

From The Viewpoint Of Local Associations

What District Associations of Greenkeepers are Doing

Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents

THE regular monthly meeting of the Phila. Association of Golf Course Superintendents was held at the Springhaven Golf Club, Media, Pa., on Monday, July 11, 1927.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M., after all of the twenty-four members present had partaken of a sumptuous repast.

The application of John Plant of the Pine Run Country Club was submitted to the proper committee for approval.

It was moved and seconded that all members who have failed to pay their dues for the year of 1927 be suspended.

By a unanimous vote it was decided to hold the annual picnic at the Manufacturers Country Club, Oreland, Pa., on Monday, Sept. 12, 1927.

The following members were appointed to arrange all details for the picnic, namely: Messrs. Valentine, Toomey, Evans, Young, MacFarland, Pollock, Farnham, Lane and Carney.

The meeting was an open one as no speaker had been secured, however, we had many interesting discussions among the members on their various problems.

Dr. Manges, Chairman of the Green committee of the Springhaven C. C. was called for a speech and responded with a short talk.

It was moved and seconded that the next meeting be held at the St. David's Country Club on Monday, August 8, 1927.

After extending a vote of thanks to the Springhaven

Club for their hospitality and excellent dinner, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ELWOOD T. YOUNG,
Secretary.

Westchester Greenkeepers' Association

ON Monday, July 11th, the monthly meeting was held at Fenimore Country Club. The members of the association were accorded the privilege of playing throughout the day and the business meeting took place in the clubhouse in the evening. Mr. John Eliffe of the Winged Foot Country Club, Mamaroneck, was

unable to be present but he sent along a most interesting paper on "The Equipment Necessary for the Upkeep of an Eighteen Hole Course." Mr. Sid Black of the Broadmoor Country Club, New Rochelle, presented a paper on "Watering Sys-

tems." Both papers were afterwards very fully discussed.

Westchester Golf Association Green Section

THE second meeting of the season under these auspices was held on Thursday, July 21st, at Oak Ridge Country Club. The Green committee chairmen in the county and their greenkeepers had full club privileges for the day and in the evening Mr. Eugene Harkin presided over the dinner and meeting. A paper was read by a visiting golf course constructor on "The Propagation of Stolon Bent Greens," and it resulted in an unusually lively discussion in which several of the greenkeepers actively took part. The greenkeepers, by their attitude undoubtedly demonstrated that it is unwise to be over-dogmatic as to methods to be adopted and blindly followed by greenkeepers universally—or even generally. The president of the Oak Ridge



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Country Club, in a subsequent speech emphasized the added interest that had been lent to the evening's proceedings by the enthusiastic participation of the greenkeepers.

Mid-West Greenkeepers Association

Minutes July 11, 1927

THE Fourth outdoor meeting of the Mid-West Greenkeepers Association was held on July 11th at 10 A. M. at the Glen Oaks Country Club, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Mr. D. W. Danley, greenkeeper at this club very kindly escorted the visiting greenkeepers around his course and discussed with them the various problems confronted by him in the upkeep of his greens, which we are pleased to say are in very good shape and show the result of very close supervision. An interesting fact noted was the substructure of his greens which are cushion-like. The water system at Glen Oaks is very poor in distribution and had only one half-inch outlets at some of the greens.

The matter of playing golf by the greenkeepers before the meeting was taken up for discussion and it was decided that hereafter no playing on the course would be permitted until after the business meeting.

It was also decided to hold the next outdoor meeting at the Shoreacres Golf Club, Lake Bluff, Ill. and the Old Elm Country Club, Ft. Sheridan, Ill. on July 25th at 10 A. M.

Following the meeting, H. B. Siens, Ph.D., of the Chemical Research Laboratories of Swift and Company gave a very interesting talk. He told of having just recently visited the Arlington Experimental Station at Washington, D. C., where he found that there were some very interesting strains of bent under development at the present time. There were also some interesting fertilizer experiments being conducted.

"If," said Dr. Siens, "we learn the food requirements of our turf grasses more thoroughly, we may be able to obtain fertilizers which will be better suitable for our grasses than we have at the present time. In this matter, not only the mineral foods but the acidity of a soil determine what plant thrives best in it." In recent studies, he found in plant food minerals essential for plant growth, that it is now clear that plants as well as animals have very exacting requirements for minute quantities of certain minerals in addition to the three so-called fertilizer elements required for growing plants.

Respectfully submitted,

ED. B. DEARIE, JR.

Minutes July 25th, 1927

A MEETING of the Mid-West Greenkeepers Association was held Monday, July 25th, at 10 A. M. at the Shoreacres Golf Club, Lake Bluff, Ill.

Mr. Alex Binnie, greenkeeper at Shoreacres took the

visiting members around the course and there was viewed some wonderful golf holes over some of the most beautiful topography in the Chicago district. Mr. Binnie discussed his problems with brown-patch as some of his greens are located in valleys of rolling country and cause considerable trouble in humid weather.

A business meeting was held after the visit around the course. Mr. MacGregor, the president advised the members of the Mid-West Greenkeepers Association to attend the meeting of the U. S. G. A. Section to be held at Evanston Golf Club, July 29th at 6 o'clock, stating that there were some interesting matters to be taken up at this meeting and it would be of interest to all greenkeepers to be there.

The question of playing golf was also brought up again at this meeting and it was definitely decided that no playing would be permitted until after the meeting.

The next meeting will be held at the Northmoor Country Club and the Lake Shore Country Club on August 8th, at 10 A. M.

Respectfully submitted,
ED. B. DEARIE, Secretary.

Cleveland District Association of Greenkeepers

TWENTY-TWO members of the local association sat down to luncheon at the Wooster Country Club, Wooster, Ohio, after a morning spent in an inspection of the new course. Mr. M. M. Parsons, Wooster greenkeeper, acted as host, and Mrs. David L. Rees, of the Progress Country Club, Purchase, New York, was guest of honor. Relaxation and a general good time was the order of the day while luncheon was in progress, and the hospitality of the club was thoroughly enjoyed.

At one-thirty a special palmetto fibre sectional putting green brush was demonstrated by Mr. W. H. Way, professional and greenkeeper of the Mayfield Country Club, Cleveland. The demonstration was necessarily hasty, because of a contemplated visit to the Ohio State experimental station, but showed beyond question that a thorough brushing of creeping bent prior to mowing is most effective in bringing up the runners into position for clean mowing and an upright growth of grass. This special brush is built in six sections, allowing flexible operation, and the wooden frame is well bolted. Brass ferrules in the moving joints insure freedom of action and ease of operation.

At two-thirty the members gathered on the experimental turf plots conducted under the supervision of Dr. Robert M. Salter, assisted by Dr. F. A. Welton.

Dr. Salter explained to the assembled group that the plots allotted to golf turf problems were newly started this spring, and therefore nothing conclusive had been worked out by his staff. However, one of the most interesting experiments being made is that of the reaction

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