
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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PAT NORTON AND THE SOUTH HILLS CLUB HOST JULY MEETING

Rainy weather cleared in time for Pat Norton to open his golf course and allow WGCSA members to tee off on schedule. South Hills' fast greens pleased everyone, and the results of the golf event are as follows:

Calloway System Low Net and Low Gross Winners

Low Gross — tie for first

Dewey Lack, Kettle Moraine G.C. — 79

Bruce Schweiger, Janesville Riverside — 79

Calloway System Low Net Winners

1st Dennis Robinson, Horst Distributing — 70

2nd Dewey Lack, Kettle Moraine — 71

3rd Bruce Schweiger, Janesville Riverside — 72

4th Dick Evenson, O. M. Scott — 72

5th Al Vrana, Meadowbrook — 73

6th Ed Devinger, Reinders Brothers — 73

7th Rich Thalacker, Thal Acres — 73

8th Mike Semler, Blackhawk — 73.5

9th Brad Wagner, Janesville C.C. — 74

10th Tom Schwab, Monroe C.C. — 74

11th Tom Kenfield, Clintonville Riverside — 74

Proximities

Closest to Pin on #4 — Pete Van de Hey, Mid-Vallee

Closest to Pin on #10 — Rich Thalacker, Thal Acres

Longest Putt on #9 — Ray Mertens

Although the speaker for the evening failed to meet his commitment, the 75 gathered members seized the opportunity to catch up on news and find out the kind of season everyone was having. The string of good WGCSA meetings remained unbroken!



Foursome of Pat Norton, Tom Schwab, Steve Erickson and Dennis Robinson at the South Hills Club. Also in picture are Bill Rogers and Mike Semler.