

GREENKEEPER'S ALMANAC

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The greenkeeper must be on the alert this month.

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Fairway rolling is one of the most important items on the Calendar.

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In localities where soils are heavy, one must be careful to roll at the proper time. As soon as the frost is out of the ground it will dry rapidly. Do not roll when wet, neither when too dry. You will find there are only six or seven days in which to complete the rolling. Sandy soils can usually be rolled sooner without any fear of damage.

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Greens and tees usually can be rolled sooner than fairways as they dry out more rapidly. This means the raised type of green.

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Get the first top-dressing on the greens as soon as weather permits, first giving the greens a thorough brushing.

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See that the mowing equipment is ready. In some localities mowing is already under way.

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Reseeding and patching bare spots on fairways can still be done. A top-dressing of compost will improve the thin turf on fairways.

Stewart Heads California Greenkeepers

W. W. Stewart was elected president of The Greenkeepers' Association of Southern California, at the annual meeting held at the Chula Vista Country Club, San Diego, California, February 6, 1928.

Other officers elected, were as follows: R. S. Greenfield, Vice-President; J. A. Lyon, Secretary-Treasurer; C. Cavanaugh, W. E. Langdon, W. Kretzchman, E. B. Marzolf, Directors.

While the Southern California Association is young, it is growing very fast. It is already taking steps to obtain an experimental station at Westwood, and the various clubs in the Southern California District through the chairmen of the green committees are co-operating with the greenkeepers towards this end.

New England Holds Maintenance Exhibit

A MAINTENANCE exhibition for New England golf courses was held at the Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst, Mass., March 3 and 4 in conjunction with the spring Flower Show. Upwards of 1000 people visited the exhibition during the two days and the registration showed visitors from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The Decoration committee had built a putting green of redtop in the center of the main exhibition hall, giving the room an attractive golf atmosphere.

Dr. Davis of the Botany department provided an interesting display of brown-patch, having inoculated a box with the fungus. Different sections of the box had different varieties of grass, some being immune while others appeared dead.

A model golf hole was built by the students to give a few suggestions to golf maintenance men.

Soils and fertilizers were arranged in open dishes giving visitors a chance to examine them. A fertilizer chart showing percentage of available nitrogen was given considerable attention as was also the grass which had been fertilized with these fertilizers.

The equipment room was a drawing card throughout both days. All of the well-known makes of fairway units had their sides taken off giving the visitors a chance to examine the working parts. The latest models in putting green and tee mowers with all improvements were on exhibition. A patent bed knife adjuster invented by one of the students of the Course for Greenkeepers was being demonstrated along with other smaller equipment.

The model golf course laid out by one of the country's leading architects was the center of discussion on managerial problems and other problems which the greenkeeper has to deal with.

The climax of each day's exhibition was the Question Box Forum. Each visitor dropped a question that he desired answered in a question box. In the evening these questions were brought up before the Forum presided over by Professor L. S. Dickinson. Five minutes was allowed for discussion of each question. Many good arguments were heard and much useful information was brought out.

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