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The President's Message

Our last meeting at Glen Flora Country Club with host superintendent, Peter Bild; manager, Fred Parkinson; Pro, Ken Henry, was a delightful success from the standpoint of attendance and hospitality. It is nice to have such congenial friends in the Chicago district to host meetings for the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents. We also want to thank the boys that supplied the refreshments on the course; the shrimp bowl, and McGregor Company and representatives for their donation of a set of woods and irons.

Our next meeting, August 9th at the McHenry Country Club is a joint meeting with our many fine friends from Wisconsin Association that have traveled many times to our turf clinics and meetings and again we should have a fine turnout at a club that has always welcomed the golf course superintendents.

Before our meeting at Glen Flora, I was invited as a representative of the Midwest Association on June 29th to attend the Al Dorband day at Mission Hills Golf Club. It was an honor to attend such a dinner in recognition of a superintendent and his fine family for the many years at Mission Hills. Harry Pezzula, President of the P.G.A. of Illinois, was M.C. and as always, great. Probably the most enjoyable day I have experienced in a long time. May the next forty years be as successful to you, Al Dorband.

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LAST MEETING

The July meeting of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents was held at the beautiful Glen Flora Country Club in Waukegan, Illinois. Peter Bild was host Superintendent for the July 15th meeting. The weather was perfect and the attendance was outstanding. Over 160 attended. Highlights of the day included golf, dinner and an Educational program following a lively business meeting.

Golf activities were divided into two types of tournaments. These were, a Blind Bogey run by the Assistant Pro, a Peoria System Tournament run by the Association with extra gifts donated by the MacGregor Golf Equipment Co. Golf Chairmen, Douglas Jabaay and Ed Braunsky distributed the prizes as follows:

Low Gross — Joe Dinelli.

Low Net winners with 66's were Joe Canale (winner of a set of MacGregor irons donated by Harry Adams and Harold Borgman) and Bob Winters who won a set of MacGregor woods also donated by the above. Mike Mulvihill and Paul Frankowski were tied for the next spot with 67's and the remainder of the Peoria System winners were: Bob Williams, Don Gricus, Don Theesfield, George Druzisky, Bill Hargrave, Harry Roberts, Ken Lapp, Ken Goodman, Ed Stewart, Al Pruess, Roger Rochelle, Buzz Didier, Fred Opperman, Ted Hammerschmidt, George Whitner, Steve Parkinson, Bill Saielli Jr., Russ Reed, Ken Christianson, Chuck Reed, Emil Mashie, Oscar Miles Art Benson Jr., Alby Staudt, Art Benson Sr., Warren Roseman, Ted Woehrle and Dick Richardson.

Winners of the Tournament conducted by the Assistant Pro in the Blind Bogey event were: Ed Burke, Wes Updegraff and Dan Taggart. Each won a handsome carrying bag.

BUSINESS MEETING

The monthly business was held immediately after the delicious buffet dinner served by Manager, Fred Parkinson and his able staff. A few words were offered by Mr. Chas. White Jr., Chairman of the Grounds Committee in the way of a welcome. Peter certainly is appreciated by his Club Members at Glen Flora.

Wes Updegraff pointed out that Don Strand, Superintendent of Westmoreland Country Club is ailing and in the hospital. A get-well card was passed around the room for the members to sign and send on to Don. We all wish Don a speedy and complete recovery so he can once again join us at our meetings.

President, Al Johnson called the meeting to order for the specific purpose of nominating and electing members of the Midwest Association for various positions in the National. During the confusion of a boisterous and unruly session in which several of our notoriously famous agitators walked out of the meeting the outcome was finally decided in favor of Ed Stewart (relatively unknown in National affairs) as our choice for Nomination of National Director, Bob Williams was suggested and appointed as chief delegate to the National Conference and Ted Woehrle was appointed as Assistant delegate. Ed shouldn't have much trouble getting elected with these two seasoned politicians working for him. They should be able to overcome any shortcomings that Ed might have.

Paul Voykin and Tom Burrows finally accepted the job of being our representative on the National Advisory Committee after six other members first turned it down.

It seems difficult to understand why the sudden disinterest in the National. Why aren't we sending our best qualified men to Kansas?

Mavor Boyd, Superintendent of the Calumet Country Club announced that on Monday, July 19, he was to host to the monthly meeting of the Michiana Golf Course Superintendents Association. He invited us to attend. Dr. Daniel of Purdue was the guest speaker to appear on the Educational Program.

