Golf Show Offers Great Treat for Greenkeepers

New equipment features exhibits of wide-awake manufacturers and agents.

Largest Exhibition of golf course supplies and equipment ever held

LAST July the Saturday Evening Post published an authoritative article entitled "Golf—a New Business" in which the author states conservatively that from seventy-five to eighty million dollars is spent annually to maintain and operate the golf clubs of the United States. Consider that as an introduction to the second International Golf Show and Country Club Sports Exposition now being held in the Hotel Sherman, Chicago. The show opened Monday, March 21 and closes Saturday, March 26.

The list of exhibitors is representative of the vast field of golf activities and includes both Canadian and American manufacturers. Seedsmen, implement manufacturers, equipment dealers and makers of golf clubs, balls and other accessories for playing the game, have attractive displays of their products attended by competent representatives to explain every detail to the Show-goers.

A great treat is in store for greenkeepers who want to keep abreast of the times, for several new and improved pieces of equipment just out for the 1927 season are being shown for the first time. Chief among these is the Toro Tee Mower, a light, high-speed machine with enclosed chain-driven cutting reel. It has greater traction than the old models and is easier to operate.

Two new greens mowers are also on exhibit, one being a product of the famous Pennsylvania Lawn Mower Works of Philadelphia while the other is from the F. and N. Lawn Mower Company of Richmond, Indiana. The new Pennsylvania Super Putting Green Mower is designed and built along automotive lines with cut gears running in oil-tight casings, lubricated by Alemit system and with roller and ball bearings on all the various axles and intermediate gear.

The new F. and N. Special Putting Greens Mower is claimed by its makers to be the easiest running machine. It has seven blades turning at high speed and is especially designed for creeping bent greens. F. and N. also show their Titan Tractor Mower with self adjusting Timken rolling bearing, oil tight gear cases and finely cut solid steel gears.

Perhaps the newest machine in the tractor field is the Centaur, a light powerful outfit equipped with a twin cylinder four cycle LeRoi engine. It is manufactured by the Central Tractor Company of Greenwich, Ohio, and its makers say that the operating cost is but fifteen cents an hour. One Centaur Tractor with three mower gang will take care of all the work on a 9-hole course including mowing of fairways and rough, hauling, plowing, seeding, leveling and other jobs.

In the line of sprinklers the Lark manufactured by L. R. Nelson Manufacturing Company of Peoria, Illinois is perhaps the newest and most interesting. It sprinkles up to 150 feet, has no gears to wear out and is carried on a roller base so as to prevent any damage to the greens. Being fool-proof and requiring no repairs, the Lark is bound to find many new friends.

Another gearless sprinkler is being exhibited by the Buckner Manufacturing Company of Fresno, California. It is called the Golf King, is mounted on a roller base and its makers say it will cover the largest putting green without a move. It can be adjusted to revolve once in five minutes or five times in one minute which makes it extremely flexible under all conditions.

So we could go on endlessly describing the new things at the Show, but space will not permit this month. However, watch for the May number of The National Greenkeeper when we will describe and illustrate all of the Show exhibits that have to do with the work of the greenkeeper and maintenance of the course.

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