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1971 MEETING SCHEDULE

<u>DATES*</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>HOST</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>
April 12	Bavarian Club Milwaukee	R. L. Ryerson Co.	Edmund Shedd U. S. Dept. of Labor
May 10	Janesville CC Janesville	Gil Bergdoll	Dr. Gayle Worf University of Wisconsin
June 14	Maple Grove CC West Salem	Frank Ranney	Russ Rose Ryan Equipment Corp.
July 13 Tuesday	Bull's Eye CC Wis. Rapids	Jack Keidel	Lee Record USGA Green Section
Aug 9	Nakoma GC Madison	Jerry O'Donnell	Tom Harrison Asst. Supt. Maple Bluff CC
Sept 13	Lawsonia CC Green Lake	Tom Spaulding	Tournament
Oct 11	Tuckaway CC Milwaukee	"Ham" Hannemann	Annual Meeting
Nov 4-5	Pfister Hotel Milwaukee	Annual Golf Turf Symposium	

*Note that all regular meetings are on Monday except for July.

THE GOLF SUPERINTENDENT

For those of you that receive the magazine THE GOLF SUPERINTENDENT, would you take a critical view of the magazine as you read the issues this year and write down any comment that you have, critical or complimentary, and bring

them to the monthly meeting. The reason for this is to feed information back to the national organization in hopes of improving the magazines value to you. They are seriously interested and would greatly appreciate your comments. Thanks.

EDITORIAL - ABOUT YOUR NEWSLETTER

It has been a long winter and many of you are probably wondering what happened to your newsletter. At least, I hope there is enough interest in it that some of you noticed that there hasn't been an issue since November. It would be nice to be able to print an issue every month of the year, but some times our "Slack Times" aren't so slack. Our boards of directors wouldn't believe that, but you and I know that the winter is not long enough and too long at the same time. This has been an especially busy one for your editor.

As you know, I was elected to the office of secretary-treasurer this past fall. I was greatly honored that you felt I was qualified for the position. However, as other members who have held the position will tell you, it consumes a great deal of time. Some of this time is at the expense of your newsletter.

It is for that reason I am asking if there is someone who would be willing to shoulder a little extra responsibility and become editor or assistant editor. It is not that I am no longer interested in the newsletter that I ask this, it is because I am interested in it and want to see it survive and become better. It would also be to the benefit of the association to have more people become involved in its activities. If there is anyone interested in helping, I would appreciate if they would call or write me soon.

At the same time, I would like to ask each of you to become a reporter and send any information that may be of any interest to the association to me. It would be a real help if such information was written in the form of an article, but it is not necessary.

Thank you,
Jerry O'Donnell

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REQUEST FROM SECRETARY

In the process of making out new membership cards I have noticed that some of the classifications are not up to date. According to our By-Laws your classification cannot be changed without your written request. Please check your cards to see if your are classified correctly.

I would also like to ask your cooperation in keeping our record of your address up to date. If you have not received your 1971 billing yet, it is because we do not have your correct address. Please let me know if you have not been billed for 1971. Also be sure member's name is included when check for dues is sent as our records are alphabetized by individual member not by club or organization. Thank you.

WISCONSIN GOLF TURF SYMPOSIUM CHANGES DATES

Jim Latham, our educational committee chairman, announced a major change in the date of our annual symposium. This year has been moved from the first week in December to the first week in November (November 4 and 5, 1971). This move is to reduce conflicts with neighboring organizations and eliminate the hazard of blizzards. In 1972, we begin permanent meeting dates during the last week in October. Please make special note of this change and keep it in mind when you plan your fall schedule.

Turfgrass Science

All aspects of turfgrass science, including such areas as history, ecology, and physiology of growth are covered. Guides to seedbed preparation and to planting are included, and attention is given to such problems as nutrition, harmful insects, and nematodes. Athletic fields and highway roadsides are among the specifics treated in this monograph. A. A. Hanson and F. V. Juska, ed.

1969. 715 p. Illus. ASA, publ. Agron. Monogr. 14. Clothbound. \$10 (members), \$12.50 (nonmembers).

Many of our members are familiar with the publication above. It is an excellent reference to add to any turf manager's library. For the convenience of those interested an order form is included in this issue.

