

Wisconsin University Plans Greens Course, Feb. 10-14

University of Wisconsin, College of Agriculture, announces a short course for greenkeepers to run Feb. 10-14. This course will give consideration to a number of vital problems of golf course maintenance.

The number which can be accommodated is limited to sixty. Applications will be accepted in the order of their receipt until the maximum number is reached. Applications must be filed not later than Feb. 10, 1930.

A registration fee of $10, payable when application is made, will be charged to help defray the expense involved in giving the course. There will be no other fees. Registration will be at the horticultural building, University of Wisconsin. Those who are to be members of the course are expected to be on hand and registered by 12 noon, Feb. 10, as the work will start at 1:15 p.m. on that date.


The tentative program covers: Grass for golf courses, their adaptation and propagation, by Mr. Monteith; properties of soil and their relation to plant growth, by Mr. Noer; soil acidity, its detection and control, by Mr. Graul; grass seeds and their impurities, by Mr. Stone; sources of plant nutrients, by Mr. Chapman; grasses for greens, by Mr. Monteith; laboratory instruction, in three sessions, on seed studies, gas engines, land drainage, and soils; use of fertilizers for turf development and maintenance, by Mr. Noer; diseases of grass and their control, by Mr. Dahl; ani- mal and insect pests of golf courses, by Mr. Wilson; round table on grass fertiliza- tion, by Mr. Noer; tree planting and care, by Mr. Aust; principles of land drainage, by Mr. Jones; care of turf, by Mr. Mon- teith; round table on grass problems, by Mr. Monteith; the labor factor, by Mr. Tregillus; drainage problems, by Mr. Jones; golf course equipment, by Mr. Tregillus, and landscape problems, by Mr. Aust.

James G. Moore, horticultural depart- ment, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis., will furnish other desired information.

Catalog Helps Pro Correct Old High Price Idea

By FRED ROBINSON

Pro Hill Crest Country Club, New Kensington, Pa.

Back in the days when golf was taking its first step toward its present popu- larity as the national game there was formed the notion in the minds of many beginners that golf merchandise on sale at the pro shop cost more than that which was obtainable at stores.

The players didn’t know enough about the comparative merits of the clubs on sale at the two places to realize that, for good
golf goods the pro shop, then as now, offered the right price. The wrong idea of those days seems to have stuck persistently in some cases as a consideration factor in propaganda adverse to the pro.

Today I am satisfied that one of the reasons why the pro loses out on a lot of business that he ought to have is this belief that the pro shop price list is higher than that of the sporting goods stores. This is something the pros have to correct, and I offer one suggestion that has worked out well at my club.

During the past two years I have sold about 90 per cent of the equipment used by my members, chiefly because I use the manufacturers' catalogs in my selling work. Whenever I am asked the price of an article I always make it a point to show the member the manufacturer's catalog opened at the page describing the product in which he is interested. My assistant is instructed to do the same. This creates a feeling of confidence in me with my customer, and confidence begets sales. Then, too, the manufacturer's description may bring out some point that I haven't covered in my sales talk. This system works out well in pushing the shop stock and frequently picks up orders for goods that I haven't in stock but which are listed in the catalog.

Possibly some of the feeling that the pro shop prices are out of line has been developed unknowingly by pros who are too anxious for the last thin dime that they might be able to pick up. I have found that one excellent way to put across to my members the fact that my interest in their golf games is a sincere one and founded primarily on the basis of the sport's fraternalism, is to show an interest in their games whenever I have an opportunity. I overlook no chance to correct a member whom I see using the wrong grip, stance or swing. This, of course, must be done so there is no appearance of “butting in” or no embarrassment to the member.

Another place where I have found goodwill is created with the members is in being ready and willing to go out and play with a member when my schedule permits. This is an important factor in developing business at smaller clubs where the pro is liable to have quite a little unbooked time on his hands. No matter how poor a golfer the member may be, it certainly helps the pro to get personal contact with the member and to show a real interest in the development of the player's game.
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How many things golf clubs are doing wrong just because a precedent was established years ago and has been allowed to ride along on the new conditions, heaven only knows. There are some favorable indications that this worshipful adherance to the policy of the so-called good old days is gradually coming to an end. Probably one of the factors that established so many precedents was the general practice of electing a complete new set of officers at the clubs each year. The newcomers of course would have the attitude of playing safe and continuing the old ideas until they learned “what it’s all about.” By that time their terms would be up and the next whirl of the vicious cycle would be in order.

