

Philadelphia Supts. Hold 30th Birthday Party

The 30th anniversary meeting of the Philadelphia Assn. of Golf Course Supts. was held at Whitemarsh Valley CC in conjunction with the Golf Assn. of Philadelphia. More than 100 attended for an afternoon of golf and the dinner session which had Charles Hallowell doing a smooth job as mc.

Pres. Alex Strachan of the supts., spoke briefly on the progress of the group during its 30 years. Joe Valentine told of the educational program the association had conducted since its start.

Handsome plaques were presented to founder members M. E. Farnham, H. F. Jewson, Ray C. Lane, Benjamin Mantell and Joseph Valentine.

Harry A. Rowbotham, pres., Golf Assn. of Philadelphia paid tribute to the superintendents for their individual and collective work in serving golfers. Charles B. Grace, sec., USGA, gave a close-up of the workings of the USGA. Paul Weiss related amusing experiences of his work during the 30 years of the association's history.

H. B. Musser spoke on "Penn State and the Philadelphia association, crediting the

supts. with invaluable practice practical teamwork in making Penn State's famed research a substantial contribution to golf course maintenance betterment.

Herb Graffis of Golfdom talked on "Looking Ahead with the Superintendents" and guessed that progress made to date indicated there would be fewer "fire department calls" by the turf specialists when unexpected trouble hits courses in years to come. He said supts. and course builders are learning the answers from their experiences in applying the findings of research.

O. J. Noer and Fred Grau, scheduled to present a showing of their slides of Philadelphia district courses, made short talks, postponing their film show until a later meeting, due to the length of the birthday party. Noer related that he came into golf turf research about the same time the Philadelphia association was formed and told of amusing incidents of his own education in helping superintendents with their trials and tribulations.

George W. Scott, Whitemarsh supt., led the supts. in the afternoon's golf with 81-7—74. Clifford Lang of DuPont was top man among the chairmen with 103-36.

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