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AL HINTZ, Superintendent
White Pines Golf Club
Our Host

**THE AUGUST MEETING
WHITE PINES GOLF COURSE
MONDAY, AUGUST 3rd, 1959**

GOLF

DINNER — 6:30 P.M.

**BUSINESS MEETING IMMEDIATELY
AFTER DINNER**

*Annual Picnic Will Be Held At
Sycamore Park — August 18th
Emil Cassier Will Be Our Host*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many Superintendents who maintain bent fairways who attended the July meeting at the St. Andrews Golf Club were very envious of host Superintendent Amos Lapp's bluegrass fairways. Apparently the "old timers" consider that bluegrass fairways are the most desirable. Even though St. Andrews receives a tremendous number of rounds of golf (sometimes necessitating changing cups twice a day), the golf course is always in excellent condition. We are grateful to Joe Jemsek, the proprietor, for extending to us the privilege of holding our meeting at St. Andrews and to Bob Judson, the manager, for arranging a fine dinner which seventy-six of our members enjoyed very much.

Al Johnson, the educational chairman, again prepared an excellent program which "professor" Frank Dinelli and his scholarly panel presented so well.

The next meeting of this Association will be held on Monday, August 3, 1959 at the White Pines Golf Club. Superintendent Al Hintz will be our host.

Superintendent Al Purvey will be our host for the September meeting at the McHenry Country Club. This will be our annual joint meeting of the Midwest and Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Associations. Last year the Midwest won the golf tournament by one stroke which is cutting the cheese quite thin. Some practice may be necessary in order to retain the title by a safer margin. Play golf and attend the meeting at White Pines Golf Club on August 3rd.

The Golf Course Superintendent in this area is in the middle of the most trying times of the year. Being on the job seven days a week, twelve to fourteen hours a day and some times longer is not unusual. He must cope with diseases of various types, high humidity, lack of water, wilting of the grass, too much water, heavy golf play during the regular working hours of the day, and in some cases the help situation is far from what he would like to have it. He may lie awake many hours at night worrying about how # ? ? green is going to look in the morning.

Moisture is very important for grass plants during July and August and sometimes for the first half of September. In order to save some of our strains of grass such as poa annua and bent grass it becomes necessary to do some light hand watering during the heat of the day. This is one of the many reasons why the Superintendent on a golf course has a seven day a week job. A little water at the first sign of wilt may save the turfgrass - a half hour later may be too late.

The golfer may not agree with you but you are responsible for the condition of the course. There are times when too much water is worse than not enough. When one has control of the water he should watch it very closely, but when the heavy rains come he is helpless.
Ray Gerber, President

A meeting with the University of Illinois Horticulture Department was held on July 16th at the Drug and Horticulture Experiment Station, Downers Grove, Illinois. The purpose of this meeting was to form an advisory council and set up tentative, proposed By-Laws as well as a proposed research program which will be called the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation Inc. Professor Harleigh Kemmerer will be in charge of this project. There will be experimental plots of turf for lawns and other specialized uses. It is also planned to build a experimental golf green of approximately eighteen to twenty thousand square feet using various soil mixtures and various strains of grass. Additional information will be published as it becomes available.

The State Nursery inspector Glen Pierce, reported that as close as Onasya, Ill. it is so dry that cracks in the soil are 1½" wide and that you can see down them 14 inches.

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The July meeting was held at the St. Andrews Country Club July the 6th. Amos Lapp was our Host Superintendent and Joe Jemsek is the club owner and operator.

Amos had the courses in excellent condition and about 48 members and guests played golf.

Dinner was served promptly and was very good, roast turkey, and there was plenty for all. After the girls cleaned up, Ray Gerber the President, opened the meeting and Chairman Frank Dinelli announced the panel for the question and answer period.

Just about this time Bert Rost, Editor of the Bull Sheet got a call from the Butterfield Country Club that a pipeline had burst and he took off home to get it fixed so that the watering could be done. Later on in the evening Kenny Lapp got word via phone that he had a busted one so he took off too.

The Panel was: Chairman Frank Dinelli, Amos Lapp, Emil Cassier, Geo Roloff, Paul Voykan, Norm Kramer, and Roy Nelson.

The 1st problem was to identify a grass. The panel turned it down and the grass was identified as Seaside Bent by Mike Poliachi. 2nd Q. How can goose grass be controlled on greens?

A. Roy Nelson said that 12 pounds of Calcium Arsenate granulated did the job.

Q. Why does Sulphate of Ammonia purchased today not work like it did in the 20's?

A. Emil Cassier — Maybe they do not make it like they did in the 20's?

Q. What is the Labor outlook? Will labor continue working 7 days a week in the face of Union activity?

A. Amos Lapp — That is a problem we will have to face and will depend on the locality as to who gets the problem first. I don't know the answer.

Frank Dinelli says we must plan to meet the problem.

Marv Gruening — I don't think we will have trouble as long as we use the high school boys. Family men won't cut greens anyway.

Rube Thode (Chicago Park District) — We have worked with Union help for a number of years. Men work 44 hours a week, and those who work Saturday and Sunday have Monday and Tuesday off. We are allowed Junior laborers. The men all work and we get along in the parks. It does increase the number of men on our payrolls. The men work 44 hours a week, and are paid by the month. Junior laborers get 1.00 an hour and are not controlled by the union. The monthly pay is 259.00 a month for the men.

