

Around the Office Desk

Women Enjoy Convention

WIVES of the National Greenkeepers thoroughly enjoyed the New York Convention where they were entertained royally by the Officers of the Greenkeeper's Association and the Exhibitors. There were bus rides, theatre parties and luncheons and this hospitality was much appreciated by the ladies.

Twenty new members were taken in, proving that the Auxiliary association is growing. The dues were reduced to one dollar and the initiation fee is three dollars.

At the Annual meeting the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Jos. Varn Hagen, Detroit; Secretary, Mrs. Willie Smith, Detroit and Treasurer Mrs. John Quail, Pittsburgh.

Layman Praises Convention

Mr. Robert E. Power,
Editor, NATIONAL GREENKEEPER,
Dear Sir:

It may interest the members of the N. A. G. A. to hear from a layman. Being a professional man and always looking after the welfare of humans, I was keenly interested in the trials and tribulations the greenkeepers have raising grass. It wasn't so long ago that I thought as many others do, that turf development was just about the easiest of horticultural endeavors. But your exhibits and conferences at the Hotel Pennsylvania opened my eyes to the many difficulties you encounter. If more golfers would only visit your conventions they would then appreciate the courses and the efforts of the greenkeepers.

Let me compliment you and your wonderful committees on the splendid show and especially the Thursday night banquet and Friday stag which I was fortunate enough to attend. The food was excellent, the music and entertainment just right and the speakers of the evening sounded the right note when they urged closer co-operation between our Green committee chairmen and greenkeepers. My hat off to Robert J. Hayes, I know he was responsible for a wonderful program; Ganson Depew should use him as a running mate in his presidential campaign if he really wants to get results.

More publicity to these conventions and educational conferences and the golfers will eventually appreciate the fact that the greenkeepers are really the ones responsible for better golf courses.

Very truly yours,
PHILIP BACK, D. D. S.

237 Willis Ave., New York City.
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Depew Offers Cooperation

Mr. Robert E. Power,
Editor, NATIONAL GREENKEEPER, INC.,
405 Caxton Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Power:

I have returned to Buffalo with the most delightful recollections of my attendance at the Convention of National Greenkeepers' Association of America, and the banquet last night in New York City. In my attendance at the sessions I was particularly impressed with the splendid papers which were read and which were of the utmost value to all greenkeepers. The attendance of over 500 men at the meetings testifies to the great interest which is now being taken in greenkeeping and thoroughly justifies the existence of the National Greenkeepers' Association. It was a great pleasure for me to renew my friendship with many greenkeepers whom I have known for years, and to make the acquaintance of others.

I was deeply touched at the banquet in being informed that I had been elected an Honorary Member of the National Greenkeepers' Association as an evidence of their esteem and affection for me and for whatever I have been able to do as Chairman of the Green Section, U. S. G. A. in bringing the greenkeepers and our Association in closer touch and co-operation with each other. In my thirty years of golf I have received many honors but none I will esteem higher than the Honorary Membership which was conferred upon me last evening.

I think we can regard the Green Section of the U. S. G. A., and the greenkeepers of America as one great big happy family, and certainly we are this with five greenkeepers on the Advisory Committee of the Green Section.

With my very best wishes for the future success of the National Greenkeepers' Association which with the help of your splendid magazine, the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER, is doing so much for the development of better turf conditions on the golf courses of this country,
I am,

Cordially yours,
GANSON DEPEW,
Chairman, U. S. G. A. Green Section.

Marine Trust Bldg.,
Buffalo, New York.
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