President Al Johnson reported that on June 29, 1965 he was invited and attended an Anniversary dinner at Mission Hills Country Club where the members were celebrating the 40th year of Al Dorband's employ at the Club. Al represented our Association and extended our heartiest congratulations to Al Dorband.

It was announced by our arrangements Chairman, Adolph Bertucci that our next meeting will be held on August 9, 1965 at the McHenry Country Club. Harold Michels will be our host. This will be our annual joint meeting with the Wisconsin Chapter of Golf Course Superintendents. He also reported that our annual golf tournament will be played at Old Elm on September 27, 1965. **NO GUEST WILL BE ALLOWED.** It was also mentioned that a joint meeting with the Club Managers will be held on October 5, 1965 at the Woodmar Country Club, Hammond, Indiana.

Dudley Smith, Chairman of the Educational Committee appeared next on the program to introduce our Speaker for the month. After being introduced, Speaker, Bob Miller of the DuPont Organization dealing in turf products gave us a few well chosen words on DISEASE OF TURF.

Some of the points stressed by Mr. Miller in preventing a disease problem are:

1. Use most resistant variety of grass for area.
2. Proper Soil Structure.
3. Proper pH — if pH is close to neutral the disease will be easier to control.
4. You must control Mat or Thatch and Compaction.
5. Proper Fertilization — Feed for growth — not too lush — use more Potash.
6. Proper use of fungicides of which there are four types — a. Eradicant, b. Protectant, c. Disinfectant, d. Disinfectant.

Refreshments out on the Course were supplied by Art Clesen and the Shrimp Bowl was given by Dick Hedberg and Roger Brown of IMC. Thanks a million, men. It was enjoyed by all.

MICHIANA MEETING

On Monday July 19, 1965 the Michiana Chapter of Golf Course Superintendents held their monthly meeting at the Calumet Country Club in Homewood, Illinois. Mavor Boyd was host. President, Norman Kramer, Superintendent of the Point O'Woods Country Club, Benton Harbor, Michigan welcomed all members and guests before introducing Dr. Daniel who spoke on "Competition for Space in Turf". A short abstract follows:

COMPETITION FOR SPACE IN TURF

Dr. W. H. Daniel

Turf Specialist, Purdue University

On the putting green only about 1/4" is available for turf growing, in fairways less than 1 inch, and in high cut lawns even 2" may be available. So, turf managers must confine their production, as turf or sod, to these limited areas. Even so, both uniformity and density are necessary.

Competition is keen between both annuals and perennials. Many turf management practices are designed to reduce, regulate, or alleviate competition; yet, constantly maintain ample turf cover.

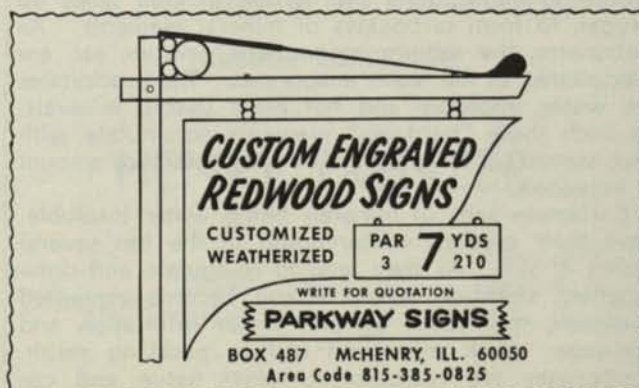
Broadleaf weeds, chickweed, clover, etc., can be selectively killed. Generally it is best to remove such weeds before they predominate, before they compete severely, and when their absence would be least noticed.

Annual weedy grasses have long plagued turf areas. Crabgrass has been the most notorious villain. Goosegrass is the black sheep of the family. Any annual usually grows fast, provides intense competition for nutrients, moisture and space. Even after being killed by frost or chemicals, grasses may physically occupy space and thus be a competitor to desired turf. Any control program should be targeted towards the invading competition under control and below a competitive level.

Competition within perennials also may be a limitation. For example, Bermuda usually fails when it is three years old. Zoysia is weakened by excessive thatch, and extensive competition within itself. Even dense stands of *Poa annua* suffer most from diseases, drought and wear.

Young, vigorous grass is usually healthy. Old, weakened grass is most subject to disease; thus, the turf manager wishes to keep the limited space available below the cutting height occupied by as high a percentage of young, vigorous grass as possible — so, aeration, vertical mowing, topdressing and sweeping are practices to mechanically regulate competition. Rapid growth, irrigation, fertilization, vigorous varieties — many things actually favor thatch formation. Old leaves, old stems occupy space just as much as green, young leaves.

