

Minnesota Gossip

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The Greenkeepers' Association of Minnesota has changed their name to the Minnesota Association of Golf Course Superintendents. There was much discussion at the meetings before it was adopted, but finally all agreed that the name had more scope and meaning.

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We have twenty-one active members, most of them members of the National Association. The golf courses in the Twin Cities and vicinity have been coming right along. The Minnikahda Club has entertained the National Amateur some time past. Last year Interlachen had the National Open and this year Keller will be host to the National Public Links and Golden Valley the Trans-Mississippi.

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Many of the members attended the National Convention and reported the meeting a huge success in their reports to their chairmen.

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The Chairmen of the different clubs have offered their courses to the playing members of our association when they meet and want to play.

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There is action under way to have a short course on golf course maintenance at the University of Minnesota. This Association is doing all it can to encourage the plan.

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We are all looking forward to outdoor meetings again.

New Jersey Notes

By JOHN ANDERSON

THE Association of Greenkeepers of New Jersey met recently at the Garland Grant hotel, Long Branch, New Jersey, for their monthly meeting. Rain prevented an inspection of the Norwood Country Club course, which is in charge of Bill Findley, the genial Vice President of the association.

After dinner, and a social hour, and the usual business of the association was dispensed with, the members present were entertained with a report from Edward Stroud, greenkeeper at Lawrence Brook Country Club and Second Vice President of the association, of his visit to England.

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Ed visited his home in Portsmouth, England, this

winter and carried with him a letter of greeting and introduction to the Golf Greenkeepers' Association of Great Britain. They, in turn, held a special meeting and dinner in his honor and, generally, gave him a good time, instructing their secretary to send back with him a letter of thanks and cordial good wishes to the New Jersey association.

Mr. Stroud was taken out to half a dozen golf courses near London and treated royally by the members of the British association, and is enthusiastic in his praise of the genial manner in which he was accepted both by the clubs and the greenkeepers.

The secretary of the British association, Mr. W. H. Smithers of Shirley Park Golf Club, Croyden, Surrey, sent back with Mr. Stroud some of their magazines and bulletins which are very interesting, for comparison with our work here. It was unanimously decided to send copies of the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER to Mr. Smithers for the benefit of the Association in England.

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Over a year ago Professor L. S. Dickinson in his address at the Louisville Convention mentioned that a barometer might be used to check up on the weather conditions, and thereby the greenkeeper might be forewarned when to expect brown patch, his dreaded foe. Since that time many discussions have arisen as to the advisability of adopting this method. Finally it was decided to try it out.

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