During the last few years there has been a decided development of keeping in office each competent and active official who would accept the continuance of the responsibility. Under these administrations that became thoroughly acquainted with the working of the club, there naturally grew up a healthy curiosity and plenty of decisions that the old way was not necessarily the right way.

In many clubs the matter of delinquent accounts is serious. The club may have to borrow money to pay its bills because of the delinquents and they, especially if the club has no waiting list, take their own sweet time in paying. Many of them are immune to the punitive gesture of posting. This practice of posting, by the way, is one of the old ideas that is being questioned by many thoughtful students of the new day in club management. Readers may recall an interesting comment on the effectiveness and propriety of posting contributed to GOLFDOM some months ago by a noted Detroit district club manager.

Some of the clubs are adopting the gas company policy of handling delinquents. A charge of, say, $3 a month, is added to the monthly statement of every member. If the bill is paid by a certain announced date the $3 may be deducted. Otherwise it sticks. This is one of the ideas that seems certain to become widely adopted.

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ADVANCE work done during the latter part of 1929 on one of the pro business development activities indicates that 1930 will see a number of the pros using letters on a basis of steady schedule, logical plan and handsome appearance as an instrument for building good-will and business among their members.

It's been pretty much of a job for a pro to conduct a mail campaign for business and perhaps in years past they have not been fully awake to the opportunities for increasing their business in this manner. At intervals during the past two years probably a hundred have written GOLFDOM for this magazine’s staff to prepare for them sales letters to cover special occasions, but a concerted, steady letter drive has not been part of the pro merchandising picture. Possibility of the pros not taking to the idea with sufficient strength of numbers and with sufficient persistency, and the cost involved, may have had something to do with the letter campaign being passed up by manufacturers heretofore.

After looking into the situation the Wilson-Western organization decided to present to the pros a series of four letters, each printed on a letterhead made up especially for each pro and devoted entirely to his own business, with the only reference to the sponsoring manufacturer being the striking enclosures that are sent along in each letter. There is money, and a wad of it involved in staging the campaign, but since it's Wilson-Western's dinero that is bearing the brunt of the battle, the Wilson early conclusion that there would be no difficulty in placing it in the hands of a good-sized list of first-class pros has been amply warranted. A number of the P. G. A. sectional officials to whom the campaign was submitted upon the completion of all its details gave it a hearty send-off and tied to it themselves. Thus launched, the campaign quickly attained an acceptance which James Ewell, Wilson's advertising manager, says marks it as the greatest co-operative pro advertising drive in the history of the professional golf business.

The letter series is confined strictly to the pro field. Its sole cost in money to the pro is that of postage, and its sole cost in effort is in affixing his signature to the bottom of each letter. Each letter of the series is sent to the entire membership of the club whose pro signs up for the campaign. The pro's own return address, and nothing else, appears on the envelope. In each detail of the campaign there is a richness, dignity and deft sales push that is calculated to fit the campaign to its title, "The Pro's Own."

Naturally, the boys will be asking where the catch is. L. B. Icely, president of the Wilson-Western company, says there is none. The campaign is available to pros who can see it as a way to boost their sales and standing as operators of golf service stations. Wilson's, like the rest of mortals, not being in business entirely for spiritual uplift, undoubtedly expects to swell its 1930 volume of pro business as a result of "The Pro's Own" campaign, but Icely asserts that the main profit idea behind the offer is the normal expectancy of the reward that comes to those who help the pro to help himself.

The theme of the campaign is the projection of the pro's own identity and individuality. All of the copy is devoted to the pro's particular interests.

The first letter in the series plays up the value of the pro's knowledge of the member's game as a vital factor in fitting the right clubs to the player. This letter has in it a line that is especially worthy of mention, "Being a professional man, I cannot urge my services or merchandise upon you—I sort of have to wait for you to approach me on the subject." That ought to ease them into the shop nicely.

Plays Up Style Element

In the second letter there is featured the element of style in golf merchandise. It is written to get the player to check up on his clubs and bag and replace the old, worn and obsolete equipment with the stuff that's right up to the minute.

