A bird's-eye view of Ozaukee Country club at Milwaukee, where the Western Open will be held August 21-24.

Guide Posts of Successful Club Policy

[From Annual Report of John C. Troubridge, President, Westmoor Country Club, Milwaukee, Wis.]

The real problem in club management is to regulate expenditures so that, on one hand, the directorate can meet the demands, and thereby gain the support of the membership, without succumbing to the pressure of often well meaning but uninformed members, to the extent that the financial condition of the club reaches that point where expenditures exceed club revenue and is followed by an increasing debt and frequent assessments; resulting eventually in such an expensive yearly cost per member that the pleasure gained is not compensated by the cost involved.

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Certain members have advanced the idea that the club debt should be more or less
within a budget of their own making. Chairman the responsibility of keeping whole, and later imposes on committee alt members who consider the matter from discrimination, and will earn the support of accounts is imposed on the treasurer, it further, through this system of operation entails a strict adherence to a fundamental policy, and imposes upon those responsible for the conduct of its affairs close observation of the month to month operations.

Budgeting, I believe, is an excellent system for the reason that it puts committees in full possession of club problems as a whole, and later imposes on committee chairmen the responsibility of keeping within a budget of their own making. Further, through this system of operation it necessitates committees going into the detail of the coming year’s operations, and anticipating needs far ahead of the actual demand. With the adoption of the budget, under this plan, work is undertaken with full knowledge of possible accomplishments, and committees have full authority to carry out their plans, resulting in a constructive and well organized plan of procedure.

Our Watering Policy at Concord C. C.

By C. A. McGovern, Greenkeeper

It is always best to water the greens in the very early morning, beginning at about 4 a.m. and continuing until about 12 n., moving the sprinklers every hour. I find that the rotary sprinkler soaks the green well in approximately eight hours—it is necessary to water the greens thoroughly three times a week, and it is a much better practice than that of watering every morning, as continual watering encourages brown patch.

From long experience I have found that early morning watering has several points in its favor, namely:

1. It washes the dew off the greens. If the dew is allowed to dry on the greens in humid weather you may expect to have brown patch.

2. Heavy watering, especially on acid soil, is another aid to our foe, brown patch.

3. Night watering encourages earth worms. These pests are never seen when the watering is done in the mornings. It is best to water as little as possible during the brown patch season. Last year when brown patch was prevalent in this section we did not lose one foot of turf. I fought this enemy with a solution of corrosive sublimate mixing 25 pounds in 50 gallons of water. 1½ pints of this solution in 50 gallons of water put on the green with a sprinkling barrel will not burn the green—in fact if the whole amount were to be put on the same spot it would not harm the grass, as the original mixture must be diluted until the strength of the solution is a negligible factor. When brown patch does make an appearance I put as much as 12 barrels of this mixture on one green measuring about 10,000 square feet, and do not water for two or three days after the treatment.