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Support Your Monthly Meetings:

The July meeting was held at the Woodmont Country Club, Bethesda, Maryland, where we were the guests of Mr. Leo Freudberg, Vice-President and Chairman of the Green Committee, Woodmont Country Club, and Mr. Wills, their Greenkeeper. All who attended agreed that orchids are in order for our hosts because of the excellent time afforded everyone including the superb dinner given by the club.

Two foursomes teed off at 12:30 and played the new nine which has recently been opened. The greens are all planted to Toronto Bent (C-15) and with the exception of the appearance of some brownpatch, are in excellent shape. Mr. Wills has checked the brownpatch with Tersan. Hugh McRae won the match, much to everyone's amazement, with a score of 90. Subtracting his handicap of 30, he ended up with a net score of 60. Much discussion resulted on how it was possible for any man shooting a 90, to have a 30 point handicap. In other words--"It pays to be around to arrange the handicaps!!!"

Dr. C. L. Lefebvre and Marvin Ferguson of the U. S. Department of Agriculture were present as well as George Harrington of the Green Section Staff.

Points of interest discussed at the after-dinner meeting were as follows:

- (1) The question was raised as to the appearance of brownpatch on Toronto Bent which is supposed to be fairly resistant to the disease. Dr. Lefebvre advanced the theory that in all probability the disease was in evidence because it was a fairly new planting of the grass and that it was in an over-active growth stage due to being forced to give coverage. Toronto Bent is usually resistant to brownpatch but fairly susceptible to dollarspot.
- (2) Mr. O. B. Fitts reported that the new fungicide #531 was giving him excellent control of dollarspot whereas Calo-Clor had failed. Dick Watson reported that #531 was not giving him control of brownpatch.
- (3) Mr. Freudberg asked for suggestions on the correct maintenance practices he should employ in bringing along the fairways on his new course. The fairways were seeded last October with a mixture of Kentucky Bluegrass, Fescue and Redtop, at the rate of 375 lbs./acre. Redtop is the most predominate grass today.

It was suggested that he fertilize his fairways this fall with 800 lbs./acre of a 6-12-2 fertilizer. Where there exists a

poor stand of Blue and Fescue it was suggested that re-seeding will have to be accomplished again this fall.

It was pointed out that the rate of seeding was entirely too high and that the mixture contained too high a percentage of Redtop.

Mr. Ferguson called attention to Ike Rabbit's experiments on rates of seeding and recommended that 80-100 lbs./acre would be sufficient with a good fertilizer application.

- (4) Mr. Cowan of the Sherwyn Williams Company displayed a new type of spray hood which makes possible the spraying of 2,4-D, with as little as 5 gallons of water to the acre.

District Golf Association Assistance:

Mr. Leo Freudberg, in his talk before the group, stated that as a Green Chairman, he obtained very valuable and instructive information by sitting in on the meeting, and would recommend that more Green Committee Chairmen attend our monthly meetings. Being President of the District Golf Association, Mr. Freudberg is planning to bring this matter before the executive board of the Association in an attempt to get more Chairmen and Greenkeepers out to the meetings. Many thanks to Mr. Freudberg for this cooperation.

August Meeting:

Lets all turn out for our August meeting which will be held at the Baltimore Country Club, Baltimore, Maryland on August 12, 1947. Our host will be Bob Scott. Transportation from Washington can be arranged by calling George Cornell at Wisconsin 6600 or Wilson Disney at Franklin 4800.

The golf match will start at 12:30, with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and the business meeting at 6:30 p.m.

O.J. Noer, Nationally known Turf Authority will speak at the meeting.

Bring your troubles to the meeting and discuss them. Discussions on these troubles are educational to all.

Meeting Attendance:

Attendance at the last few meetings has been very discouraging. Much work and planning have been put forth by the various committees in arranging for the meetings and speakers and also by the clubs who have been our hosts to be met only with small attendance. We all know that everyone has his troubles at this time of the year, but no man is that smart that he can not learn something from the discussions at these meetings. Bring your troubles and worries to the meetings and discuss them. In all probability many of the groups have had the same troubles and they can give you some helpful suggestions on remedies.

You owe it to your club and position to keep up on the latest information.

Let's turn our en masse for the August meeting. Bring your Chairman.