

Should a Greenkeeper Play Golf?

Greenkeepers Are All of One Voice

I THINK it is important that a greenkeeper should play golf. It is the best way for him to find out the condition of his course in the way the regular members have of finding out. I think, too, that he should make his round early in the morning, and then play with the pro, or a member of the Green committee so if he wants to bring up anything pertaining to improvements to the course he can do so right on the spot. If some dub golfer says Number seven is awfully rough today you can come right back at him and say that you made a birdie there yourself, and can't see anything wrong with it. All greenkeepers should play golf. Why not have an Ohio greenkeepers' tournament?

LAWRENCE HUBER,
Elks Country Club,
Worthington, Ohio.

FIRST it enables the greenkeeper to become better acquainted with the playing condition of his course, and to see the course from the players' point of view.

Second, it enables him to become better acquainted with the club members.

Third, an occasional round of golf will renew his interest in his work.

CHESTER MENDENHALL,
Municipal Golf Course,
Wichita, Kansas.

POSITIVELY, and especially so if your "sweet sugar" plays golf, for then it will give you a line of chatter that's interesting to her and again you will acquire a line of talk that the average business man can understand. You will also become a master of subtraction, not to mention acquire the ability to pick out the truthful, plus the privilege of wearing knickers and looking like a colt even if you are over seventy.

A. E. LUNDSTROM,
Saint Charles Golf Club,
Saint Charles, Illinois.

IF a greenkeeper is just walking over the course looking for trouble he will not see half that he would if he is playing and his ball gets in places which should not be there. And again these places will be fresh on his mind and he will get busy and fill them up. That has been my experience and I say yes, with all of the boys that play golf.

B. G. SHELDIN,
Country Club,
Bratenahl, Ohio.

IF you have time to play golf play, by all means. Greenkeepers have not much time to play. Experienced greenkeepers can tell a good green or fairway by looking at it, they do not have to play it. I know greenkeepers who are good golf players, and not good greenkeepers.

JOHN PRESSLER,
Allegheny Country Club,
Sewickley, Penna.

IF a greenkeeper played golf he would take more interest in his work and know why certain holes are laid out for a "hook" shot, etc. Why traps are placed at certain places and the importance of keeping them in first class condition, also he might get into a foot print and know what it would cost him and could realize what it would mean in tournament play.

Playing around the course gives him a better insight of the work and discovers the faulty work of his men, if any should be on his payroll. In fact I think the only way for any greens superintendent is to make a general inspection of his course and he should play at least twice a week.

SAM LYLE,
North Hills Country Club,
Normandy, Missouri.

THE playing greenkeeper can see the course from the member's point of view, consequently he can grasp the necessity of alterations, and anticipate quite a lot of work that the non-player cannot see.

HUGH LUKE,
Garden City Golf Club,
Garden City, L. I., New York.

I DON'T play much golf myself. Don't have time. However, I play enough to know if a course is trapped properly, rough and other hazards as they should be. Rules, yardage, etc., these things a greenkeeper should know, especially if one has construction work on hand.

C. R. FRAZEE,
Hyperion Field & Motor Club,
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course from the players' standpoint. The need of trimming and grooming will be better observed from the tees than anywhere else.

ALEX McWHINNIE,
Brown's Lake Golf Club,
Burlington, Wisconsin.

THOUGH not absolutely essential for good greenkeeping, to have a knowledge of and play the game is undoubtedly a valuable asset. It enables one to grasp details better and see things from a different point of view than in the ordinary way. If I may advise, then get into the game, boys, and keep from getting rusty.

W. D. CHINERY,
York Downs Golf Club,
Eglington, Ontario, Canada.

I THINK every greenkeeper should play golf and also should encourage playing among the greensmen. By so doing one can always see things to be done that would never be noticed by walking over the course. It is the little things the players notice most, or at least I find it so. My chairman is for it. By all means play golf.

ERICH W. PAHL,
Interlachen Country Club,
Hopkins, Minnesota.

