of our time would be given to our old friend Charles Wilson. Charley proceeded to give us a straight from the shoulder talk on the Superintendents troubles and problems. He had a number of fine colored slides to show us and they were much enjoyed by all in attendance. A number of the old timers were seen shaking their heads in disbelief of several of his slides in which he showed tractors and trucks running over putting greens turf in the process of renovating the greens. In answering questions, Charley explained that the greens were built on a sandy soil and that there was no compaction from the traffic. Ben Kronn, our host, is also Chairman of the Golf Committee and he announced the golf winners and distributed the prizes.

GOLF WINNERS

1 Low Gross, H. Michals - 72. 1 Low Net, D. Coffman. 2, John Coghill. 3, Ed Muzik. 4, Mike Coyne. 5, Harold Borgmann. 6, Bill Saielli. 7, John Ebel. 8, Joe Venturella. Guest prize, Dick McWort.

DOOR PRIZES

1, Frank Dinelli. 2, Bill Smith.

Refreshments on the course at Twin Orchards were by courtesy of Illinois Lawn Equipment Company and Frandsen Brothers. Our sincere thanks to them for contributing to a most enjoyable day.

PANORAMA

The spring and summer seasons of 1958 have been favorable for Golf in the Chicago area. Play has been good everywhere and courses have been better than average in condition and maintenance. The area generally has had sufficient rainfall, in places — more than enough. Consequently, Poa Anna has come thru the summer pretty well. In a few places, excessive rainfall has caused some trouble.

As the summer wanes and fall approaches, many Superintendents are planning to carry out plans for reconstruction and improvement. The fall season is best for renovation, reseeding, and construction. Since the summer months, June, July, and August have been rainy this year, it is a good bet that the fall will be dry. The odds on this are the same as on the Yankees and the Braves to win the pennants in their respective leagues.

Inflation will be more of a problem when the spending of the huge appropriations by Congress this summer, and the borrowings by the government to finance them, get under way. There is little or no prospect for reduced prices on manufactured goods where production is geared to demand. Now and then, basic materials or crops are scarce or overproduced and the price fluctuates accordingly.

Grass Seed crops were good in 1958 with a few exceptions. Prices are somewhat changed as follows:

Lower: Kentucky Blue Grass, Penn Cross Bent. Unchanged to slightly higher: Fescues, Bents, and Red Top.

Much higher: Merion Blue Grass and Rye Grasses.

Plant Foods and Chemicals are unchanged.

Equipment has not advanced in price yet, but the manufacturers have a recent price advance in steel to contend with. Mower volume was off 10-15% in 1958 as compared with 1957, so producers will be loath to mark up prices. If any price increases are made for 1959, they will be small. Look for new models and improvements for 1959. There will be some new wrinkles in equipment.

September and October are perhaps the best golf months of the year in the Chicago area. Superintendents should not neglect the appearance and maintenance standard of their courses during these months. Golfers will play till the snow flies if the course is inviting.

C. O. Borgmeir

Several of the Midwest boys are planning to stay overnight in Milwaukee on September 9. They figure it's a long way home and they will be able to take their time going home the next day.

Chuck Daugherty lost his golf shoes at Twin Orchards and was a little worried about recovering them, but reports are that his worries are over along that line at least. His shoes have been returned to him in fine condition.

WISCONSIN NEWS

The Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents August meeting was held at Kenosha Country Club on Monday, August 11. Bert Barrows, dean of Wisconsin Superintendents and only active charter member of the Association was host. There were 65 present at the meeting.

Richar Hanson of Rainy Sprinkler Sales, Peoria, Illinois, talked on the subject of sprinklers and golf course irrigation. Agar Brown, National Secretary, was present and did his usual fine job of selling the National Association.

The drought continues in Wisconsin and unwatered courses are brown, however, the disease incidence has been less and very little turf has been lost. As usual, several clubs are talking and planning on fairway irrigation which usually follows a dry season.

The Wisconsin Fall Tournament will be held at Meadowbrook Country Club, Racine, Wisconsin, on September 15.

CONGRATULATIONS

Ken and Betty Lapp (Fresh Meadow Country Club) announce the birth of their second son, William Craig on August 2 in Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet. Their other boy, John Craig, had his first birthday on August 29. Both Betty and Billy are getting along fine.

