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St. Andrews Golf Club
Our Host

THE JULY MEETING
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MONDAY, JULY 6th, 1959

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our June meeting held at Midwest Country Club was well attended. About fifty played golf over a beautifully maintained golf course; 96 attended the dinner. Marvin Gruening, our host Superintendent, received many compliments on the fine work he is doing at his club both in maintenance and construction. A new nine holes was opened recently. All greens have C 15 strain of bent grass.

Dr. Gene Nutter, G.C.S.A. Executive Director, was the official speaker of the evening and gave a wonderful talk; his topic was, "New Horizons." Those of us from the Chicago area who became acquainted with Dr. Nutter during his time in the G.C.S.A. office in St. Charles sure hate to have him leave, and we wish him the best of luck in his new office.

We were happy to have with us at our June meeting, Ward Cornwall and Bill Meline from Detroit, and also our good friend Dr. Daniel from Purdue.

Our many thanks to the Roseman Mower Company for the refreshments. It could not have happened at a better time because this meeting happened to be election day.

Fertilizing during July and August should be done with the greatest care. Too much at one time is worse than not enough. Very seldom would one lose any turf-grass during July and August with too little fertilizer, but there sure has been some lost with too much or not properly applied. A small amount at a time is much better. The color of the grass does not make the ball go in the cup. The old saying is, a good looking green is not always a good putting green, and the golfer is interested in a good putting green.

Our July 6th meeting will be held at St. Andrews Golf Club. Amos Lapp will be our host Superintendent. Come out and enjoy yourself. All of us will be looking for you.

I wonder how many of us that play golf at our monthly meetings keep in mind the items a golfer should do and the things he should not do in order to help make the game of golf more enjoyable for those who are to follow us. There are times when we get too interested in who won the prox and forget to repair the ball hole on the green, or neglect to smoothe out our foot tracks in the sand traps, or are in too much of a hurry to replace the divots. Next time we are playing golf let us remember the three R's:

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For more information on the three R's get in touch with the Editor.

The next two months of the year are the most critical time for a golf course superintendent in the Chicago area. Long hours seven days a week and sleepless nights are not unusual. Should we detect any trouble on turfgrass one should try and diagnose it as soon as possible. If he does not trust his judgment, ask the help of some other golf course superintendent. I am sure he will be glad to help you. Never get panicky and apply various kinds of chemicals for which none of them will probably solve your problem. First, find out what caused your problem and work from there on.

Ray Gerber
President

Dr. Gene Nutter, Exec. Director of G.C.S.A. at the Monthly meeting held at the Midwest Country Club announced tentative dates for the National Turf Conference and Equipment Show as follows: 1961 Toronto, 62 San Francisco, Cal., 63 Detroit, Mich., 64 Atlanta, Ga., and of course for certain Houston, in 60.

Jim Holmes, Director Mid States U.S.G.A. Greens section was presented with a Golf bag, set of woods and irons, by the Golf Course Superintendents of America at the June meeting at Midwest Country Club in recognition of services rendered to their office during recent change of Ex. Directors. Some one counted 15 clubs, Jim said the 15th is a "Nimitoad Knocker."

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CENTRAL ILLINOIS GOLF COURSE SUPT'S. ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES 5TH ANNIVERSARY.

FIVE years ago this group was organized at a meeting at Bloomington, Ill. On Monday, June 15th, this group met again at Bloomington Country Club for a day of golf, business and educational meeting with a dinner in the evening. Bill Daniels from the Midwest Turf Foundation was the speaker, he told the boys what to watch for during the coming summer months. The golf course was excellently groomed and in fine condition. The weather has failed to deliver the required moisture for some weeks past.

Joe Kelley as usual failed to break a hundred, never does when C. O. is around. Rex Miller, Supt. at Bloomington was busy all day showing his golf course, his new office and fine equipment. Jim Brant who served as president the first five years was succeeded by Charlie Jones, Supt. at the Champaign Country Club, Edgar Walton of Canton is Vice President and Jim Hoover of Pontiac Elks Club continues as Sec. and Treas. His salary was doubled for the next five years.

Attendance at the anniversary meeting was about 50. This group has prospered greatly during the past five years under the excellent leadership and faithful attendance at the meetings of the members. Congratulations Central Illinois Superintendents.

WINNERS OF GOLF PRIZES AT MIDWEST COUNTRY CLUB

1. Chas. Rack, 2. El Prues, 3. Ed. Stewart, 4. Robt. Breen, 5. Paul Burdett, 6. Joe Canalle, and 7. Norm Kramer.

Some team they have at Midwest, John, Marvin, Agnes, Jim and Herb, they really give the golfer his dollars worth.

GOLFER'S PRAYER GIVEN TO IKE

(Reprinted from the Chicago Daily News)

Here is the text of the "Golfer's Prayer," which author naturalist Harry Woodbourne of Mellville, N.Y., recently presented on a hand-illuminated scroll to President Eisenhower:

"Lord, over Thy pasture golfers pass,
 "Trampling Thy carpet we call grass,
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CLIPPINGS

It was a good warm day the 2nd of June when we met for the June meeting at the Midwest Country Club. Marv Gruening was our Host Superintendent and he had made arrangements for the group to play over the newly built course. This course, or nine holes of it was in play for the 1st time this spring. The greens and fairways were in good shape but there were some rough spots in the fairways. The greens are good.

The dinner was served in buffet style and there were many favorable comments, and for those inclined, it truly was a diet buster. There was plenty to eat.

The program committee offered an excellent program and the evening passed all too quickly.

Dudley Smith is the new Supt. at Silver Lake. Dud as he is called by his men, is single and 28 years old. He was born in New York and has a BS in Agronomy under Dr. Musser. He spent 3 years with the US Military Academy Golf Course at West Point and was Supt. at the Hercules Country Club at Wilmington, Del.

