

New Jersey Notes

By JOHN ANDERSON, *President*,
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THE Greenkeepers' Association of New Jersey held its regular monthly meeting at the Newark Athletic Club, Newark, N. J., on Monday, December 7. As it was the annual meeting and election of officers besides a dinner and entertainment for the boys and their wives or sweethearts there was a large attendance. Forty-four sat down. Afterwards there was dancing, singing and music, and the cares of the golfing season were forgotten for the time being.

Our guests included Mr. R. F. Arnott, chairman of the New Jersey State Golf Association Green Section, Dr. and Mrs. Howard B. Sprague and Mr. E. E. Eveal, both of New Jersey State College at New Brunswick, and Mr. Robert J. Hayes of Pelham Country Club, Westchester, New York.

The officers of the Association for 1932 will be: President, John Anderson, Crestmont Golf Club, West Orange; Vice President, William Finlay, Norwood Country Club, Long Branch; Secretary, E. Stroud, Lawrence Brook Country Club, South River; Treasurer, A. D. Burton, Mountain Ridge Country Club, West Caldwell. The retiring officers were awarded a hearty vote of thanks for steering the Association Barque through a heavy, stormy and yet prosperous sea.

The keynote at each meeting of men engaged in maintenance of golf courses in the country today is economy. 1932 will see many budgets cut and many greenkeepers worried as to how they are to maintain their courses in the best possible condition with a depleted allotment of funds at their disposal. There will be many discussions between Green chairmen and their greenkeepers to find the best possible way out of the difficulty confronting them.

It seems to me that President Morley's letter to Green chairmen and greenkeepers should answer a very pertinent question. Chairmen by sending your greenkeepers to New York City, January 19-22 to the greatest convention and golf equipment exhibition ever held in the history of the game of golf, will be doing your club a great service.

Every greenkeeper will see for himself the latest labor-saving machines for every operation; he will hear experts talk on the best methods for combating turf diseases on greens and fairways, and watering systems and fertiliz-

ing methods which have been tried out and found to be correct for his particular condition or location; all of which is going to be passed on to the clubs so that the members will enjoy the best possible golf turf at the lowest cost to them.

Greenkeepers—bring your Chairmen along with you and let them see for themselves what type of men those greenkeepers are, and show them those machines, mowers, compost distributors, and spike rollers you have been telling them about. Last but not least come to the banquet. Robert J. Hayes and his committee are supplying a banquet and entertainment the like of which can only be had in little Old New York.

Minnesota Gossip

By H. E. STODOLA, *Secretary*

THE Minnesota Association held its December meeting at Glenwood Golf Course, Minneapolis. All of the active members were present.

The business meeting was promptly called by Chairman Feser. The first subject brought up was the Minnesota short course. It will be held at the University in February. Speakers are being lined up and a worthy program arranged. It is planned to have the annual meeting and banquet at the same time. Letters will be sent to all the greenkeepers in Minnesota asking them to attend. A drive will be made to get more members.

Every member has a prospect for membership in the National Association of Greenkeepers of America and Mr. Quail, secretary, should be receiving applications soon.

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Mr. Johnson, general superintendent for the Minneapolis Park Board, dropped in to pay his respects and inquire about the short course which he plans to attend.

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This association is sending two special delegates to the Convention. They are chosen by blind vote. Part of their expenses will be paid out of our treasury. It is up to them to submit a complete report on their return from New York City. We are very proud to have our own Leo Feser on the Program at the Convention. District vice-president, Charles Erickson, plans on a short visit to Virginia while he is in the east. As January comes closer more enthusiasm is being created and Minnesota should have a good representative group at the Convention.

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The business meeting was lively and interesting and more work is accomplished each time. The fellows get into the spirit of the thing and enjoy every minute. The Scandinavian hospitality crops out and an excellent lunch was served in the clubhouse. Candles on the table and Christmas decorations. It isn't often that a greenkeeper eats in the clubhouse and he surely appreciates it. The time is coming when the clubs will realize

that greenkeepers are gentlemen in spite of their overalls and are quite at ease in fine surroundings.

