could be made of bargain merchandise as well as of standard price clubs, and by showing the extent of pro stocks, the pros could nullify a lot of cut-price store competition.

He points out that stores in the northern and central states start their golf selling season with a bang and move considerable merchandise. To adopt successful competitive measures the pros, Murphy says, must get together in a selling circus of their own.

Each member of a club or fee course registrant could be sent a free ticket, or a ticket with a nominal price of a dime, would entitle the bearer to admission. The combination of the leading tournament players and the home club pros not only would draw a crowd to buy, but would put the pros in strong by providing a great entertainment and education feature.

Pros' Putters May Explain Fewer Putter Sales

HERE, maybe, is something to think about. It's from the Sports Trader of London, Eng., in the Trader's department "Scottish Scraps." Under the heading "Rusty Putters," the item reads:

Why is it so few putters are being bought? About 95% of sets of golf clubs sold nowadays do not boast a putter. It appears that an old hickory-shafted, rusty-headed putter has become to be regarded as fashionable by many star players, amateurs and professional. Go to any championship and you will see this is true. For some reason or other, the public seems to object to paying as much for this club as they would, say, for a mashie; so would not the manufacturers be well advised to charge five shillings less for the putter? Surely the costings and profits could easily be adjusted.

The practice of many prominent U. S. tournament pros of using putters that look like they were picked from a scrap pile, is extending rapidly among amateurs of widely varying scoring abilities. Putter sales, formerly a rather lively season-long source of profits to pros, have dwindled.

It appears that the playing pros on both sides of the Atlantic have set a bad example for club buyers by using putters of cheap, junk-yard appearance.
Greenkeeping Cuttings . . . .

Greenkeeping Supts. Assn. will hold its 14th annual convention and exhibition at New York City, Feb. 6-9, 1940 . . . Members of Greenkeeping assn. are answering 15 questions to determine what qualifications best show eligibility for membership in an organization of practical turf maintenance experts . . .

Iowa Greenkeepers' Assn. have voted $100 to finance collecting promising fairway and green grass specimens; also voted $500 toward state-wide turf research, hoping that Iowa golf clubs also would chip in . . . Minnesota Greenkeeper Assn. ranking members to take turns in weekly visits to state's isolated courses where they'll help local greenkeepers with expert consulting service.

Greenkeeping organizations discuss switching of usual meeting day from Monday. Monday is a bad day to get chairmen to attend . . . Grasshoppers and 17-year locusts have been active in destruction at many north central courses . . . Mosquito trouble lessened this summer due to cumulative effect of drainage work by greenkeepers . . . Sodium arsenite weed control results still spotty. Cloverbrook (Cincinnati) and Glen View (Chicago) among those having notable success with the treatment.

Minnesota Greenkeepers' Assn. buys motion picture camera. Black and white, and color pictures taken at members' courses will be shown at meetings of greenkeepers, and of club officials and members . . . Check algae by spraying with solution of 1 lb. hydrated lime and 10 gal. water; for severe cases add to this solution 3 oz. bluestone, suggests Penn State college.

Stump and Walter, course equipment and supply distributors, and seedsmen, have finished a great series of field demonstrations in N. Y. Metropolitan district. The demonstrations and lectures were practi-
cally valuable short courses, say green-keepers who constituted large attendance at the S&W sessions . . . Christian CC, Elkhart, Ind., by adding alternate tees to each hole of the 9-hole layout, gives patrons a "new" course to play the second time around. Tees are far enough apart to make pleasing differences in distance and shot angle.

Union County, N. J., Nominated as Top Golfing Center

By Gene F. Hampson

UNTIL a better example comes along we nominate Union County, New Jersey, as one of the top golfing centers of the United States. Reasons for the nomination are sound when one considers the hold which the game has upon the population of this Garden State sector, which covers approximately 100 square miles.

A recent survey shows that Union County, alone, boasts within its area no less than 19 golf courses while 14 others located within a 20-minute drive of its center are either partially or wholly supported by residents of the county. This does not include courses within a 20-minute ride from its boundary lines or the list could be substantially increased.

In other words, Union County has a hand in the support of no less than 33 links which represent a total of 573 holes, 333 of them in the county. A conservative estimate is that these courses attract a total of more than 6,000 golfers on a clear Sunday.

This record is established without the aid of a single large city. New York City is located within less than 20 miles of the eastern border of the county, but the Union County courses receive little patronage from Manhattan.

Of the 19 Union County courses 9 are...
strictly private layouts, 8 belong to the public links classification, while 2 have semi-private leanings. Of the 14 nearby layouts which have a Union County air, 9 are private courses, 4 are for the public while 1 rates in the semi-private class.

Located in the county and operated by the Union County Park Commission is one of the finest public golf courses in the country, the Galloping Hill GC. At present boasting 27 holes, the Galloping Hill layout will some time in the future be increased to 36 holes and Park Commission officials are looking forward to the day when it will be host to the national public links championships.

In the Baltusrol course, scene of the National Open three years back, Union County has one of the finest and most exclusive clubs in the country. The same can be said for the Essex County CC which is located a few miles away. Canoe Brook CC, in the county, was the scene of the Women’s National championship in 1936, when Pam Barton, the British lass, won the title.

Then, too, the Shackamaxon CC and its island 9th green has claims to fame throughout the country. An interesting additional feature of Union County golf is the Shady Rest CC, a Negro club.

Despite the numerous courses, it is interesting to note that three of the clubs have found it profitable to turn a portion of their courses over to the public links players. Plainfield CC opened a seldom used third nine to the public divot-takers a few years back and has done exceptionally well.

