

Minn. GCSA Holds Two-Day Conference



Minnesota GCSA members gather on Toro Research Center green where sand-soil mixture is discussed

Nearly 100 representatives from golf courses, parks and cemeteries were on hand for the annual Turf conference staged by the Minnesota GCSA in Minneapolis in September. Most of the two day's activities were centered at the Toro Manufacturing Corp's research and development plots where studies and research in fertilizer, leaf mulching, putting green maintenance, Merion bluegrass fertility, and pre-emergent weed control herbicides were discussed.

New Section Ready

At the time of the meeting, Toro agronomists had just finished preparing a new section of a green surface in which the soil was approximately 90 per cent sand. This was in keeping with recent developments at Texas A & M college and UCLA where soil mixtures of this kind have been intensively studied. Thus, Minnesota supts. had the opportunity of thoroughly exploring this type of green construction and maintenance.

Following the tour of the turf plots, the group attending the conference saw a demonstration of the newest types of green-keeping machinery. On the evening of the first day, the Toro company was host at a dinner for the turfmen and on the afternoon of the second day, Minnesota GCSA members held their annual golf tournament.

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Chapman Foursome Handicap System Changed

Dick Chapman has revised the handicapping of the teams playing the increasingly popular Chapman team event in which both team members hit tee shots then, on second shots, A plays B's drive and B plays A's drive. After both balls have been hit twice each team selects the ball it chooses to play out with alternate shots.

The Chapman revision allots 35 per cent of combined handicaps to teams with total handicaps of 1 through 5. From 5 on, the allowance increases by two-tenths per cent per digit. That is for a combined total of 6, the handicap allotment is 35.2, for 7 it is 35.4, for 8 it is 35.6 until it reaches the team with a combined total of 80. They receive the maximum, an even 50 per cent or 40 strokes.

Utah-Idaho Conference

"Better Turfgrass Through the West" was the theme of the two-day Utah-Idaho conference held at Idaho Falls Municipal Course, Sept. 28-29. Speakers included William H. Bengueyfield, USGA green section, Western dir.; O. J. Noer, Milwaukee Sewerage Commission; George Orullian, pro and Dell Hammon, supt., Idaho Falls Golf Club; Tom Mascaro, West Point Products Corp; James R. Watson, Toro Mfg. Co.; Dr. Stark of Wasatch Chemical Co.; and Al Emery, Jay Richardson, USGA green committee, and R. A. Freeman, mgr. of Idaho Falls Municipal Course, were program chairmen.