ALTHOUGH there are many first class greenkeepers who have never played golf, I believe it would be of help to them in the constructing or re-constructing of a golf course. It would show him the lay of the hole from a golfer's point of view and from this point alone it would be of a great advantage to him to understand and play the game of golf. Playing an occasional round of golf, there are many things that the greenkeeper may observe that may otherwise escape his attention.

JOHN McNAMARA,
Pittsburgh Field Club,
Pittsburgh, Penna.

EMPHATICALLY yes. A greenkeeper playing occasionally is bound to see things needing attention quicker than a non-golfer. He is then able to see and understand everything from the player's point of view.

JAMES MUIRDEN,
Ridgewood Golf Club,
Lockland, Ohio.

I BELIEVE a greenkeeper should play golf as often as possible. I do, and I can find more little things to be taken care of in one round of golf than walking over the course all day, and you know what you are working for.

ARTHUR JENSEN,
 Fargo, North Dakota.

Say you saw the ad in *The National Greenkeeper*

I CERTAINLY believe in greenkeepers playing golf—because they get the golfer's point of view as to lies on fairways and greens, etc., and as a whole the playing greenkeeper has the tendency to keep the golf course in better condition.

GEORGE ROBB,
Hillcrest Country Club,
Kansas City, Missouri.

GOLF should be played by the greenkeeper—the main object being to keep the rules of golf fresh in his memory. It is necessary to know the rules of golf to keep a course in championship condition. The average greenkeeper can never expect to excel in the game of golf, as the duties of greenkeeping prevent it, therefore, he cannot by his own game criticize the hazards or the fairness of a course fairly.

JOHN MacGREGOR,
Chicago Golf Club,
Wheaton, Illinois.

IT enables the greenkeeper to better know the condition of his greens, fairways, tees and rough. Looking at a green is not testing the putting surface, so play golf at least once a week, then you will soon learn what the members like and dislike, giving you a chance to remedy them before there is a complaint.

J. O. CAMPBELL,
Eastridge Country Club,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

GREENKEEPERS should play golf because it gives them a better knowledge of the building and the upkeep of their golf course, and they also get acquainted with the bad lies and poorly kept places by being in one of them themselves. It shows them what the average member is up against.

MICHAEL J. O'GRADY,
New Bedford Country Club,
North Dartmouth, Mass.

YES, but he should not let it interfere with his work. First, it keeps him fit to meet his many duties on his course. Second, he observes many things to overcome which sometimes are not noticed in his many walks over his course. Third, it brings him more closely in touch with the player's viewpoint of the course.

CHAS. L. REAM,
Tuckaway Country Club,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

AS a player a greenkeeper naturally is more interested in all pertaining to the immediate requirements of the daily golfer. In playing he finds many small matters of no great consequence in themselves, yet by immediate attention he effects a saving of a bigger job later on in a complaint to his chairmen of himself personally. Until recent years I always played my course.

Of late, however, owing to inability to catch up with my club's requirements, I find I get all the exercise I want, and after hours (if a greenkeeper ever has such) my "golf widow" insists upon one hour of my company before retiring.

CHRISTOPHER BAIN,
Oakwood Country Club,
Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

I SAY yes. I find that I can see more work to be done in playing 18-holes than I could if I walked around the course a dozen times. Also how are you going to keep the course in shape if you don't understand and play the game? If someone asked me to fly an airplane and I did not know how, what kind of luck do you suppose I would have? That is the way I look at a greenkeeper's not playing golf.

JAKE SCHNAPP,
Country Club,
Toledo, Ohio.

YES, a greenkeeper ought to know the game just as much as any fair golfer, and then he can find the faults and improve them with no need of an architect. The game will help him in everything in general about his work. I approve it very heartily, from a business standpoint.

JOSEPH VALENTINE,
Merion Cricket Golf Club,
Philadelphia, Penna.

IN the interests of his own occupation he ought to play golf. Why stand round like a wooden image whilst the pro, (because he is a player) tells the Green committee where the greenkeeper should place the next trap. By playing golf he sees his own course as the members and players see it and understands at once why some member kicked where the hole was placed in the last competition. Be up-to-date, play golf, enjoy some of its thrills, and you don't have to neglect your work to do so.

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