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AUGUST GOLF MEETINGS

AUG. 8th
Annual Jacobsen Meeting
Rivermoor Country Club

Host: Art Post
Waterford, Wisconsin
Speaker: John Voight
"Landscaping for Color and Utility"

AUG. 29th
Rainbow Springs Country Club

Host: "Ham" Hannemann
Mukwonago, Wisconsin
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Speaker: Dr. E. C. Roberts
"Surfactants; What are you doing?"

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Memoriam

Mr. Frank Bradt
Hartford C.C., Hartford, Wis.

Mr. Bradt was the Supt. of Hartford
C.C. from 1928-1956 and held an hon-
orary life membership in the W.G.C.S.A.

Mr. O. J. Noer
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Mr. Noer was the Milorganite agron-
omist for 36 years and a turf consultant
for the last 6 years. Mr. Noer was 76
years old when he passed away.

New Members

Robert Kelzenburg, Class B—Supt.
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Bay.

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Super Talk

by Peter Miller

We had a very good meeting at Old Hickory. I counted 75 people for dinner, and 49 played golf. My apologies to Jerry Goers, seems as though there was a mix-up in names. Thank you Jerry for a very fine time and the good cool beer on the 7th hole.

"Ham" had his son, Midshipman James Hannemann of the Naval Academy, at the meeting. "Ham" was very proud, almost as tall as his son that day.

Allan Kress informs me that River Oaks Country Club is adding nine holes to their present eighteen, which is to be ready some time late 1967. They are also converting their present fairways to bent. The work on the new nine is being done by R. C. Greeves.

It also seems that both Jim Latham and Alan flew to the meeting.

The speaker at the last meeting gave a very interesting talk on "Agronomic Irrigation Practices."

Dr. Watson pointed out some important aspects of water use, such as water is essential for temperature control and the resistance of traffic and the amount of water the grass uses is controlled by temperature. The soil serves as a reservoir for water, and affects irrigation only in so much as the frequency you have to water.

We are having our share of the weather here, very little rain, hot temperatures, high humidity, perfect for disease. The later we have had here Pithium, the dreaded disease. Now it is cooling off and we hope it stays that way. You begin to feel like you should make a check list, and check off the areas that are dying or wilting. This summer probably makes up for our good year last year. With a month to go and unpredictable nature, anything could happen, and it is liable to.

Don't forget this month, two meetings.

The Jacobsen meeting at Rivermoor in Waterford and the joint meeting with the Chicago area boys at Rainbow Springs. The two locations are quite close together, both should be easy to find.

See you August 8th and 29th.

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Thoughts:

Spent a while on the phone talking to Dr. Love recently about watering.

Many of you probably have your watering down to a science, know just how long to leave a sprinkler on, etc., but when we get protracted dry spells, how does your science work?

Do you know the gals/min the different sprinklers at the greens put out? The sprinklers at each green will vary, so that you have to measure each one. Do you know the pattern of coverage you're getting from each sprinkler at each green?

With these two bits of data well in mind, you should be able to get on with your science. But here is where we bog down. How do we measure how much to put on, do we know how much of the water is running off the soil surface? What type of penetration are we getting? What is the proper moisture level, when the poorest or the best golfer hits a shot to the green and it sticks? Do you take a soil sample and squeeze it to tell the moisture level? These are questions some of us would like to know the answers to, how to water your greens?

What do you know about fertilizer spreader calibration? If you have the spinner type or the band type, do you know how to calibrate the number of pounds per thousand square feet you are putting on? This could be very tricky, but I am sure after the next months article by Dr. Love, this problem will be simpler or maybe solved.

Have you read the articles in *Golfdom* yet this month? Two very interesting ones, the first on greens construction and the second on the club officials viewpoint, toward operating a golf course, both very informative.

The mention of greens construction, a very conjectural point brings me to this. Do you know when you build a green how it will turn out? By this I mean not necessarily the grass cover on the green but how the green is going to turn out physically. Can you predict that a certain greens mix is going to be hard, too soft, just right? Now if you can predict this, how do you do so? Do you pretrial a green, make a mud ball, test it by compacting a sample, or do you just guess? What type of a mix do you use, the present idea, high in sand content, or high organic matter?

Much has been written about greens construction also after the mix has been prepared. Do you haul the mix to the green or is the ingredients on the green? If you haul the mix do you put the mix on in layers, or all at once? This seems to be a question here as to which is the better from the view of uniform compaction. Then do you roll your mix and rough it with a rake or do you roll the mix, seed it, and roll it again?

These are all questions that many people including myself would like to know the answer to. Some certainly cannot be answered, surely not so the answers would pertain to all people concerned. Greens construction, watering are all important problems we the superintendents live with, problems that we should always be questioning and seeking the answers to.

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In Memoriam--O. J. Noer

"God does not always take away trials or carry us over them, but strengthens us through them."

"O.J." passed away July 12th 1966 and to all of us, whether we were associated with the golf profession or not, we knew him or knew of him. He will be missed, we in our life times will not know another personality like O.J. Noer.

Mr. Noer was born in Stoughton, Wisc. Sept. 27th 1890. He went through the elementary grades at Stoughton and went on to the University of Wisconsin in 1908, graduating with a B.S. in Soils and a minor in Chemistry in 1912.

Following graduation Mr. Noer became connected with the Soil Survey Service and in 1914 became State Soil Chemist for Wisconsin and assisted Dr. Truog in setting up the first soils testing lab in this country.

In 1915, 16, 17, he was an Instructor in General and Analytical Chemistry at the U of W. The next three years

were spent in the Chemical Warfare Service, where he attained the rank of Capt.

In 1920, Mr. Noer married Miss Julie Anderson and the two moved back to Stoughton. After working three years for the Stoughton Wagon Company, Mr. Noer went on to graduate school under a partial fellowship created by the Milwaukee Sewerage Commission for research in Milorganite.

This started a 35-year-long association with the Milwaukee Sewerage Commission at the end of which he retired as sales manager and chief agronomist.

Since 1960 Mr. Noer was as active as he was the previous 35 years as a consulting agronomist, flying as much as 50,000 miles a year.

All of this history on Mr. Noer does not do justice to Golfing's "Mr. Turf." Many of Mr. Noer's innovations and ideas are now taken for granted as a means to fine turf. Surely "O.J." will be missed.

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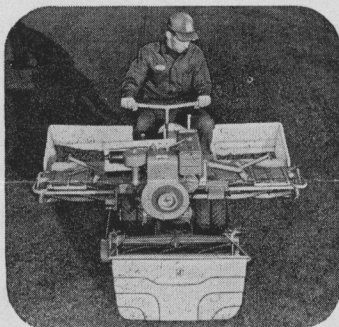
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