AGCMA Holds Meeting with Golf Car Suppliers

Following a membership luncheon meeting in Chicago on April 2, the American Golf Car Manufacturers Association members and prospective members joined with suppliers at a dinner meeting in which the 42 attending were informed of recent action taken by the association. Recommendations of the executive committee also were reviewed.

Three new members were appointed to the executive committee: Vaughn Border, Cushman Motor Works; Ed Mardigian, Mardigian Corp.; and Robert E. Schuler, Huffman Mfg. Co. Also on the executive committee are: Aubrey Wright, Columbia Car Corp., president; David Metcalf, Versal, Inc., secretary; William Dolan, EZ-Go Car Div. Textron, treasurer; and John Bozarth, director.

Annual Dues Schedule

Schuler, chairman of a special committee assigned to study a schedule of annual dues, reported the following recommendations which were unanimously approved by the executive committee:

- Initiation fee for new members: $100.00.
- Annual Dues — 1/6th of 1% of distributor car sales, payable quarterly, retroactive to January 1, 1964.
- Minimum Annual Dues per Member: $250.00.
- Maximum Annual Dues per Member: $2,500.00.

For Associate Members (Suppliers of major components — Batteries, chargers, Engines, Motors, Tires, Wheels, and Transmissions):

- Annual Dues — Payable in advance, retroactive to Jan. 1, 1964, $250.00.
- All dues are payable to the AGCMA headquarters office, 212 Mills Bldg., Washington 6, D. C.

AGCMA is providing regular forms on which members will report quarterly golf car shipments to Ernst & Ernst, Washington, D.C. Harold K. Howe, long experienced in industry association work, has been employed as executive secretary, with offices in Room 212, Mills Bldg., Washington, D.C.
The Importance of Soil Bacteria

Soil organisms are very effective in reducing organic residues to humus. An active soil microflora can prevent thatch formation by breaking it down as fast as it forms. Bacteria produce enzymes and colloids (glue-like material) which cement tiny soil particles together to form aggregates (grape-like bunches) which greatly improve the soil aeration and water absorption. Clay soils may act like sandy soils if the soil microflora is provided with a generous source of energy (carbon) and ample food (nitrogen). High bacterial populations seem effectively to reduce fungus attacks. Also they make available to plants so-called insoluble minerals that are "locked up" in the soil. To be fertile a soil must be plentifully populated by bacteria. (Reprinted from Golfdom Magazine)


Several Suppliers Present


Minutes of the meetings have been mailed to all golf car manufacturers and suppliers. Additional copies can be obtained from Howe.

U.S., Canada, Mexico Study Changes in Cup Matches

Suggestions for changes in the Americas Golf Cup competition are being considered by the sponsors — the Canadian, Mexican and United States Golf Associations.

Under one proposal, Junior golfers would compose the teams representing the three countries. Men amateurs have been the players since the start of the event in 1952.

Leading amateurs are called upon to represent their countries in several competitions, and the USGA has raised question whether the international invitations create excessive demands upon such players' time. In the case of the U.S., for example, USGA is a party to the Americas Cup, Walker Cup and World Amateur Team Championship for the Eisenhower Cup.

The three associations expect that their studies of possible alterations in the Americas Cup event will not be completed for several months. The next competition would normally be held in 1965 in Canada.