Louisville Opens Doors of Hospitality

Grand program plan for entertainment of greenkeepers and golf club officials who attend the Fourth Annual Greenkeepers' Convention and Golf Show, Feb. 4-7 1930

KENTUCKY HOTEL
This splendid hospitality will be headquarters for National Greenkeepers' Convention in February

LOUISVILLE will throw wide open the famous doors of hospitality for the greenkeepers and golf club officials who attend the Fourth Annual Convention and Golf Show of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America, February 4 to 7, 1930.

This welcome message has just been received from Mr. Harry G. Evans, Secretary and Managing Director of the Louisville Convention and Publicity League, who writes as follows:

"The Louisville Convention and Publicity League subscribes to the old adage 'that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy' and will entertain the 'maintenance department' of the world's greatest sport in the National Association of Greenkeepers of America. This splendid convention will be held in Louisville the first week in February, 1930. Every golf enthusiast in the 'good old town' will join George Davies, member of the executive committee of the association, in seeing that these veterans of the links will enjoy every minute of their stay in Old Kentucky.

"The greenkeepers will find that Louisville is not the 'biggest' town; yet it is large enough to afford metropolitan service and amusements while still within easy reach of the open country. It is not the 'richest' town, but there are few of its inhabitants who know poverty. In one respect it really stands alone—it is the 'friendliest' town, and it is the happy privilege of all its inhabitants to send visitors home knowing that 'Kentucky hospitality' is not merely a phrase but an established fact.

"The hotel service of Louisville is unsurpassed. The accommodations of the various hostelries are ample to care for any convention that may be invited to the city. Service is of the best and the Louisville hotels maintain a reputation for 'even' prices—they are not affected by convention guests. An attractive feature of the hotel arrangements of the city lies in the fact that all the hotels are within a ten-minute walk of each other. All are in the center of the city and in close touch with the business, and amusement part of the town.

"Louisville has a generous equipment of golf courses. The three main clubs are the Louisville Country Club, The Big Springs Golf Club and Audubon Country Club. There are three municipal courses now in operation and one under construction which will be in use early in the summer of 1930. Besides these clubs, there are others in the suburbs which take care of the golf 'bugs' of the smaller localities.

"The club courses of the city are perfect specimens of the golf architect's art. They are nicely designed and well kept. These clubs all have full membership and all have waiting lists. The municipal courses are on

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a par with this type of links found anywhere. The courses themselves have been laid out to get the maximum of sport in the space allotted. Like all municipal courses they are worked too hard and it is a difficult matter to make the greens stand up for an entire summer under the pounding they get. However, all courses are complete with the exception of the 'nineteenth hole,' which has been forced to do a little hiding behind traps of stone and iron bars. Still, with a competent 'caddie,' they may be shot with some degree of comfort.

Old Kentucky Home

EVERY visitor to Kentucky feels that a visit to the 'Old Kentucky Home' at Bardstown is an essential part of the visit.
original small cabin is now reconstructed and stands inside the shrine. This spot is only a few hours’ trip from Louisville and return.

"Among the wonders that nature has placed as a proof of her mysterious workings is Mammoth Cave in Kentucky. This great underground cavern is within easy reach of Louisville. An early morning train takes the guests to the cave, the railroad providing lunch and a visit to the cavern wonders, with a return to Louisville early in the evening, all for a moderate charge. There is no accurate description of the cave. Since its discovery in 1809 many have tried word pictures of the strange and beautiful sights hidden below the earth’s surface, but none has done the work justice. Mammoth Cave must be seen to be properly appreciated.

"For any who may be strictly air-minded, the government-supervised airport at Bowman Field is at the disposal of any guests.

Special Reduced Railroad Fares

Chairman Fred A. Burkhardt of the Show committee working in conjunction with Mr. George V. Jones, City Passenger Agent of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad has secured special reduced railroad fares on all of the railroads to the United States and Canada. It is only necessary to ask the station agent for a certificate stating that you are attending the Greenkeepers’ Convention at Louisville, when you buy your ticket to that destination. When you return home you present your certificate to the station agent at Louisville and receive a full fare ticket home at half price, thereby saving twenty-five per cent of your total round trip fare.

Splendid Educational Program

President John Morley is working up a splendid educational program for the three-day Conferences, held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. He has selected Professor George M. McClure, Soil Technologist, Department of Soils, Ohio State University, to act as Permanent Chairman of the Conferences. Mr. McClure is a specialist on turf culture and has had a lot of practical experience in the construction and maintenance of golf courses in and about the Columbus district. While the complete Conference program is not ready for publication it is known that such well-known authorities as Professor Lawrence S. Dickinson, Massachusetts Agricultural College, Doctor John Monteith, Jr., Arlington Turf Gardens, and Doctor Howard B. Sprague, New Jersey State Experimental Station, will present addresses of great interest to greenkeepers and chairmen. The practical side of greenkeeping will be covered by such well-known men as Alex Pirie, Chicago, Lewis M. Evans, Philadelphia, W. J. Sansom, Toronto, O. J. Noer, Milwaukee, et al.

Show Space Selling Fast

Several thousand dollars of show space has already been contracted for and the most prominent manufacturers and dealers in golf course equipment and supplies will be represented. It will be possible for visiting greenkeepers and golf club officials to see and personally inspect the very latest products in the golf field. The Greenkeepers’ Show is the only exhibition during the year that has these complete lines on display.

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