

The Golf Show At Buffalo

2nd Annual Exhibition of supplies and equipment used in golf course construction and maintenance attracts wide attention



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*Reappointed to handle
the 1930 show.*

THE success of the second annual National Greenkeepers' Golf Show held at Hotel Statler, Buffalo, under the auspices of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America in conjunction with their Convention goes down in history as a splendid achievement. Great credit is due the Show committee and especially to Fred A. Burkhardt, chairman, who worked tirelessly for three months to attain the splendid results which were apparent to all those in attendance.

Comparing the Show held this year in Buffalo with the Show last year at Detroit figures show that at the Detroit Show there were twenty-eight exhibitors occupying a space of approximately forty-five hundred square feet; at the Buffalo Show this year there were thirty-eight exhibitors occupying a space of approximately ten thousand square feet.

As is well known this annual greenkeepers' golf show is sponsored and managed by the greenkeepers themselves and all money received from exhibitors over and above actual expenses is turned into the treasury of the National Association for the betterment of golf.

A review of the exhibits was published in the February Convention number of the *National Greenkeeper* so that repetition is not necessary. We wish, however, to mention a few late comers who were not included in last month's list:

Friend Mfg. Co., Gasport, New York

THIS exhibit which was in charge of Mr. Wm. Tyson, sales manager consisted of one of the famous sprayers known as the Golf "Friend" which has been so popular the past season. This sprayer is used to apply soluble fertilizer which is dissolved in the compartment tank of the high pressure sprayer by

means of a powerful mixer or agitator. It is applied to the turf with a "Friend" Golf Spray Gun in the form of a fine mist with the result that there is no waste of material and no danger of damage because of uneven distribution.

Fungicides and insecticides are applied in the same way, and with the same degree of satisfaction. The Golf "Friend" can also be used for spraying large shade trees and shrubs and for the larger golf clubs is an almost indispensable piece of equipment.

The Barrett Co., New York City
ARCADIAN Sulphate of Ammonia and Arcadian Nitrate of Soda were exhibited by the Barrett Co., of New York under the direction of Mr. H. A. Stoll. These soluble fertilizers are too well known to need description. It is sufficient to say that the Barrett Co. are national distributors of these products and that they are produced for them under specific formulas and guarantees which assures the buyer of the full nitrogen content.

The Barrett Co. publishes booklets with



U. S. G. A. GREEN SECTION EXHIBIT AT BUFFALO very careful and definite instructions as to the use of these fertilizers and they found a ready distribution for these at the Show.

For instance Arcadian Nitrate of Soda is put up in bags of two hundred pounds net with 16.25% nitrogen (19.77% ammonia) guaranteed. The Arcadian Sulphate of Ammonia contains 25¼% ammonia (20¾% nitrogen) guaranteed and the company states that it will not cake or require drying before use.

**I. L. Radwaner Seed Company, New York
City, N. Y.**

THIS old established seed concern had a splendid exhibit in charge of Fred S. Radway and Albert S. Francis. They showed various samples of seed and at the same time distributed a booklet, entitled, "Better Lawns" written by H. R. Cox, Extension Specialist in Agronomy.

Mr. Radway himself, a seed specialist gave free and valuable advice to the greenkeepers and explained in an open-minded manner many of the intricate details of the seed business and how to get full value for money spent.

**Philadelphia Lawn Mower Co., Inc.,
Philadelphia, Pa.**

MR. J. A. CARTER of Chicago had charge of this interesting exhibit of Philadelphia Lawn Mowers and found a ready audience with the greenkeepers, many of whom had never seen this product as it was not exhibited at Detroit last year. This company has been in business since 1869 and claims to be the oldest established lawn mower company in America. Its product consists of mowers to meet the requirements of every size



THE MILORGANITE BOOTH AT THE BUFFALO SHOW

area and it also manufactures horse-drawn and motor mowers of modern and high grade type.

Its latest model is known as the Series "S", a machine built principally of pressed steel, instead of cast-iron. The moving parts are mounted on radial ball bearings while triple roller clutches are used in place of ratchets. The company claims this to be the lightest,

Louisville Next Year

Louisville, Ky., will be the scene of the 1930 National Golf Show, Conference and Convention of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America. The dates as announced by President Morley are February 5-8, 1930

easiest-running, quietest and longest-wearing mower ever built. Style SPG designed especially for putting and bowling greens and tennis courts has eight blades with oil tight gear cases. They also make a six-blade roller type mower and a 21-inch motor mower of unique design and construction.