Even locally every turf area may differ. The basic recommendations in Midwest Turf leaflet No. 29, "Bluegrass Fairways, Yes, IF?" applies equally well to Zoysia and bentgrass. The principles of keeping any grass vigorous, aggressive and under controlled competition requires the best of the turf manager's ability. Fortunately many tools and chemicals are available to aid.



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Our courses turned from almost perfect on Wednesday to almost dead on Sunday. This of course hit the fairways the hardest. Some of the finer courses with poa annua and Bent fairways which are watered frequently were hardest hit.

Let's hope that the humidity drops pretty soon so we won't get wiped out like last year. Temperatures on the South Side of Chicago never went below 68 degrees since the morning of July 21, as compared to temperatures at O'Hare which dipped as low as the upper 50's on three separate occasions during the same period. Temperatures must drop below 68 degrees to stop Pythium.

BIG CHANGE AT ITASCA

For years John Coutre, Superintendent of Itasca Country Club has been suspecting problems concerning his irrigation water in relationship to its source. He is obtaining his water from the Salt Creek which is adjacent to his course. After analysis he was amazed to find out that the water has been affecting his turf management program a great deal more than he even suspected. The turf always looked sick.

It was decided to investigate this a little further. After a close examination of materials and equipment available for treating his problem water the Club decided to purchase the equipment and materials necessary to purify his water. After installation, he noticed a marked improvement almost immediately. It is worth the time to drive over and see for yourself.

Here is a little more on this water problem as written by A. H. Smith, of Smith Equipment. He carries an ad in the Bull Sheet.

DISSOLVED MINERALS IN IRRIGATION WATERS

Surface waters from streams and waters from ground wells contain dissolved minerals and gasses obtained from soil contained deposits. Waters vary in amounts of elements according to the particular location from which the water is obtained. Of the minerals, sodium is most caustic to plant tissue, and of the gasses, carbon dioxide presents the greatest problem in "fixation" of minerals to carbonate compounds. On exposure to atmosphere, the carbon dioxide picks up oxygen to form carbonates of mineral elements. As carbonates, the sodium, magnesium, calcium, etc. are precipitated as the water evaporates. The precipitates are water insoluble and not plant usable minerals. As such these "hardness" elements accumulate with each successive watering until a plant tolerance amount is exceeded.

Carbonate salts of minerals being water insoluble, have their greatest concentration in the top several inches of soil. As they tend to co-agulate and draw together, stratified layers of soil become cemented hardpans, that resist air and water infiltration and drainage. Slick spots and surface puddling result. Carbonates are corrosive to plant tissue and can

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NOTES

Walter Fuchs, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee informs us that our annual fall dinner dance will be held at Edgewood Country Club on Saturday, October 9, 1965. Plan now to attend. Harold Fredrickson and his wife will host the affair along with Walter and his wife.

Purdue Field Day will be held August 16-17.

Mr. Glen Summerfelt will be our guest speaker at the August Joint meeting. He is connected with the Chicago Aerial Survey Co.

ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE

On Friday, July 16, 1965 Bob Williams and Ted Woehrle attended a meeting of a committee functioning to help set up the new curriculum in Ornamental Horticulture at the Wilson Junior College in Chicago. Jerry Dinelli also attended.

We were somewhat disappointed in the meeting because of the feelings concerning the on-the-job training of the students. A great burden would be placed on a Superintendent in training these students because of the short period of time that he would actually have a student under his supervision before he would have to give him up so he could participate in a different phase of horticulture. There would be a constant changing of students. About the time you would have one trained you would lose him.

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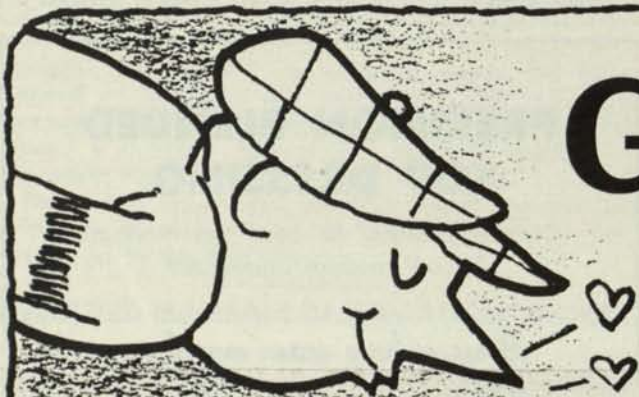
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