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HEART OF AMERICA ASSOCIATION HAS UNUSUAL MEETING

On May 9, the Heart of America Golf Course Superintendents Association held its annual tournament in which the superintendent, the professional, the green committee chairman, and the president of each club represented played as a team. This is a unique tournament insofar as we can determine and the participation is increasing steadily. This year's tournament was held at the Santa Fe Hills Country Club in Kansas City. The team trophy was won by the Sedalia, Missouri entry.

Following the tournament there was a dinner and short educational program. Such an event provides an excellent opportunity for club officials to meet with their superintendents collectively and to know their problems more intimately. The Heart of America Association is to be commended for its leadership in the staging of an event of this type. Let us hope other groups will follow.

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ART HALL

Mr. Art F. Hall died at his home in Kansas City on June 21, 1956 at the age of 75. Mr. Hall had been ill for several years. He was a leader in the golf course maintenance profession. He was one of three organizers of the Heart of America Golf Course Superintendents Association and the builder and former owner of Victory Hills Golf Course.

Interment was at Highland Park cemetery on June 23. Members of the Heart of America Golf Course Superintendents Association were honorary pallbearers.



LIBRARY FOR MISSISSIPPI VALLEY GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS

President Ralph Guyer, of the Mississippi Valley Golf Course Superintendents Association, announces that his association is making a collection of publications dealing with Turf Management. Such an effort might well be copied by other local associations. It represents another way in which golf course superintendents can gain access to the fund of turf management knowledge available to them.

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KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP INFORMED

Many of the golf course superintendent's troubles arise from the fact that his club members do not know or do not understand what he is doing on the golf course. Keeping the members informed, then, is one of the things a superintendent should try to accomplish to the best of his ability.

One good method of keeping membership informed is exemplified in the following report made by Bob Williams of Beverly Country Club in Chicago. Bob makes weekly reports of his activities together with notes which may be of interest. These reports are placed on the bulletin board in the clubhouse and they are also kept in a file in Bob's office. Thus they become a permanent record to be used in future planning. Could you not profit by adopting a practice such as this to improve your relations with club members and to provide a simple history of your activities?

SUBJECT: WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT, GROUNDS DEPARTMENT. May 27, 1956

TO: MR. W. D. BRONSON, CHAIRMAN, GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

Weather: Monday and Tuesday were clear and hot with the temperature reaching into the 90's. The balance of the week has been cool and the precipitation has been very light with drizzle on Saturday and Sunday.

Labor: Seven men full time, four men half time. In addition to this we used 6 men from "Manpower Inc." for this week to complete the trap work and to start sodding north of the new pool building.

Monday: Mowed banks, tees, collars and rough. Aerified all tees. Started edging and cleaning up traps. -- Watered tees.-- Clubhouse grounds.

Tuesday: Mowed greens, fairways and rough. -- Continued trap work. Watered all putting surfaces. -- Clubhouse grounds. Changed cups, tees, towels.

Wednesday: Mowed intermediate rough, tees, collars, banks and rough. Checked tees and cups. -- Trap work. -- Clubhouse grounds.

Thursday: Mowed greens, rough and banks. -- Watered first nine fairways. Trap renovation.-- #6 tee fountain work -- Checked cups and tees -- Clubhouse grounds.



WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT (continued)

- Friday: Mowed tees, collars, rough, fairways and banks. -- Watered south nine fairways, tees and greens. -- Trap renovation. Checked cups and tees -- Clubhouse grounds.
- Saturday: Mowed rough, greens and intermediate rough. Changed all tees and cups. Finished trap renovation.--Clubhouse grounds. Sodded and policed pool area.--Placed target flags on driving range.
- Sunday: Mowed greens.--Changed all cups and tees.--Raked footprints from traps. Picked up limbwood from rough.
- Notes: ROUTINE MAINTENANCE RHYTHM

By June 1st each year we are generally in a pattern of routine maintenance that sort of follows a rhythmic pattern on a weekly basis. At the same time our work schedule must remain very flexible to counteract variables of weather, play, and unforeseen emergencies. Our general plan is as follows:

- Greens mowing-----6 days per week. (skip Monday)
- Tee mowing-----3 days per week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Rough mowing-----5-1/2 days per week. (once around)
- Fairway mowing-----3 days per week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Banks-----5 days per week. (once around tees, greens and bunkers)
- Cup changing & tees-- Change on Monday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.  
Check on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
- Irrigation-----In general about every other day on all areas.
- Trap raking-----Complete on Fridays and check on footprints rest of week.
- Fungicide, greens and tees.--Once per week May 15 through October 15th.
- Fertilize greens and tees.--Once per month. (approximately)
- Fertilize fairways.--March, June, September and November.
- Insecticide, greens and tees.-- Once per month.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert M. Williams, Sup't.

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DISODIUM METHYL ARSONATE FOR SEDGE CONTROL

For several years a low-growing, spreading member of the sedge family known locally as cocoagrass has been a serious weed in putting greens along the Texas Gulf Coast. This plant has been rather difficult to control. However, this Spring, Mr. Jim Wardlow, superintendent at Lakeside Country Club in Houston, has enjoyed remarkable success in the use of disodium methyl arsonate. He has been able to control cocoagrass with very little or no damage to Bermudagrass. If you try it, use it on a small area first, and experiment with rates of application until you find the correct one for your conditions.

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