

Wisconsin GA Launches Caddie Service Program

The Wisconsin State GA has launched a new program to assist all golf courses in the state to improve caddie service to the player and to send deserving caddies to college on full tuition scholarship. The program officially approved at the annual meeting of the WSGA with full support of the Wisconsin section of the PGA pledged was finally completed by representatives of the WSGA who met with WGA Exec. vp John C. Kennan in Milwaukee recently. Representatives included: Dr. Ernest W. Miller, E. P. Allis, Lee Werner, Earl Langworthy and Walter H. Gaedke.

"Invitations to join with WSGA and WGA in this unique project," said Dr. Miller, President WSGA, "have been sent to every club in Wisconsin. We expect a large and immediate response."

The first caddie scholarship winner in Wisconsin was in attendance at the Milwaukee meeting. He is Dr. Warren Williamson, Racine Country Club. Dr. Williamson graduated from Northwestern Medical School last December, and is now serving his internship at Milwaukee County Hospital. When asked to comment on the scholarship plan Dr. Williamson said, "If it hadn't been for Western Golf Association I don't know how I could have financed my education. I am sure every caddie in Wisconsin appreciates what the State Association is doing."

The Wisconsin Scholarship fund will be known as the Allis Scholarship fund of Evans Scholars Foundation, honoring one of its most revered amateur players—E. P. Allis. "Ned" Allis, ten times Wisconsin State Amateur Champion and medalist thirteen times, also won the Intercollegiate Championship, was runner-up in the Western Amateur and semi-finalist in the National Amateur. The fund will be built from the income of dues paid by individual golfers and all income will be used to send Wisconsin caddies to college in Wisconsin.

Indiana PGA Business Meet, Indianapolis, April 18-20

Indiana PGA will hold its spring business session at Lincoln hotel, Indianapolis, April 18-20. The Hoosier pros plan a business clinic at which state pros and others will treat of the problems facing pros with golf settling down after early postwar years of readjustment.

The Indiana spring meeting will start at 7 P.M., April 18 with a business meeting of the association. Sectional and national officials will address the members the morning of April 19. That afternoon authorities on phases of pro business will

speak and in the evening the annual banquet will be held. On the 19th Stan Graves, pres., Indiana Greenkeepers' Assn.; Cliff Waggoner, sec., Indiana GA, and Warren Bevington, pres., Highlands G&CC will speak. That afternoon the meeting will conclude with a teaching clinic.

MRS. HOWARD MEHLMAN DIES

Isabel (Mrs. Howard) Mehlman, wife of Denver (Colo.) CC mgr., died Jan. 4 at Denver after three years of severe suffering from spinal cancer. She is survived by her husband and their daughter, Marilyn, 5. Mrs. Mehlman was a lovely and merry young woman, known to many club managers' families. She put up a grand brave fight against her malady. She's mourned deeply by all who knew her.

BERMUDA GREEN

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We plan on our liming program starting soon after the first of July. Our soils in this section of the south are naturally acid, due partly to the clay base of our soil. Since we cannot safely lime our rye greens, and they are natural acid makers themselves, it is necessary to get our soil neutralized to as near a ph of 7 as possible. It will average between 400 to 500 lbs. per green, per season.

We alternate on our lime program much as we do with our fertilizers, however using only a dehydrate, basic slag, or agricultural lime. We water this into our greens by hand, but seldom double back to re-water. We try to give an application of 200 lbs. per green in July, and another 200 lbs. in August, with the remaining application as needed early in September. In our liming practices we watch for hill seepages into our greens, elevated sand trap seepages and bad shoulder drainage that may be causing a sour condition on some portion of the green. A lot of trouble on your green is caused by something off it—therefore, it is well to look around and try to properly diagnose your trouble.

Weed Problem

Another subject I would like to mention is one that gives plenty of trouble to greens in the South. Unlike bent grass, Bermuda is not dense enough to crowd out many foreign, obnoxious weeds. If we have a mild winter in Atlanta with a wet spring, we wake up to the fact early in June that we have a weed problem deluxe. Crabgrass is perhaps our worst pest and it continues to become worse every year in the south. We also have a weed known as crowfoot, that is harder to cope with. In August and September no mowing machine of any description will mow it. It seeds prolifically from June to frost. It is a "must go" if you plan to have a putting