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Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents



MARVIN GRUENING
Superintendent, Midwest Country Club
Our Host

**THE JUNE MEETING
MIDWEST COUNTRY CLUB
HINSDALE, ILLINOIS
TUESDAY, JUNE 2nd, 1959
GOLF
DINNER — 6:30 P.M.
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
IMMEDIATELY AFTER DINNER**

Educational Speaker
Gene Nutter,
Executive Director, G.C.S.A.
Topic — New Horizons

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our May 4th meeting held at the beautiful Hinsdale Golf Club is one that those of us who attended will remember for a long time to come. It was one of our best meetings. The golf course, under the supervision of Bill Schwantz, was in excellent condition. Bill has been with the club for about forty years. The manager, Mr. Mathesen, is to be congratulated on a wonderful dinner and the manner in which it was served. Our many thanks to both of these men. We were very happy to have with us at this meeting Mr. Yomine, the chairman of the Grounds and Greens committee, and the pro, Mr. Greenwald, who contributed some very nice golf prizes. The educational part of this meeting consisted of a question and answer period. The moderator, Frank Dinelli, and his panel did a wonderful job.

The Midwest Association dinner and dance held at Butterfield Country Club on May 1st was well attended. It was a very enjoyable party and the entertainment committee is to be congratulated. Marvin Gruening, the committee chairman, gave away several door prizes. The following commercial houses contributed toward these prizes. Geo. A. Davis Co., Illinois Equipment Co., Frandsen Bros., Kahn Bros., Paul E. Burdett, Roseman Mower Co., Mr. Benson of Swift Fertilizer Co., Mr. Smith of Fertilade Fertilizer Co., Warrens Turf Nursery and Al Schaper from the Sod Nursery. In behalf of all the ladies who attended I want to thank Al Kempf from the Morris Distributing Co., Hinsdale, Ill., for the wonderful corsages each lady received.

Our next meeting will be held at the Midwest Golf Club on Tuesday, June 2nd. Our host will be Superintendent Marvin Gruening.

Dr. Gene C. Nutter, G. C. S. A. Executive Director, will be our guest speaker. His subject is "New Horizons". This will be a very interesting meeting.

This is the time of year when those of us who are responsible for the condition and beauty of the golf course and club grounds think of the remarks made by Vice-President Mr. Nixon during his visit to the G. C. S. A. Turf Conference and Equipment Show in 1958 at the Shoreham Hotel. He said his golf score is not too important, but what is most important is that while he is on the golf course he is on some of the most beautiful real estate in America. I feel sure that if all golfers felt that way they would not be throwing litter all over the grounds. This includes caddies and workmen. Usually on the grounds one will find containers to deposit all small types of debris. However, it usually finds its

place somewhere between the tee and the green; in the shrub beds, in the rough, on the fairway and on the tee or green. It could consist of most anything; such as beer bottles, pop bottles, candy wrappers, empty cigarette packages, gum wrappers, cocktail glasses, paper cups, golf ball wrappers and paper of all kinds. Why does this sort of thing happen? It is obvious that most people do not share the same attitude as Mr. Nixon. If they did, this rubbish would find its way into one of the litter receptacles found on the grounds.

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The dining room at the Hinsdale Country Club, offered the most beautiful setting for our May meeting. Open on three sides, the beautifully kept grounds, lake and landscaping, was a perfect setting with the setting sun adding an almost fantastic beauty to the scene.

The dinner was delicious, capon and wild rice and pie and ice cream. It was a good dinner, nicely served and in a delightful setting. 89 Supts. and friends enjoyed the wonderful dinner and setting. Bill Swantz, who is really an old timer in the profession, had the course in excellent condition, and the 40 who could play, thoroly enjoyed their game, the balance came late for the dinner after a full day at home.

The weather the first few days of May was unseasonably warm, and growth almost made up in four days for the many cold weeks of an evasive spring, the maples reached full foliage almost over night and we all had hoped the warm weather was here to stay, as it was a hot sultry day of the meeting at Hinsdale, but later in the month it got cold again and never has warmed up.

Marv Gruening of Midwest says the picnic will be at the Sycamore Park the 1st Tuesday in August. Emil Cassier has always shown us a good time when we visited him at Sycamore and we know this picnic will be one of the better ones. Emil's grandchildren will still be too young to take an active part in the activities but they will be there in spirit. He will be a grandfather twice by August.

Bill Stuppel completed 40 years of service at the Exmoor Country Club on May 10th. The quality of Bill's workmanship is well known and his opinion is highly regarded all over the country and we add our congratulations and wishes for another 40 years of active and fruitful service. He has been Supt. for the last 31 years, and served as Editor of the Bull Sheet for many years. Bill celebrated his 39th birthday at the Hinsdale meeting.