O. J. NOER RESEARCH FOUNDATION NEWS

At the Noer Foundation meeting, President Orville Clapper stepped down in favor of new Prexy G. E. "Tex" Champion of Kansas City, Missouri. Re-elected to three year terms as directors were C. O. Borgmeier, Joe Graffis, Sr. and Anthony Gasso. New members recently elected were James M. Latham, Jr. and Dr. James R. Watson. Other officers are E. E. Daugherty, Vice President, C. O. Borgmeier, Treasurer, Joe Graffis, Sr., Assistant Treasurer, Frank I. Shuman, Secretary, and Charlie Wilson, Research Director.

Dr. James B. Beard indicates significant progress on some phases of the Winter Injury studies at Michigan State University. The work is supported by the Noer Foundation. Soon to be reported will be (1) the effect of arsenical treatments on winter survival (2) use of protective covers (3) time of fertilizer application in relation to snowmold disease incidence and (4) nutrient levels in relation to cold tolerance. Mr. Robert Shearman is the graduate student pursuing these studies under Noer Foundation Scholarship.

The O. J. Noer Memorial Collection is progressing nicely at the Michigan State University Library. A recently received "gem" from Howard L. "Pop" B rekett of Atlanta, Georgia was the original Piper and Oakley book on turf culture. Lancaster Country Club's Bill Mellos and Kernwood Country Club's Albert Allen recently donated their entire collections. U.S.G.A. Green Section Director, Al Radko has been especially helpful in furnishing missing issues of the old Green Section Bulletins.

A fund of \$10,000 has been allotted to the Noer Memorial Collection for purposes of binding, indexing and assembling a complete bibliography. This should be ready in 12 to 18 months, according to Dr. B eard.

Other library donations are earnestly solicited. Early books on golf architecture as well as turf maintenance problems are needed to make the collection complete. The individual donor is honored by name on the inside cover of each publication received. The real benefactors will be turf students of the future who will finally have access to all the published information on turfgrasses in one central location.

NOTES ON DENVER

by Bill Eckert
Maple Bluff C.C.

During the second week of February while most Wisconsin Superintendents were back home in their shops or fighting the Wrath of Winter in the club parking lot, about thirty of Wisconsin's Finest, some with their wives, were attending the Greatest Show on Turf, the 42nd International Turfgrass Conference and Show held this year in Denver. For this Superintendent, the highlight of the trip was the chance to discuss with people from all parts of the country, those problems which beset all of us concerned with this business of growing grass. The problem most often discussed was pollution and the public cry for more legislative bans and controls. The chemical companies have entered the fracas and seem to be separated into two groups: those who are defending the use of existing pesticides, many of which are under fire by the anti-pollutionists, and those who are desperately trying to develop new, hopefully safer, alternative pesticides. While it may be too early to tell what the outcome of all this will be, be advised not to take advantage of any carload discounts on a questionable material.

The equipment show was, as always, an important part of the Conference. It gave visiting Superintendents the opportunity to see "what's new" for the golf course as well as giving the Superintendents a chance to tell the manufacturers "what's wrong" with the equipment they have back home. In the "What's new" category, three manufacturers now have riding greensmowers on the market: Hahn-West Point, Jacobsen, and Toro. Hahn and Jacobsen also have available a verticle mower attachment for their riding greensmower.

For fairway mowing, Toro offers a new nine-gang Parkmaster as well as a new gang mower featuring a single, hand-operated bedknife-to-reel adjustment. Even with these new innovations, fairway mowing hasn't changed much in the past fifty years. Granted, we have replaced the horse with a tractor and have increased the width of cut from three gangs to nine, but we are still using the same basic ground-driven mowing unit with all its inherent problems such as excessive weight and high horsepower requirement.

The educational sessions, often used by the Superintendent as a major selling point when soliciting funds from his club

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NOTES BY BILL ECKERT - CONT.

for attending the Conference, were well attended. By careful picking and choosing, one could acquire a lot of useful knowledge from the sessions and still have enough time to see some of the sights in and around Denver.

The Banquet on Thursday evening marked the close of the Conference and I am sure all of those attending felt the week was worthwhile and in leaving, were better prepared to face the problems of the coming season.

PUT ON YOUR THINKING CAPS

WHAT DO YOU WANT IN
YOUR NEWSLETTER?

DO YOU WANT A NEWSLETTER?

SHOULD IT HAVE ADVERTISING?

HOW MANY ISSUES?

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APRIL 12. - BAVARIAN CLUB - MILWAUKEE
SPEAKER - E. SHEDD - ON FED. MIN WAGE LAWS

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