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Trials and Triumphs of the
Green-Committeemen

BY “ONE OF THEM.”

A N OLD adage reads “misery loves com-
pany.” Possibly some Green Commit-
tee chairman will relish a few words re-
cording the problems and tribulations pecu-
liar to their vocation.

Many of us have had days filled with busi-
ness troubles and nights broken by hallu-
cinations arising from causes common to
the responsibility assumed;—little details
in themselves, but like the good house-
wife who has boasted unwisely of the table
manners of her children, the bugaboos ap-
pear to crop out only when elite company
is entertained as guests.

Take the first appearance of brown
patch showing up on your pet green. Did
you ever know it to fail on some fine clear
morning when a visiting committeeman
was your partner in a competitive game,
that No. 12 would develop this insidious
trouble? You had just explained in an-
swer to his inevitable query that this fun-
gus growth never visited your greens, in
fact you always exercised precaution to
quarantine against its appearance. But on
this day of days, there it was in an ad-
vanced stage, staring you in the face.

Then there always comes the day when
the crack golfer of the section decides to
accept your invitation to play your course
and review with a critical eye all that you
have worried and stewed over all season.
Did you ever accompany one who found
only those traps with heel prints like ele-
phant's tracks and bunkers with whisker
growth that would phase a native Scot used
to getting a ball out of gorse.

Again there is that group of golfers
known as “Calamity Janes” who have been
appeased through converting the slight
semi-rough places off the line of play into
fairgreens, thus bettering their accumula-
tive scores through improved lies. (This
last word can be interpreted literally.)
Along comes a very good golfing friend of
yours and wants to play for stakes. It in-
vitably happens that on the short 8th
hole, he will pull his mashie shot and find
his ball setting right up on well clipped
grass which should be semi-rough. Here
is a test for the mental balance of any
green chairman.

Coming to the putting greens and their
condition, beware of the old proverb “pride
goeth before a fall.” A day will come when

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you are playing in a foursome comprised of members of your committee and it will be pretty hard to swallow your chagrin after trying to putt from the back of a deep green to find the ball deflected by wormcasts. Especially so, since only a day or two before you had bragged about the true-ness of all your greens. This will be one of the few days when, due to urgent demand of other work, the greenkeeper was forced to forego whipping the greens and perchance one of the operators of the putting green mowers had slighted the cutting of this particular green. But what can you say?

But to paraphrase a popular cartoonist, “Ain’t it a g-r-a-n-d and g-l-o-r-i-o-u-s feeling” to have crack tournament players come in from a match complaining that greens are too keen, flags located at too strategic points and traps too heavily sand-ed and grooved parallel with the length of green. Result, an 82 where they had predicted a general spread eagle of the field and anticipated their medal scores the equal, or better, of par. Then you rise in your majesty but wisely keep absolute si-lence. Your last thoughts before settling into a sound and peaceful slumber, are sweet. You hold no malice towards human beings and there is no hatred in your heart. If every other effort of the season has failed and the greens burn out later in the summer, and it rains continuously for a week while you are on your vacation, all remorse is forgotten and you feel well re-paid for your efforts, because it is a healthy sign to have good sound players crab and offer alibis when they meet and fail to master a one hundred percent golf test on a well designed, constructed and well maintained lay-out.

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HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB (Los Angeles district) is applying heroic treatment to the divot problem. In the first issue of the club's newsy house-organ, The Squawker, reference is made to the laziness and thoughtlessness responsible for the expensive divot damage, and the following statement is added:

"In the future any player neglecting to replace a divot will be subject to the following penalty:

"First offense—Name posted on bulletin board in caddie house as offender.

"Second offense—$10.00 fine.

"Third offense—The Greens Committee will recommend to the Board of Governors that the offender be suspended from the use of the golf course for a period of time.

"This applies to caddie as well as player.

"It is requested of the membership at large that they report any such neglect as above mentioned. This can be done anonymously and is not considered tale-bearing—it is your duty as a member of the Hillcrest Country Club to help preserve your course and such reporting of an offense is in the line of duty."

The reference to fining caddies undoubtedly is just for effect, as it would be hard to collect such a fine.

As a matter of fact, even though Hillcrest has a wealthy membership, we doubt that the $10 fine would be forthcoming without a howl that would be heard to high heaven. However, the way in which the situation is presented is certain to impress the membership with the seriousness of the matter.

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