

# GREENKEEPER'S ALMANAC

SEPTEMBER

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Try and have all new seeding done by the 15th. This will assure a good root system before winter sets in. Always buy the best grass seed, it is cheapest in the end.

Vegetative bent greens planted now should be in fine shape to carry through the winter.

Now that August is in the discard for another year, we will breathe easier. There will be cooler nights, less danger of "Brown Patch", the grass will have gotten over its rest and take on a new lease of life.

Another light top-dressing will help the greens and tees. Mixing the fertilizer with the compost is a sure way of getting an even distribution. The compost absorbs the ammonia so that the chances of burning are very small. Keep the "Poa Annuua" greens well nourished and watered.

Re-seed bare places on the fairways if you have no turf to patch with. Get the turf garden seeded for fairway patching and locate it where there is an adequate water supply.

There can be no set rule on which grass should be sown, the grass which gives the best satisfaction in your own locality is the best to use.

It may be necessary to water the fairways during the early part of this month.

There are still a great many who have not paid their dues for 1928. The first thing you do this month is, mail a check to the Secretary.

## Tournament Schedule

- August 27-Sept. 1**—Western Golf Association Amateur Championship, **Bob O'Link Golf Club**, Chicago, Ben Freberg, Greenkeeper.
- August 30-31**—Walker Cup Matches, **Chicago Golf Club** Wheaton, Ill., John MacGregor, Greenkeeper.
- September 5-9**—California Golf Association Amateur, **Del Monte**.
- September 8-15**—Silver Totem Pole, Jasper Park, Canada.
- September 10-15**—National Amateur Championship, **Brae**, **Burn C. C.**, West Newton, Mass., John Shanahan Greenkeeper.
- September 24-29**—Women's National Championship, **Virginia Hot Springs Golf and C. C.**, Virginia Hot Springs, Va.
- October 5**—Maryland Open, **Baltimore C. C.**, Baltimore, Md.
- October 5-6**—Lesley Cup Matches, **Winged Foot Golf Club**, Mamaroneck, N. Y., John Elliff, Greenkeeper.
- November 23-25**—Thanksgiving Tournament, **Del Monte**.
- December 25**—Santa Claus Tournament, **Del Monte**.

## In the Chicago District

By EDWARD B. DEARIE, JR.

IN A survey of a number of clubs in the district this year, I find that we have had our share of Brown Patch due to a very unusual summer. Our spring was very cold and dry until the last of May. Then we were visited with rains throughout the months of June and July.

During July rain fell on twenty-one different days. This was followed by intermittent spells of torrid weather. As a result of the climatic conditions prevailing during the first portion of the year, there is now much Brown Patch.

A number of new courses are now being built and contemplated and soon there will be 200 clubs in this district. Close-in sites are now a thing of the past and suitable property is continually rising in value. Those familiar with conditions agree with me that Chicago will lead the country eventually in the number and quality of its links. All offer an interesting diversity of greens study to the greenkeeper.

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