Essex County CC found it convenient to turn one of its two 18-hole courses into a public layout this spring and is doing well. Locust Grove GC also solved the problem of a seldom used third nine by offering it for public play with plenty of takers.

There may possibly be other golfing centers of the United States able to beat this setup, but they will have to prove it.

Green-Chairmen: Know Your Job

An article in June GOLFDOM entitled “If I Were Green-chairman,” which told how two green superintendents would go about the task of handling the green-chairman’s job right, were they given the opportunity (‘right’ according to their observations as greenkeepers), was productive of another piece sent us by a green-chairman of a Midwestern club, who tells how he found out ‘what it was all about’ just by applying good, sound logic to a job he had taken without any previous knowledge of the duties he had to perform.

I WAS rather surprised two years ago when the president of our club asked me to be chairman of the green committee. I knew nothing then, and very little now, of the science of growing grass, or of soil fertilization, or its productivity, to say nothing of the various diseases which the soil may harbor. So I started on my new work and responsibility feeling that I was anything but qualified for the honor. I had two other club members on the committee, and we three tackled the job.

It seemed of primary importance to learn what this job really was, so at our first meeting we discussed the following: What is a good golf course, and why? How should it be maintained, and why? What members should be pleased, and why? Why did members play? Why didn’t some members play? Why is there a green committee? What are the duties of the green committee?

After a thorough discussion of these points, we arrived at a few general policies, and outlined a program for the year. Then we called in the golf pro and the greenkeeper and went over with them the general policies we had previously decided upon. Some changes seemed desirable, but by adding here and omitting there, we had, when we were through, a really workable program for the year, and a definite idea of how we were going to carry it out. This was not an easy task, our budget being limited to $6,000 for 18 holes, 12’ of which are rather hilly.

The full committee met each month, which meant that the pro and the greenkeeper sat in with us. We kept a set of books, and we knew just what it cost to maintain each green, the cost of maintaining the traps, how much it cost to cut the fairways, and to trim the rough. At these meetings all the cards were put on the table face up. All complaints or criticisms by members were discussed, and action taken. At first, complaints by members were numerous, but in most instances we
could prove to the member that selfishness was at the bottom of his difficulty, or else, that he did not have a thorough understanding of the problems involved.

After operating for two years the results speak for themselves. The course is in the best shape ever, the playing has increased over 50%, and we very seldom have a complaint. It is sweet music to my ears to hear the compliments and boosts we receive, not only for the golf course, but for our pro and greenkeeper as well. We now have 100% cooperation from these men and from all the golfing members of the club.

I think the secret of the success we have had lies in the fact that the real task of the green-chairman lies in handling men. Our greenkeeper certainly knows most of what is to be known about grass, and the pro, whether in his shop, or giving lessons, always has a good word for the course. After all, being a professional, he should know, and when he says the greens are perfect, what member could ask for anything more?

As for my part in all this, I can only say that it is and it has been, lots of fun.

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Iowa Greenkeepers Inspect Omaha’s Courses

JULY meeting of the Iowa Greenkeeping Superintendents was held July 12 at the Dodge park course in Council Bluffs. Pro-greenkeeper Jim Canavan was in charge of the meeting, which was attended by 25 of the state’s greenkeepers.

Discussion and demonstrations occupied the greenkeepers before lunch and the boys spent the afternoon inspecting the courses in the Omaha (Neb.) district, namely, the Omaha Field Club, Omaha CC, and the Happy Hollow course.

Newton, Ia. is host to the August meeting of the group.

Iowa greenkeepers inspecting turf at the Omaha Field Club course.

WHAT’S NEW

Golfdom has acquired copies of G. A. Farley’s excellent book on greenkeeping—“Golf Course Common Sense”—and as a result the book has taken its first price cut, from $4 a copy to $2. When this news was announced in last month’s issue, scores of greenkeepers, green-chairmen, pros and other club officials sent in orders for a copy before the edition became exhausted and the book went out of print. If you have been intending to add a copy to your golf library, order soon while this price cut is in force, from the Book Dept., Golfdom, 14 East Jackson, Chicago.

Another volume of interest to greens officials and available from Golfdom’s Book Dept. is “The Links,” Robert Walker’s well-written and illustrated book on golf architecture. “The Links” originally sold for $4.00. Golfdom has copies for 75c, a real bargain.

Locker-room attendants have picked up a good new selling item. It’s the Flex-0-Lace shoe string that doesn’t need to be tied. It’s a boon for fat, near-sighted, or lazy guys. Flex-O-Lace is made by Flex-O-Lace, Inc., 307 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago.

Royer Foundry & Machine Co., Kingston, Pa., realizing the need today for a light-weight, low cost compost shredder-mixer-loader, is now offering the new “Royer Jr.” for use by golf courses, nurserymen, florists, etc.

Royer Jr. is designed to reduce the cost and lower the weight, it is claimed that the new model retains all
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So many club officials ordered “Rules of Golf at a Glance” charts as a result of the advertisement in July Golfdom that a second printing of these ingenious charts has been necessary. Apparently pros, golf chairmen and other club executives were quick to recognize the value of the diagrams in answering quickly and understandably the many rules questions put to them daily by golfers.

Four charts, each 7x10 inches and on paper suitable for framing, make up the series—Tees, Sand Traps, Greens, Match-Play; and Greens, Stroke-Play—and the rules applying to those divisions of a golf hole are given in brief, understandable language.

It is recommended that a set of these charts be framed and hung in each of the three spots in a club where rules questions arise for settlement—the men’s locker-room, the women’s locker-room and the pro-shop.

For details, see inside back cover, this issue.

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