Because of the unusual winter damage on greens, Dud has had a very busy spring at Silver Lake but the greens are in good shape and he has time to live a little.

Chuck Tattersal, who has been Supt. at Glen Woodie Country Club near Glenwood, Ill., has decided to leave greenkeeping and plans to work with the County Highway Dept. He is being succeeded by Anthony Kozlowski who will be working under the direction of Amos Lapp of St. Andrews.

Mrs. Gerber has taken off for a trip to Minnesota to visit friends and family. Have a good trip Jo.

Eddie Burke of Elmhurst Country Club almost had an eagle and got a birdie on the 9th at Midwest.

Frank Mastroleo has almost completely recovered from his recent illness and looks fine and played a few holes at the Midwest meeting.

Bill Stupple is working hard to make Exmoor just right for the women when they play their Western Amateur there July 6th. Bill had his first meeting with the Committee June 6th. This tournament has been played at Exmoor many times and Bill expects to have things just as they want them.

Roy Chapman who retired from Edgewood Valley Country Club four years ago attended the meeting at Midwest. Roy looks fine and says he is gardening now and spent last winter in Arizona. Roy is now a youthful 74.

The Food Machinery Co. of Orlando, Florida now has a wind machine to keep the wind stirred up over orange groves and apple orchards, to keep frost from settling in low spots. There is one now at Waconda, Ill. in an orchard. It may have possibilities for those dead air spots on courses that have caused so much trouble in the past.



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Dr. Burklund of the Department of Horticulture of the University of Illinois announced the definite intention of establishing a Demonstration Turf Garden to be located on the grounds of the Drug and Horticultural Experiment Station which adjoins the east edge of the Morton Arboretum West of Downers Grove, Illinois. This Turf Demonstration Garden is the first effort on the part of the University to aid Northern Illinois Home Owners with one of their most difficult problems, that of keeping a good lawn and it is possible the work could be extended to include research and extension.

Dr. Burklund announced that his budget would enable him to keep at least one full time laborer on this job and that the work would be under the direction of extension workers from the Department of Floriculture and would be assisted by Mike Brittan who has done considerable work at Purdue with Bill Daniels. Mike is now with the Department of Horticulture as a Plant Pathologist.

The announcement was made at an informal meeting held at the Drug and Horticultural Experiment Station and attended by many representative members of the industry and of the University Staff. Raymond Gerber, president of the Midwest and Bert Rost Editor of the Bull Sheet represented the Midwest Association, Mr. Gager Vaughan, of Vaughan's Seed Store and Dr. John Walters, Chairman of the Committee for the Chicago District Golf Association, attended the meeting. Farm bureau workers from Cook and Will County advised that they also planned to duplicate the plots in their counties. Dr. Wienard of the Dept. of Floriculture suggested that plans for the layout of the plots be drawn up. After Luncheon the group visited the Trial plots already established in the Vaughan Experimental and trial gardens at the Cantigne Farm at Wheaton, Illinois. Last summer these gardens had a constant flow of interested visitors. We are pleased that the University is taking this step. There is room in the area under consideration at the station for any research or demonstration work the Midwest and the Chicago District Golf Association may plan and Mike Brittan has already selected a location on a green in a sheltered, shady, damp place where grass may not possibly thrive and where disease is sure to thrive.

The Picnic will be held August 18th at Sycamore Park District. Emil Cassier is the Supt. there and we have always had a wonderful time. In addition to Golf, the Sycamore Park has a beautiful Picnic Grove and an excellent swimming pool. Set the day aside and alert the kids and tell Mom that is the date.

Pete Bild of Woodridge is still in Hines Hospital but the reports we get are that he is steadily progressing and is walking with canes. Get well fast Pete, we've been missing you.

L. G. Bedenbender of Rushville, Ill. has taken over the greenkeeping activities at Woodridge Country Club. Mr. Bedenbender has been County Supt. of Schools in Southern Ill. for 16 years and has worked on courses rather as a hobby for the last 6 years. He seems to have an excellent understanding of turf.

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Clint Buckles, the Superintendent, decided to keep his blue grass turf and to follow maintenance practices that would do just that. How does he do it? First of all, he has good soil favorable to blue grass. He never cuts below one inch, fertilizes liberally several times a season, and waters sparingly. During the summer months water is applied about every two weeks and then in liberal amount per application. Clint doesn't believe in frequent watering, but waits 'til the turf shows need for it. Then with plant food available, the response to watering is prompt and vigorous.

No doubt the height of cut is most important, but so are his fertilizing and watering practices. On June 15th, his fairway turf was thick and clean, making for excellent ball lies for fairway shots. The density of the turf offsets the height of the grass.

Supt.: "I'll have to have a raise, there are three companies after me."

Greens Chairman: "What three?"

Supt. "Light, telephone and water."

Son: "Pa, what does the Bull Sheet mean by saying that Mr. X went to the Nat'l. Convention as a delegate-at-large?"

Supt. "He did not take his wife along son."

Brinkworth, rushing into Geo. A. Davis, "Give me a couple of mole traps, I am in a hurry to catch the next bus."

Chuck Doherty: "I am sorry Gordon, they do not come that big."

Walter Fuchs has Glen Eagles Country Club in well nigh perfect shape for the opening of the tournament late in June; Greens, tees, fairways and roughs are beautiful. Walter is enjoying some of the doubtful fruits of being a big time tournament Supt., this time for the tournament, he has a new Ford Convertible to ride around in and has two International Station wagons to haul his assistants around in. Walt promises he will recognize us common folks if he sees us. Good luck and good weather Walt, we hope this will be the best ever.

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