I CERTAINLY believe in greenkeepers playing golf—because they get the golfer's point of view as to lies on fairways and greens, etc., and as a whole the playing greenkeeper has the tendency to keep the golf course in better condition.

GEORGE ROBB,
Hillcrest Country Club,
Kansas City, Missouri.

GOLF should be played by the greenkeeper—the main object being to keep the rules of golf fresh in his memory. It is necessary to know the rules of golf to keep a course in championship condition. The average greenkeeper can never expect to excel in the game of golf, as the duties of greenkeeping prevent it, therefore, he cannot by his own game criticize the hazards or the fairness of a course fairly.

JOHN MacGREGOR,
Chicago Golf Club,
Wheaton, Illinois.

IT enables the greenkeeper to better know the condition of his greens, fairways, tees and rough. Looking at a green is not testing the putting surface, so play golf at least once a week, then you will soon learn what the members like and dislike, giving you a chance to remedy them before there is a complaint.

J. O. CAMPBELL,
Eastridge Country Club,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

GREENKEEPERS should play golf because it gives them a better knowledge of the building and the upkeep of their golf course, and they also get acquainted with the bad lies and poorly kept places by being in one of them themselves. It shows them what the average member is up against.

MICHAEL J. O'GRADY,
New Bedford Country Club,
North Dartmouth, Mass.

YES, but he should not let it interfere with his work. First, it keeps him fit to meet his many duties on his course. Second, he observes many things to overcome which sometimes are not noticed in his many walks over his course. Third, it brings him more closely in touch with the player's viewpoint of the course.

CHAS. L. REAM,
Tuckaway Country Club,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

AS a player a greenkeeper naturally is more interested in all pertaining to the immediate requirements of the daily golfer. In playing he finds many small matters of no great consequence in themselves, yet by immediate attention he effects a saving of a bigger job later on in a complaint to his chairman of himself personally. Until recent years I always played my course.

Of late, however, owing to inability to catch up with my club’s requirements, I find I get all the exercise I want, and after hours (if a greenkeeper ever has such) my "golf widow" insists upon one hour of my company before retiring.

CHRISTOPHER BAIN,
Oakwood Country Club,
Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

I SAY yes. I find that I can see more work to be done in playing 18-holes than I could if I walked around the course a dozen times. Also how are you going to keep the course in shape if you don't understand and play the game? If someone asked me to fly an airplane and I did not know how, what kind of luck do you suppose I would have? That is the way I look at a greenkeeper's not playing golf.

JAKE SCHNAPP,
Country Club,
Toledo, Ohio.

YES, a greenkeeper ought to know the game just as much as any fair golfer, and then he can find the faults and improve them with no need of an architect. The game will help him in everything in general about his work. I approve it very heartily, from a business standpoint.

JOSEPH VALENTINE,
Merion Cricket Golf Club,
Philadelphia, Penna.

IN the interests of his own occupation he ought to play golf. Why stand round like a wooden image whilst the pro, (because he is a player) tells the Green committee where the greenkeeper should place the next trap. By playing golf he sees his own course as the members and players see it and understands at once why some member kicked where the hole was placed in the last competition. Be up-to-date, play golf, enjoy some of its thrills, and you don't have to neglect your work to do so.

FRED W. SHERWOOD,
Northmoor Country Club,
Ravinia, Illinois.

Say you saw the ad in The National Greenkeeper
ever, when one wishes to secure the best possible results, in the planting of evergreens, it is well worthwhile to take into consideration the desires and requirements of the various trees.

Swamp-loving Evergreens

The white cedars Retinosporas, and Arbor Vitae are all very close related and probably make up nearly half of all the different evergreens which are planted. Because they are planted in such large numbers and so often in places entirely unsuited for them, failures are very common. These trees in nature grow luxuriantly in deep swamps and marshes. Often times they make up almost entirely the trees along rivers and the borders of swamps. They grow so luxuriantly under these conditions that they are able to force out willows, poplars, and other equally swamp loving trees. When the needs of these trees are such it seems utterly foolish to plant them on high, dry, sandy knolls and well drained slopes. Entirely too often are they so placed that they struggle along for a few years and then give up the struggle to the great disappointment of the one who ignorantely planted them where it was utterly impossible for them to succeed.

Since the larch was mentioned in the early part of this article as a tree belonging in the group of evergreens, although it is not an evergreen, it is well to give its requirements at this point. Requirements of the larch are almost identically the same as those of the cedars and Arbor Vitae. One may secure a stunted, scrawny specimen when the larch is planted in moderately dry soil, but in order to get the best it should be planted in places such as those described for the immediately preceding species.

Junipers Flourish With Little Encouragement

Quite often it is necessary to select some evergreen which will grow in poor, rocky, dry, waste ground. When such is the case, select the junipers. There are many beautiful and desirable species together with scores of horticultural varieties. This makes up the group of evergreens that you can expect to grow into beautiful, worthwhile specimens, even though the soil is so poor that it is impossible to get anything to grow.

Editor's Note: Mr. Scherer, in submitting the foregoing article for publication in the National Greenkeeper, said, "I only wish the information contained in this article could be broadcast to everyone who is thinking of planting an evergreen tree." Now that you have read it once, you'd better go over it again.

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ways. The work is nearly completed and the new holes will be ready to play on next summer.

Of course this can only be accomplished by the help and co-operation of the Green committee and the kind consideration of the players in overlooking an un-raked bunker or a rough that has become a little long, understanding that we did not intentionally neglect any of our regular work of keeping up the course.

Clippings and Bags
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the removal and disposition of clippings in the above manner is now a daily operation, the men taking the same interest in it as they do in keeping their greens in shape.

“Clippings and Burlap Bags” is not much to write about, but using them as we do here on a course in its second year, surely saves a lot of time and does a lot of good.

Chat With President
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avoid penalties in his play through knowledge of certain rules, and definitions necessary to avoid complaints.

WE are all born into the world debtors to the past, and during our lives to our friends whose companionship has helped us develop character and give us ideals.

GUY C. WEST, Fall River, Mass., says, “The ability on the part of a greenkeeper to read and observe intelligently, knowing when to adapt someone else’s experience to his own use will advance him materially.” I personally agree with him.

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IN the great rush to get somewhere, men are prone to lose sight of the moral trend of modern life. The common excuse is lack of time.

IF you are interested in the care of trees on your course, read Mr. C. M. Scherer’s articles which appear in our magazine. Mr. Scherer is principal of the Davey Institute of Tree Surgery, Kent, Ohio.

WILLIAM BROWN, Trumbull Country Club, Warren, Ohio has had a hard struggle to get the clover out of his putting greens. I suggested to this club that they would get a nice batch of clover when they allowed the architect to use too much vegetable fertilizer. By the way, William was not twenty-one years old when he took charge of this 18-hole course.

BE yourself, be sincere. If you are sincere you will attract friends of a like nature.

VEGETATIVE PLANTING” by Lyman Carrier, an article which appeared in our last issue was very interesting. If you have not read it do so. If you have, read it over again.

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