The third letter covers the sale of instruction and teams with a folder enclosure carrying a boost for pro instruction written by Ernest L. Heitkamp, golf editor of the Chicago Evening American.

Pushing matched sets by referring to the sharp-shooting pros considering clubs not as clubs, but as shots, is the work of the fourth letter. It puts in a fine sales story for the matched sets and at the same time gets across to the member the assur-
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"The other argument for golf is that it is a pay-play sort of a recreation and brings revenue. Just figure out the more than 75,000 rounds of golf played on the Denver municipal course in 1928, said course covering about 100 acres, and each of these players paying at least the 50c green fee! Why not turn all the park system into golf of some kind or another? It would be good business!"—Arthur Hawthorne Carhart in Sept. "Parks and Recreation."

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Chairmen Give Green-Keeping Policies

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the work of the grounds organization and we try to keep fairly close to our budget. Our organization consists of only eleven workmen additional to the greenskeeper and I believe we follow the usual custom of having certain individual men take care of their own greens and tees throughout the season, with separate men for the tractors to do the fairway work. Practically all of our tees are cut by tractors and as we build new tees we endeavor to have them constructed natural to the surrounding terrain so they can be cut with tractors without any great difficulty.

We water and dress our tees just as we do our greens though, of course, we do not do as much watering and the cutting is not so close.

In regard to our policies in the matter of purchases and other expenses, would say that for quite a few years our club was run on a basis of expending about $15,000 a year as the budget for the grounds. We have now increased our budget to about $25,000 a year and, in my opinion, the
**Some Outstanding Golf Courses Under Construction or Recently Completed**

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Members are better satisfied with the results on a $25,000 expenditure than they were on the $15,000 expenditure. As a matter of fact, I am very sure that they are much better satisfied. We go on the theory that the members are willing to pay if they get results and we spend a considerable sum each year in fertilizing and dressing our fairways and in cleaning up rough spots throughout the course. It has been my experience that money spent in clearing up rough spots is an excellent investment as it results in allowing the course to be taken care of by tractors instead of by hand work. We strive all the time to eliminate the amount of hand work to be done.

I think we go pretty much on the custom of English and French government. That is, if at any time they do not like the management they can throw us out. As a matter of fact, we get very few complaints and, needless to say, if suggestions are made that give promise of bettering any conditions we take steps to carry out the suggestions. If they are impracticable we try to explain why the suggestions cannot be carried out.

As a general proposition, I think the best suggestion that I could make to green-chairmen would be to give the greenkeeper full support provided he is a capable man and support a program that will allow him sufficient funds to properly feed the course and take care of it to a high standard. I feel confident that the general inclination of golf membership these days demands a well kept golf course, and they are willing to pay accordingly if the results are forthcoming.

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One of the best things that a chairman can do is to select a good greenkeeper. One who understands the handling of men and who is willing to learn—when you find a greenkeeper that knows it all you are lost. The same applies to the chairman of any committee.

We have found at Ozaukee club that the best committee is a committee of three, two of which are seldom present. The chairman then takes the initiative and gets results.

We had our course laid out and planned by very competent golf architects and experts. These plans were carried out up to a point where we thought it best to stop. When our club was organized we had a great many members who had never played golf and the committees functioning at that time decided that it would not do to make the course too hard by trapping and bunkering all at one time. As a consequence our course has been ideal for the average golfer and each year we have added hazards according to the original plans with different trappings and bunkers.

Keeping Interest Keen

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We have some quite perplexing problems with our greens and it is our intention now to gradually work into the bent greens. We have convinced ourselves that this is the best for this particular climate and the conditions which we have to work under.

We enriched our fairways this fall with thirty tons of milorganite properly mixed to meet the condition of each fairway. We have taken quite a number of samples of the ground in each fairway and have made our mixture to suit each condition. We have on some of our fairways, where they are hilly, a clay foundation. This has made it very hard to get a good sod. We have accomplished this to a large extent and believe what looked to be at one time an impossible proposition has been solved. Strange as it may seem, those fairways which originally looked very bad and hard to handle are now our best ones.

Winter Overhauling

One of the jobs of the chairman of the grounds committee is to see that all machinery, tools and equipment are thoroughly overhauled during the winter. We go as far as to send our tractors into the factory for complete overhauling—the same with the other machinery. We also carry spare parts for mowers, sprinkler, etc. We