Thompson Mfg. Co., Los Angeles, Calif.

IT WAS a treat to meet Mr. John Heaslip who had charge of this splendid exhibit and to have him explain the up-to-date sprinkling devices developed by this company through its many years' experience throughout the arid areas of California and the West Coast. There are several months in the year in those sections when there is no rainfall and sprinkling systems are absolutely necessary to grow good turf. It is, therefore, natural that the best equipment should be developed and that it should also be very economical because the cost of water is excessive.

The Thompson Master Sprinkler (illustrated in last month's issue), was the chief feature of this exhibit. It is of the goose-neck type mounted on a roller with five sizes of nozzles and a fool-proof device for regulating the speed or flow of the water. This company also specializes on concealed sprinkling systems for fairways and lawns which are very ingenious and effective.

For those who did not see this exhibit it would be worth while to write this company for their interesting catalogues. The address is 2250 East Seventh St., Los Angeles, Calif.

The Ric-Wil Company, Cleveland, Ohio

THIS company, a newcomer in the golf field, was represented by Mr. R. L. Howden, who explained the method they have for wrapping farm drain tile to prevent seepage of sand and dirt into the drain. The process consists in using Ric-Wil Impregnated Tape which means a coarse, porous, adhesive tape, impregnated with bituminous asphalt, which sticks

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to the tile and requires no tying or wiring.

Ric-Wil tape is water-proof and durable and is made in various widths adaptable to other uses. It may be used to place lengthwise of trench, between broken stone and backfill to keep the stone clear for flow of water. It is also invaluable where pockets of quicksand are encountered in digging trenches. It is also used as a blanket separating gravel and sand in sludge bed bottoms.

The special water-proofing of this tape makes it practically permanent even under constantly wet conditions. And its ease of application in most cases makes it more economical than other materials.

Greenkeepers who have trouble with drainage especially in bunkers were very much interested in this Ric-Wil tape and Mr. Howden was kept busy explaining what it was and how to use it. He had samples of drain tile with the tape around the joint proving its practicability beyond a doubt.

Hal Billig, Chicago

THE feature of this exhibit was the MacGregor Compost Distributor which has been used successfully on many of the best golf courses in the United States.

The MacGregor Compost Distributor is designed to do away

with gang labor, to distribute the compost or topdressing more evenly on the greens and to economize this important operation. It is claimed on the average golf course the MacGregor Distributor will pay for itself in four months because it does the work four times faster and better.

The MacGregor company also makes a compost brush mounted on a light two-wheeled carriage which helps to stimulate the turf and to bring up weeds and bent stolon runners so that the green when cut is even and smooth. Mr. Billig himself was in personal charge of this exhibit and received a fine reception from the greenkeepers.

Swift & Co., Chicago

Represented by Whitney-Noyes Co.
of Buffalo

THIS internationally known company had an exhibit featuring Vigoro, a plant food or fertilizer specially prepared for golf course fertilization.

Vigoro is a well balanced fertilizer used not only for turf but for vegetable gardens, flowers and trees. An interesting circular was distributed showing private estates, gardens, golf courses, parks and cemeteries where Vigoro has been used successfully. Also a photograph of the immense stadium of the University of Illinois showing a foot-

ball game in progress.

Whitney-Noyes Co. handle seed, fertilizers, bulbs and garden stuff generally and are among the best known firms in Western New York in their line.

U. S. G. A. Green Section

ONE of the most interesting exhibits at the Show was that of the U. S. G. A. Green Section in charge of John Monteith, Jr. Mr. Monteith brought from Washington soil samples taken from the Arlington nurseries representing the soils usually found in different parts of the United States. He also had specimens of insects, such as grubs and beetles in different stages of growth and he had a microscope for inspecting these insects in magnified form.

He also showed specimens of grass infected with brown patch showing how this fungus eats away the blades and he also had mounted specimens of the different kinds of turf grasses and weeds showing root and stem in plain relief on white cardboard.

This exhibit was intensely educational and attracted close attention of the greenkeepers, all of whom are interested in the technical work which the Green Section is doing for golf clubs. This is the first exhibit that the U. S. G. A. Green Section has ever made and was prepared especially for the Greenkeepers' Show at Buffalo.

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