

Mid-West Holds Golf Tournament

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THE Second Annual Golf Tournament was held September 24 at the Suburban Golf Club, Glenview, by the Mid-West Greenkeepers Association.

This was one of the gala affairs of the season. Thirty entries were started for a number of valuable prizes donated by various manufacturers and distributors in the Middle West. Unfortunately, the weather was very unfavorable to golf. There was a strong wind and the temperature was below normal for the time of year. However, as the contestants were accustomed to all kinds of weather, they were not dismayed.

The winner of the Mid-West Greenkeepers Association's cup was Frank Mastroleo of Geneva Country Club, Batavia. The president's cup was won by Alex Binnie of Shore Acres Golf Club, Lake Bluff. The third trophy was won by Henry Miller of Barrington Hills Country Club, Barrington. This was donated by a former member, Al E. Lundstrom, now greenkeeper of the Crescent Athletic Club, Brooklyn, New York.

Wrist watches were won by each of the winners of the first flight who were Robert Duguid of Evanston Golf Club, Fred W. Sherwood of Northmoor Country Club, J. W. Rueck of Edgebrook Golf Club and P. J. Hardy of Edgewater Golf Club.

A number of side contests enlivened the tournament. Prizes were donated to low gross score, blind bogey, the smallest score for 18 holes and fewest putts on course. Prizes were won by the following greenkeepers among others: Peter Stewart of Lake Shore Country Club, Ryder Cup Bag; Matt Bezek, Beverly Country Club, a pair of wood clubs; Alex Binnie of Shore Acres Country Club, a leather coat; W. J. Howard of Exmoor Country Club, a pair of wooden clubs donated by Alex Pirie; Robert Farmer of Sunset Ridge Country Club, a dozen golf balls. Cassius Easton of Briergate Golf Club made high score on No. 12 hole and won the prize of \$10.

Presentation of all prizes was made in the evening at

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a banquet served at the Wilmette Golf Club. This affair was greatly enjoyed. The occasion was given over to discussion and general sociability.

About Charcoal

FOR a number of years two of our greens have suffered a great deal from the small or so-called dollar brown patch. As they were both very well situated on high well drained locations it was rather puzzling. This year I watched these greens very closely, having spent seven years greenkeeping at Washington I long ago lost my fear of brown patch, so this year I allowed the small brown patch full sway on these two greens to see if I could locate the trouble.

I noticed there was a bad smell to the soil, also it appeared to me the soil was packed more than it should be. The first thing that suggested itself to me as a remedy was charcoal. I knew at least it would do no harm. We put on about four to five hundred pounds to each green. This was done about the latter part of July. We never saw the slightest sign of the dollar patch after that.

Later on in the season some of the other greens became affected with the same trouble. Some we gave a light dose of charcoal, others a heavy dose, like the two already mentioned. The light dose did not do so much good, but the greens dosed heavily came back very readily and stayed O. K. for the rest of the season.

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