George Roloff attended the meeting at Twin Orchards and we are sincerely happy to see how much he has improved since the last meeting. George still has one leg in a brace, but says it won't be long before he hopes to get rid of it and get around as well as ever.

Al Bertucci is back at work and says that his back feels pretty good, but that he doesn't dare do much work as yet.

Gabriel Rosset is able to be on the course for a few hours of the day at least. Gabe says that his hard working days are over and that he is going to take it a little easy from now on.

In spite of the cool summer, we hear reports of troubles on putting greens. As far as we can learn, they are mainly watering and drainage problems. Intermittent rains have soaked greens after the Superintendent has done his watering resulting in excessive moisture in poorly constructed greens or greens in bad locations. Overwatering of putting green turf certainly is the biggest contributor to our greens woes. Many Superintendents in this area have done most of their greens watering by hand. A judicious amount of water is applied early in the morning and carries the green thru the day without any trouble. It seems to us that a small amount of water applied every day during dry weather rather than soaking the greens and letting them go for two or three days before giving them any more water is the sensible approach to the watering problem. By hand watering, water can be applied more heavily on mounds and backs of greens where there is a possibility of severe drying out than on the lower and front parts of greens. It has long been noted that wilting does not occur too much on turf that has been watered the night before, but the danger is next day when the surface has dried a little and soil temperatures rise making it necessary for daytime syringing of the turf. Of course, hand watering is not possible on all courses due to the amount of labor available, but judicious watering practices are vital to the maintenance of fine turf during the hot weather.

Walter Fuchs of Gleneagles Country Club was the busiest man in the business the last week of July and the first week of August. Walter was host Superintendent to the \$50,000 Chicago Open Golf Tournament. Everyone who was on the course agreed that it was in excellent shape. Walter's crew did a wonderful job of maintaining the course under trying conditions and they and Walter are to be congratulated for a job well done.

Walter was happy that the weather was fairly dry during the tournament, because the other 18 fairways were used for parking cars.

Bob Breen of Arrowhead Country Club is working a little short handed these days. One of his men - Smitty, aged 71 had a slight stroke. His tractor man ran his tractor over his leg and broke it (the leg, that is) and another man took off on a summer vacation. However, in spite of his troubles, Bob took a half day off and attended the meeting at Twin Orchards.

Emil Cassier reports that he has got most of the mud off of his fairways and has reseeded them where necessary. The entire course was back in play early in August. His number 11 green was under water for a week and suffered considerable damage as you might expect. However, Emil has it back in play again.

Cliff Howe of the Bel-Mar Golf Course near Meringo, Illinois, says that things are normal at Bel-Mar. It is a nine hole course and there are 348 members.

A cyclone hit the golf course superintendent's house and lifted off the roof, picked up the bed on which he and his wife slept and set it gently down on the back porch.

The wife was crying softly. "Don't be scared Mary" her husband said comfortingly, "we're not hurt".

"I am not scared", Mary responded between sobs, "I am just happy 'cause this is the first time in 14 years that we've been out together".

Contributed by Scotty Stewart

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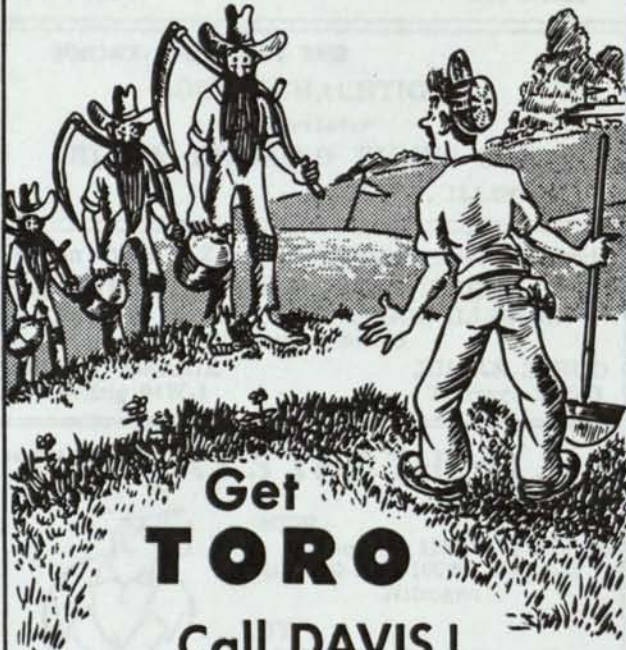
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