

Buffalo Course Fine

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BOB HENDERSON
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BOB HENDERSON, veteran greenkeeper of the Buffalo Country Club, had every reason to be proud of his course during the Women's National Tournament in September. He was our first president of the Western New York Greenkeepers' Association and is now district vice-president of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America.

The Country club course was built about five years ago and is beautifully located in a wooded section, north of Williamsville, an easterly suburb of Buffalo. It has a very fine fairway watering system and during the week of the tournament two Toro tractors were cutting every morning. The contestants stated that the fairways were about the best they had ever played on. In fact the entire course was very well groomed.

I think there are between one hundred forty-five to one hundred and fifty sand traps at the Country club and they were all in perfect condition. No. 1 hole which is only 380 yards long alone has thirteen traps. Before the tournament there were thirty extra men put on to weed the fairways and put the course in championship shape.

Mr. Henderson so organized his work that there was no interference with the play at any time. He has forty tees, all bent; one 18-hole putting green, solid Cocos bent; and a pitching green with three tees and a yardage of 50, 75 and 100 yards respectively. The course was designed by the well-known golf architect, Mr. Donald Ross.

In addition to his Toro mowing equipment, Mr. Henderson uses all Buckner sprinklers on his fairways and greens.

Birmingham Entertains

By FRED W. SHERWOOD, *Greenkeeper*

The Birmingham Golf Club, Birmingham, Michigan

MICHIGAN and Border Cities Greenkeepers' Association met for their annual tournament at the Birmingham Golf Club on Monday, October 5. Following lunch which had been preceded by a meeting of greenkeepers, the boys were anxious to get to the first tee to play for the handsome prizes that had been selected by greenkeeper, Fred Sherwood.

It was a very lovely day as the players teed off in foursomes to "do or die." They were all out to win and despite all the advice and banter about keeping your head down, etc., most of the boys got away to a good start. All had in mind visions of winning one of the many prizes that had been on display and which consisted of an electric clock, cigarette holder and lighter, lighters, safety razors, fountain pens with stand, combination pen and pencil, bill fold, hair brush, silver cups, etc.

Three classes were arranged, A, B and C. In each class there were some stiff struggles and scoring on the whole was low.

The boys found the course in excellent condition and many were the comments on the landscape beauty and the well-conditioned upkeep of the course. Following are the winners of the thirty who teed off: Class "A"—First, John Collins; second, Fred Sherwood; third, Alf Sherwood. Class "B"—First, Benj. Bertram; second, W. Beaupre; third, W. Smith. Class "C"—First, C. Prischorn; second, C. Watling; third, R. Scott; kickers, J. Varn Hagen. Other winners were J. Gowan, Jos. Varn Hagen, Halsted, L. Walker, Wm. Slack and J. O'Brien.

The last two players, winners of the Silver cups, were the outstanding players in their particular class. Brother Slack was inconvenienced by having to use borrowed clubs, but nevertheless his inconsistency was just as brilliant. Visiting greenkeepers to Ann Arbor who would like to see the cup must get in touch with the winners.

Following the distribution of prizes a rising vote of thanks, proposed by President Herbert E. Shave, was accorded Brother Fred Sherwood for the success of the meeting at Birmingham.



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