O. What do you recommend for the control of Oak Wilt?

No Answer from the Panel.

Roger Brown — You have to kill and remove the surrounding trees because Oak Wilt spreads by root grafts.

Q. What causes brown out in changing cups?

A. Geo. Roloff — Possibly you cut the plugs too short and the root system is not deep enough; sometimes the plug is too dry and the soil breaks away from the roots and the plug may have been put in without water.

Frank Dinelli — Frank Dinelli suggested the plug may have come from a matted area and the runners cut.

The man who asked the question who's name I did not get, rejected all these answers, and reported that he is now replacing the soil all the way down to see if this will help.

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A. Roy Nelson — 1 oz. of 2040D and 2 oz. of 20405T per acre. (Roy discolored some fairways with weed killer).

A. 1 quart of 2-4-D and 1 pint of 2-4-5T per acre in 50 gallons of water and still burned, things went wrong.

Q. What is the best way to control Gophers, not golfers.

A. Emil Cassier — We cleaned ours with Nomole, 1 teaspoonful to a hole.

A. Dinelli — I shot mine with a 22. If you have time try it.

Q. What causes localized dry spots?

A. Amos Lapp — Fork the place so it will take water. Get water in the soil.

Q. What is the best grass for temporary rough this time of the year — red top or rye.

A. Paul Voykin — Seaside and Red Top. Rye is more drought resistant but I would not use rye on bent tees.

Q. To Amos Lapp — How many men do you have on your 36 holes.

A. Amos Lapp — 9 men on the 36.

Q. What is the remedy for clover growth this year?

A. Spray in the fall in cool weather.

Q. How many gallons in one acre inch of water?

A. Scotty — 27,154.

Q. Is water compressible?

A. Scotty — A little.

Q. How much greater volume is water when frozen into ice.

A. Scotty — There is 80% expansion on freezing.

Q. What size pump, motor and pipe for a complete water course with bent fairways?

A. Roy Nelson — This will be the subject of the Fall Clinic. It is too involved for this evenings discussion.

Q. Has anyone had any experience with wetting agents?

A. Paul Voykin — I spent about \$30.00 for wetting agents on one green with no result and then I forked it.

Q. Directed to Amos Lapp, Host Supt. — When did you spray your fairways for weeds and clover, what did you use and what was the rate?

A. Amos Lapp — Three weeks ago, 2 1/2 quarts 2-4-D and 1 quart of 2-4-5 per acre in about 100 gallons of water per acre.

Q. Will small brown patch disappear without fungicide with fertilizing and aerifying?

A. Emil Cassier — This recovery will depend on the weather but usually you will require fungicide.

Q. How close can a hole be set to the edge of the green? Part 2 - Is a player allowed to set his ball two club lengths behind the tee markers?

A. As far as setting the ball behind the markers, yes. In setting the cups the PGA requires 12 feet from the edge of the green, the USGA allows the cups to be 9 feet from the edge of the green.

Q. What is a safe mix of 2-4-D and 2-4-5-T for the control of clover and weeds in fairways at this time of the year?

Billy Mastroleo is recovering from a chest operation and expects to be home some time this week. Bill is the son of Dave and Donna Mastroleo and grandson of Frank and Mrs. Mastroleo of Geneva.

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CLIPPINGS

Charlie Rack has assumed the Superintendent's responsibilities at the Ridge Country Club. Congratulations, Charlie.

We are very sorry to hear of the death of Ed and Don Stewart's mother. The members of this Association extend their deepest sympathy to the Stewart family.

Sympathy is extended to the Ray Davis family on the loss of Mrs. Davis' mother, Mrs. Henry Matter, of rural Crystal Lake, on July 9th.

Ray and Mrs. Davis wish to extend thanks to their many friends at this time.

The annual Picnic will be held at Sycamore Park August 18th. Emil Cassier will be our host.

Emil has a beautiful picnic grove a tripple A swimming pool, an excellent 18 hole golf course, and a large play ground. Get the kids and be there, Sycamore Park District, Sycamore, Ill., August 18th. Sycamore is located at the junction of Rt. 64 (North Ave.) and Rt. 23 about 20 miles west of St. Charles. The Park is on the east edge of town on the south side of the road.

A visit to the Dresden Nuclear power plant of the Commonwealth Edison Co. at the junction of the Kankakee and DesPlaines Rivers could be arranged for a Saturday or Sunday in August if the membership is interested. There can be no children under 16 and the ladies must wear flat heeled shoes as there is a lot of open cat walk to go over.

Carl Hoppan of the Aurora Country Club tried to dodge a dog, crashed his car into the edge of a viaduct and made a total wreck out of the car. Carl got a cut on the nose and several bruises and expects his new car shortly.

Art and Mrs. Benson are moving into a new home in St. Charles shortly.

Dave Mastroleo of the Addison Country Club put about 2 gallons of Chlordane into his water hole covering over half an acre. Dave reports that every fish in the pond died and it will be a long time before he does that again. There were fish up to 20" long in the pond.

Friends of Ed and Don Stewart were saddened by the sudden passing of their Mother Mrs. Alma Stewart on Wednesday, July 15th. The boys, who are Supts. at River Forest and Brookwood Country Clubs respectively, have a sister Fay who makes her home with Don at Brookwood. Our deep sympathy is extended to you all.

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