

# Greenkeepers, Play Golf!

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I CHOOSE to believe that I was unusually fortunate in my initiation into the greenkeeping profession, for on coming to the United States of America from Mayo, Ireland, at the close of the World War, I was taken in hand by Thomas J. Galvin, greenkeeper at Rhode Island Country Club—who, incidentally is my uncle. After four years in Rhode Island, I came as greenkeeper to the New Bedford Country Club, where I have found my work to be of intense interest and very great pleasure.

## *Keep Your Greensmen Interested*

As a matter of policy, the first thing I concerned myself with was the selection of workmen, with a view to picking the most careful and painstaking men to be put in charge of the greens. I found I was going to be lucky in this, for I got really good greensmen, and in addition found I had one man who was a very handy carpenter, while another was sufficiently versed in plumbing to be able to take care of all that end of the work during summer and fall.

Having secured good men, I decided it was up to me to retain them by according them their just need of praise and commendation for good work, a policy which has certainly resulted in contentment and sincere interest on the part of the men.

## *Sandy Loam and Hilly Course*

On this particular course one problem confronting us is the dry sandy loam coupled with the very hilly terrain, these conditions calling for the greatest possible care to keep the course in good condition during the summer months of heavy play. My method of greens maintenance is the frequent use throughout the season of a good compost dressing, for this practice has proved a sound one in my case. Roughly speaking I use each month for a green of say 800 feet by 100 feet, a top dressing of two cubic yards of loam and about 22 to 28 pounds of sulphate.

The important work of watering the greens is done here in the early morning and late afternoon, as it is my belief that this method, by allowing the greens to be kept dry during the night, does materially assist me in the control of brown-patch.

## *Weed Out Crab Grass Early in Spring*

Crab grass is something of a scourge on our New Bedford course. It makes its appearance usually about the second week in July, and really provides us with all the trouble we care to have. For efficient handling of the crab grass problems I am compelled to engage extra

labor, and I purposely choose men for I do not find this a satisfactory job for women or boys. I have proved that a green well weeded this year is going to confront me with much less trouble next year. I try to exterminate the crab grass just as soon as it appears, otherwise the green is reduced to poor condition. When the men are engaged in this weeding, I have them carry along a quantity of seeded loam with which to fill in after each weed has been dug out. This method helps considerably, I find, to work in the creeping bent.

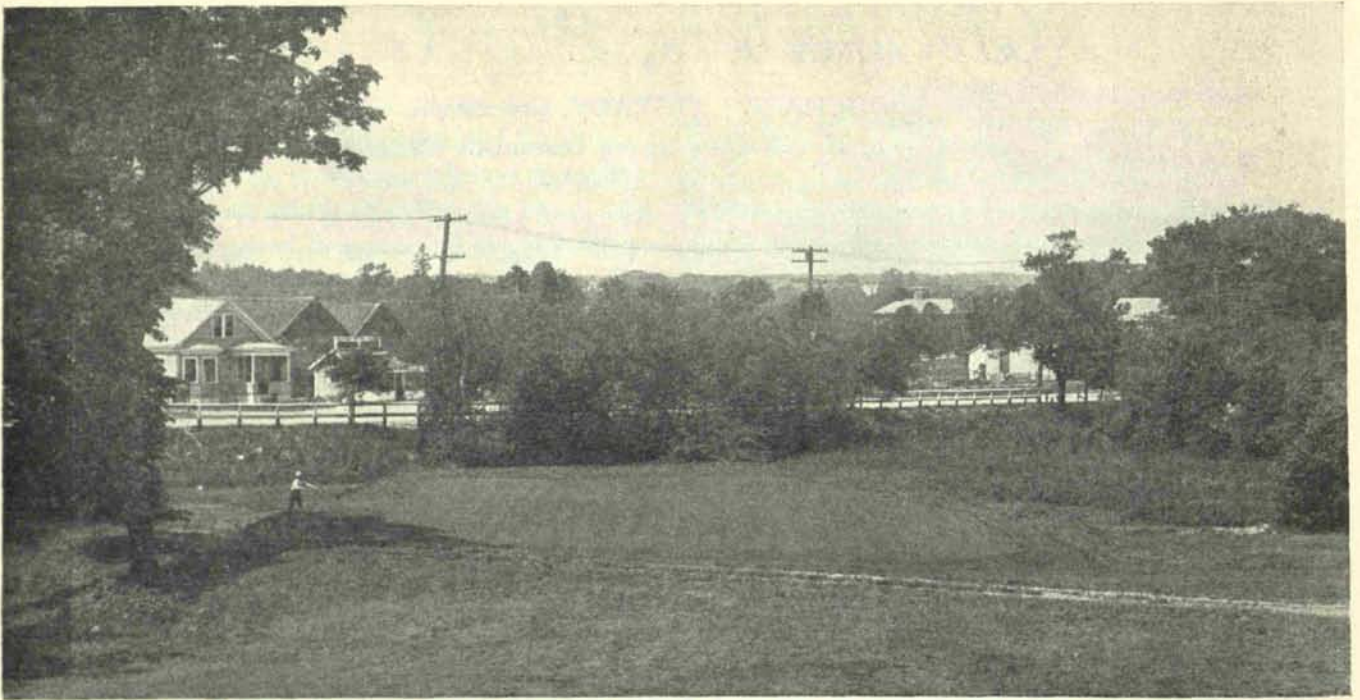
## *Greenkeepers Should Play Golf*

My routine working schedule is really such a usual one that I doubt whether its details would furnish much interest. If, however, I might add a personal observation, I would say that I would like to see every green-



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*Chipping one onto Number Three at New Bedford. Note Background of Evergreens*

keeper play golf—I even believe it to be essential for him if he is to get the fullest measure of delight out of his job, and a greenkeeper who has a round on his own course once in a while is surely able to render improved service to his club.

After a game, the greenkeeper is, beyond a doubt, better able to appreciate some of the problems that may confront the chairman of the green committee—and the

two are almost sure then to work together in sympathetic understanding.

#### *Longer Terms for Chairmen*

Talking of Green committee chairmen, by the way, I am strong for the system that retains one man in the greens chairmanship for as long a time as possible. Frequent changes of chairman seem to me to be detrimental

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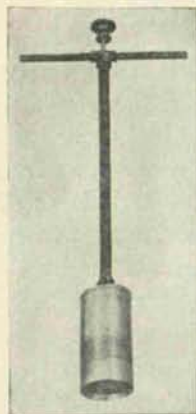
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to the best interests of the club—for when a man who knows a lot about cotton follows a man who knows a lot about greens, it surely isn't so good for the greenkeeper! I congratulated myself when our present chairman was asked to retain office for a second term of two years, and I hope he'll be re-elected for a third. And I also hope he can give me as good a recommendation.

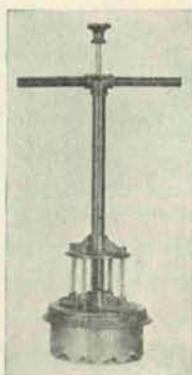


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