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We want to thank Carl Erickson for the fine spread. He is a busy man. He works for the Park Board thirteen months a year, if you count the overtime he puts in. He is responsible for three hundred and sixty acres of park which includes an 18-hole golf course. The greens are of the sand variety but must be good because fifty-six thousands rounds were played on them this year.

Indiana Elects Officers

By CHESTER COVAL, *Secretary*

THE fourth annual meeting of the Indiana Greenkeepers' Association was held December 12, 1931, at the Lincoln Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana, with a large number in attendance. It was a splendid meetings. Several points of interest were discussed.

One of the important events of the evening was the election of new officers, which was as follows: Carl Bretzlaff, president; Carl Coy, first vice president; Albert Esterline, second vice president; Victor George, third vice president; Chester Coval, secretary and treasurer.

We are very sorry to see Victor George give up the presidency. He has served as president for three years, doing a very splendid work. However, we are sure our new president, Carl Bretzlaff, will also be "right on the job." He has acted as secretary of the Association for two years and his work in this capacity has certainly proved to us that his whole heart is in this work.

After the meeting there was a quite a discussion of the National Convention to be held in New York, Jan. 19, 1932, and from all indications Indiana will be well represented.

Canadian News

By J. H. EVANS, *Golf Editor*
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INTERESTING observations and conclusions on conditions which concerned course superintendents and greenkeepers in eastern Canada last year were contained in a paper presented to the December meeting of the Ontario Greenkeepers' association by President W. J. Sansom. Mr. Sansom's observations and conclusions were accepted by the majority of greenkeepers who attended the meeting which is the first of a number to be held until the 1932 season commences.

The condition which formed the basis of Mr. San-

som's paper to the association was the scalding of many of the better known courses during the months of June, July and August, generally accepted as being due to excessive heat and humidity, but a condition unknown in Canada until it occurred last summer. The public courses and courses of clubs with limited finances did not suffer to the same degree as the courses of clubs with large memberships who were not compelled to place a rigid restriction on expenditures for course maintenance.

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Mr. Sansom's study of the conditions prevailing on the well-known courses of prosperous clubs and the courses of the struggling organizations caused him to come to the conclusion that fertilizer and climatic conditions was the combination which created the scalding. He noted that fortunately no permanent damage had been suffered by any course which had been injured to a considerable extent.

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Mr. Sansom explained that the summer of 1930 was outstanding on account of lack of moisture and that many of the clubs had used fertilizer to make certain of no damage to their fairways and greens and for general reasons. The nourishment given to the courses in 1930 under the excessive heat of 1931 and the humidity decomposed. The nitrogen of the fertilizer was too great for the grass to take up, he explained.

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Proceeding Mr. Sansom pointed out that an unusual explanation was required for the scalding of courses in Canada which had never suffered to any extent from scalds and had weathered similar conditions in previous years. The obvious, he said, compelled him to come to the conclusion that something more than natural climatic conditions was responsible for the trouble which confronted greenkeepers for many weeks. He believed, as a consequence, that the explanation could be found in the artificial and the natural and that organic fertilizer was the factor responsible for the damage.

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Mr. Sansom noted that the Mississauga course in Toronto was severely affected by scalding. He observed that the club had been awarded the Canadian open championship and then commenced in the fall of 1930 and the spring of 1931 to prepare its fairways and greens for the tournament.

The course was laid out through a valley with a stream flowing through it, and in a position to feel the effects of scalding early if it could be charged to fertilizer. He pointed out that scalding appeared on the Mississauga club's course simultaneously with the heat and humidity.

"Another reason for my conclusion is the fact that the public courses and the courses of the clubs with limited funds were not so severely affected," he said. "This