

# Minnesota Gossip

By H. E. STODOLA, *Secretary*

**T**HE October meeting of the Minnesota Association was held at Midland Hills and the University course.

There are many fine things about Midland Hills. The main one is the foundation on which the course is operated. The club house is managed by a capable manager who believes a club house is best managed by a man who devotes his full time to that part of the golfing plant. Then the pro has his shop and what a fine shop it is. He is an excellent instructor and a real booster for the pros—being active secretary for the Minnesota P. G. A. for years.

## PICHA IS LEADER AMONG YOUNG GREENKEEPERS

**T**HEN we come to the course proper, managed by the greenkeeper, Emil Picha, who is responsible only to the Greens chairman. I am so bold as to say he is the leader of the younger generation of greenkeepers of this country. His course shows it. The tees are large, fit into the surroundings, drain to the back and are mostly tough thru reseeding *Poa Annua*.

The fairways are getting better each year. They are carefully watered. The hydrants are in the center of the fairways for convenience and economy. I may say here that his water plant will pump 350 gallons per minute at sixty-five pounds pressure.

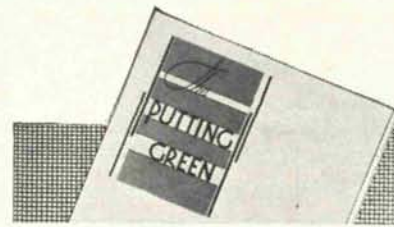
His approaches blend into the greens. His greens are well taken care of, putt fine and hold a pitch. However, Emil is striving for a finer putting surface and as he says, "I want it to resemble mohair." His equipment is well-cared for. His books and budgets are a lesson for most of us. This man Picha is a thinker and planner and his course shows it.

From here we went to Art Anderson's course, the University Recreation field. Art is a protege of Charles Erickson, the dean of the Minnesota greenkeepers. Charley can be proud of Art because he and Mr. Smith, intra-mural director, have made a real golf course for the University. It is a course of many problems. Some greens are Metropolitan, some Virginia, some Seaside, Washington and Woodhill bent. They all require different treatment.

Art manages to keep them all in good playing condition, but it is like feeding a mixed herd, they do not all eat alike nor do they all produce the same. While on greens I want to say that Art stands on record as the biggest hater of *Poa Annua* greens in this wide world. He has had 'em and know they are even more fickle than blonds, here today, gone tomorrow.

University has spacious tees and goodness knows they need them. The Profs may know their math and history, but they surely flunk when it comes to divots. The fairways are wide and watered.

This course is well wooded but as fast as the red oaks



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die out Art is ready to plant another tree. Traps. This course has two new ones that are a work of art. They have a large practice tee and fairway that would be a credit to any course. University Recreation Field is a fine golf course and is the reward of hard, intelligent work.

At both these clubs we had Hoover beer, or coffee and good cigars for all. The next meeting will be at the Minikahda tool house, 1:00 o'clock, Monday, November 14.

# New Jersey Notes

By JOHN ANDERSON, *President*  
*Greenkeepers' Association of New Jersey*



JOHN ANDERSON

**S**INCE the June meeting at Hopewell Valley Country Club the activities of the New Jersey Greenkeepers Association have not been forwarded to the *National Greenkeeper*.

The July meeting was held at Princeton, the course that the students at the college use. The layout is in the charge of Lew Whalen and is a credit to him considering the number of rounds of golf played in a season. Lew has been conducting some experiments with Metropolitan bent on his greens and tees and it seems as if the Princeton course will soon be solid Metropolitan bent. It looks beautiful.

The August meeting was held at Crestmont and while we had no surprises along turf management lines to show, the boys had a good test of golf on the long, hilly



course. The Chairman of the Greens, Mr. G. J. Easton, played with the gang and was very interested in some of the comments made and the criticisms given when the scores were high.

For the September meeting the association was entertained at Hollywood Golf Club, Deal, New Jersey, one of the oldest and richest golf clubs in the metropolitan district. Joe Conover is the greenkeeper and what a beautiful and luxurious course he has. Nothing is wanting at Hollywood that tends to make golf attractive and sporty, including sand traps.

Joe entertained the boys royally, and the chairman of the Green Committee, Mr. Rosener, entertained the association at dinner in the club house. Needless to say Mr. Rosener was awarded a standing vote of thanks and many tributes to his course.

#### PINE VALLEY RESEMBLES SCOTLAND

WE WERE invited to Pine Valley for the October meeting, where you think you are in Scotland among the sand dunes and the heather and the broome. What a test of golf!—difficult, beautiful, and what fairways and scenery. We were welcomed by George Cunningham, our old friend who is manager, and E. Steineger, the greenkeeper, who had arranged for lunch and dinner in the club house.

After a stirring meeting in which lively discussions were engaged, the principle of which was, if it is necessary to further economize how can we do it without hurting the golf course, and it was generally conceded that all of us had reached a line which if passed was bound to reflect on the condition of the courses. After a few reminiscences from Mr. Cunningham, the meeting adjourned and we departed with happy thoughts of Pine Valley.

## Michigan State Greenkeepers' Tournament

By HERBERT E. SHAVE, *Greenkeeper*  
Oakland Hills Country Club, Birmingham, Michigan

MICHIGAN and Border Cities greenkeepers and the Western Michigan greenkeepers association held their second August get-together tournament at the Oakland Hills Country Club, Birmingham, on September 19.

Sixty-six greenkeepers from the State of Michigan and Border Cities sat down to a good lunch. Wm. Smith, treasurer Detroit district association, extended a hearty

welcome to the boys from up-state. Mr. Mathews of the Western Michigan association ably responded, and then there was a great rush to the 1st tee to start tournament play over the south course. There was a team match, six men on a side. The Western boys won by six strokes.

#### CONNELLAN WINS MICHIGAN PRIZE

W. M. CONNELLAN, Mount Vernon country club, Rochester, Mich., won the Silver cup with a medal score of 77. Winners in the Western Association, 1st Floyd Hammond; 2nd, John Phelps; 3rd, L. H. Dustin; 4th, Ed. Benedict, and 5th, S. Dustin.

Winners in the district association, 1st, T. Slosson; 2nd, Fred Sherwood; 3rd, H. Prieskhorn, 4th, Herbert E. Shave, and 5th, J. Collins.

Kickers Handicap, 1st, C. Clanns; 2nd, Herbert E. Shave; 3rd, T. Slosson; 4th, J. E. Dustin, and 5th, Fred Sherwood.

Booby prize, T. Elphrick. Everybody enjoyed the day and went home to start practicing for 1933.

## Buffalo News

By H. FRANK NICHOLS

AS SECRETARY of the W. N. Y. G. A., I am writing a bit of news about one of the courses in our district.

It is well-known thruout western New York, that the Buffalo Country is undoubtedly the best groomed course in the district. It seems to be the one club and grounds where nothing is neglected.

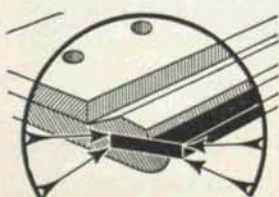
Our district vice president, Bob Henderson, received many compliments last year when the Women's National Open was played at his course.

Recently, however, Gene Sarazen played an exhibition at this course and the following day quoted to the Buffalo papers, that it was the best conditioned course he had played this year.



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