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pull out quite a lot of stolons. After a lot of hard thinking I decided to run a temporary water line all around the green. There were six stand pipes with the hose on this water line. Then by moving from stand pipe to stand pipe this green could be watered without the hose ever touching the green. I may add that we were repaid for any extra work by the way this green came out, three weeks after planting we had a perfect green.

Up to last year our greens were hard hit both with winter kill and snow mold. During the 1928 season we cut down on sulphate of ammonia and stopped watering the first week in September and all our greens came through the winter in dandy shape.

Did you ever notice in the late fall when there is heavy frost if the rim of a green is dried out the frost doesn't touch it. But if the grass is green and freezes and you put your foot on it it turns black and usually dies; yet you can walk over the dried out edge without leaving a mark. That's why I like the green to dry out before the snow comes.

In return for the many useful hints I have

received from the magazine I hope some of this will be of use to someone. I wish you could see the greenkeeper's position here in Western Canada. I have been here nine years and a different chairman every year. Each chairman promises everything in the way of new equipment but the following spring you have to start all over again with a new chairman and the old equipment.

Now I want some advice. Our fourth green is shaded, drainage is not too good. On one side (shady side), every year about one month after we stop watering small damp spots appear. On these spots which are usually about one-inch in diameter the grass rots right down to the roots and in the spring the green is covered with small bare spots. Could you please advise?

With very best wishes to yourself and the association.

Arsenate Drives Away Skunks

By SANDERS BEDFORD, Greenkeeper
Massena Country Club, Massena, N. Y.

WE ARE a new club up here at Massena, N. Y. as this is only our fourth season so you all well know what one is up against at a new club. Even so, we have had a very good season considering the amount of dry weather.

Our water hole, which is a small bay on the St. Lawrence river, was surrounded by water this year due to the exceptionally high water so we had to anchor two large scows across for the players to get to the green. This also compelled us to raise the roadway from the green to the next tee.

We had very little brown patch, I think this was because we had a goodly supply of Nu-Green on hand. We were not troubled with grubs this year either. I took care of those fellows last fall and this spring with lots of arsenate of lead.

Two years ago the grubs got in the back of our Number 6 green and to make matters worse the skunks made a raid on it too. I put arsenate of lead on and washed it in, I think I got the skunks as well as the grubs as they have never been around again.

I did not have as many weeds this year as last. Thanks to sulphate of ammonia and

arsenate of lead my weeds and chickweed will soon be a thing of the past.

I have had no trouble with worms this season. I am afraid I must put this down to arsenate of lead and sulphate of ammonia again. One day last fall I was experimenting on the front of Number 7 green for weeds. This green I had extended out some ten or fifteen feet and the weeds were pretty thick, so I put on sulphate of ammonia stronger than strong and the worms would come to the top of the green and burst. Try it somebody.

We have done a little constructing work this fall, built two twenty by thirty-foot tees and two smaller ones for the ladies. We also built a large bank around the back of Number 4 green with mounds on the top. Our intentions are to mow to the top of bank with the greens mower. I also built a large practice putting green this spring and it certainly is beautiful now.

We have a large quantity of well rotted manure we are putting on some of our fairways this fall. We are using Milorganite and charcoal with our topdressing this fall and please don't forget that arsenate of lead.

I am in luck for the 1930 Greenkeepers' Convention for our members have given a substantial sum of money so as I will be able to attend it. Good luck to the National Association of Greenkeepers and long live the "NATIONAL GREENKEEPER"; it's a great tonic every month.

Electric Eradicator Gives Results

By FRED W. SHERWOOD, *Greenkeeper*

The Birmingham Golf Club, Birmingham, Mich.

I AM pleased to relate that up to the present I have not seen the slightest sign of brown patch on our mixed grass greens or on our bent greens at Birmingham. Considering the dry weather our greens have been in excellent condition all season.

We certainly had some crab grass but as fast as it grew had men to weed it out, generally treating the green with sulphate of ammonia after each weeding.

Worms were very scarce, no doubt being very deep in the ground owing to the continued dry weather. I use Electric worm

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We are doing quite a lot of constructing and changing the lay-out of the course. When finished it will be of championship calibre. Eleven new greens are being built, new traps, fairways and tees as well, this together with the drainage system and the laying of water pipes, felling trees and leveling mounds, filling up of holes and all that goes with it even to constructing a golf course, keeps us busy. When completed will give you fuller details in every way. The club is also building a new clubhouse costing \$130,000.

I am always willing to add my little contribution to the "NATIONAL GREENKEEPER" and if the boys get any pleasure out of it, I am happy.

All's Well at Southington

By DICK DECKERT, *Greenkeeper*

Southington Country Club, Southington, Conn.

ANOTHER season is gone, but I have had a good year even with the dry spell against me. All the members of the Southington Country club and visitors were well satisfied with my course, especially my

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