Butch (Lindo) Bernadini has been with the Knollwood Country Club for 30 years and has been Supt. of the grounds since 1952. Under Butch, the club has enjoyed excellent turf and this spring the greens were spotless. Last fall Knollwood completed a new equipment shed, 141 x 50 feet. Butch says "It's a Doll." 80 x 50 feet of the area is insulated and the balance is used for storage. The office is 20 x 20 ft. and the building is equipped with toilet facilities.

Peter Bild underwent a spinal operation in Hines Hospital April 14th, and is reported to be getting along fine. Hurry up Pete we miss you.

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JOE BERTLCCI RETIRES FROM LAKE SHORE COUNTRY CLUB

Recently Joe Bertucci retired as Golf Course Superintendent at Lake Shore Country Club. During his years in the Golf business he served at Old Elm, Knollwood and for the last 15 years at Lake Shore Country Club. His golf course associations covered a period of 44 years, beginning with the horse age. He says horses were used to mow fairways as late as 1925.

Born 77 years ago in Modena, Italy he came to the U. S. in the early nineteen hundreds, beginning his golf course work in 1915. Like all his family, he has a green thumb which now comes in handy to pursue his hobby of gardening. Of course, he has time to travel too, likes Florida just fine for the winter months. Son Adolph, who was his assistant for many years, succeeded him at Lake Shore. Bring him out to our meetings, Adolph.

Debbie Updegraff, daughter of Wes and Evelyn Updegraf underwent an operation in West Suburban Hospital, Oak Park, May 15th, and is reported to be recovering nicely.

TORO SALES CONTEST

In a nationwide institutional mower sales contest conducted by the Toro Manufacturing Company this spring, George A. Davis, Inc. ranked second among 75 distributors as of April 30th.

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ELMER BERTUCCI RETIRES FROM OLD ELM CLUB

Elmer Bertucci, younger brother of Joe, was associated with Old Elm Club for 47 years. He is 73 years young now, was born in Modena Province, Italy, January 30, 1886. In his early youth he earned his living as a blacksmith in his native Italy and North Africa. On the side he was an accomplished Accordion player.

He came to America in 1907. For several years he worked in coal mines in Colorado and Illinois. In 1910 he moved to the North Shore and went to work at Exmoor under Stewart Gardner. In 1912 he moved over to Old Elm to assist in laying the foundation for the Club House, then to course maintenance as Greensman, Foreman and Superintendent until his retirement last year.

Elmer is enjoying his retirement. He keeps active, keeping a beautiful lawn, raising flowers and vegetables at his home in Highwood. Last winter he enjoyed his trip to Florida with Mama. They have four children and seven grandchildren. Son Albert succeeded him at Old Elm.

Good health Elmer, come to our meetings whenever you can.

LAKE DEARIE NAMED AT MEDINAH

On March 11th, 1959 a very special event took place at Medinah Country Club on Course #3. Standing on the third tee facing the new lake which runs in front of the tee and to the right along the new 16th green were Art Heist, Chairman of the Grounds Committee; Jim Morris, Vice Chairman; John Crews, former Chairman; and Gerald Dearie, Grounds and Green Superintendent. This lake is the result of the dream of all these men, originally created in the mind of Mr. Dearie. On first glance one may think this is only a dream for beautifying the course, with little or no practical purpose. Actually the lake performs several functions, it creates a cross water hazard for the third hole and it creates a parallel water hazard for the 16th hole as it runs well over 100 yards along the right side of the new 16th fairway. Along with these functions of play, the lake is a reservoir for the drainage system in the ground and involves many holes, the third, fourth, fifth, seventh, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth and six-

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teenth. Prior to its creation this water drained into the marshy ground to the right of the third tee which left the ground wet and a great place for breeding mosquitoes. In making this lake Mr. Dearie used the wonderful topsoil in the marsh, which had rolled off the hills and with it formed the new second green and the new sixteenth green. This lake is tied in with the big lake with a pass under the service road behind the second green, fresh water can be pumped into the lake assuring a clean, healthy condition.

As befitting the occasion, the senior member of the group, John Crews, was given the honor of striking the first shot from this tee to open the season and the new hole. With great deliberation and concentration he struck the ball - just then Art Heist cried, "We hereby name this lake, LAKE DEARIE, and it shall be so called, henceforth." His efforts have greatly increased the playing value of the holes involved, beautified the course and raised the prestige of an already great golf course. It will always be called LAKE DEARIE in memory of a man who created a spot of beauty at Medinah.

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