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A circular piece of galvanized sheet iron, with a hole in the center to receive the sprinkler casing is used as a cap for the tile, to keep the dirt away from the gravel chamber.

Winter drainage is provided by laying the feed line uphill from the main, or if this is not possible, by hand valve, ball and socket, cross-tee wells, or other types of drains. The sprinklers and casings are self-draining.

Underground concealed sprinklers are here to stay, very definitely so, and it behooves every greenkeeper who wishes to be up to date to acquaint himself by testing sample sprinklers and making trial installations. Any manufacturer of such equipment should be glad of the opportunity to send any responsible Green chairman or greenkeeper on or more sample sprinklers with blue print instructions covering their installation.

### Hoseless Green Systems

H OSELESS green irrigation is not new. For several years the California irrigation systems have been used on the greens. The outlets were placed on the edges of the greens. Unfortunately this method is not adaptable to greens surrounded by sand traps, particularly on tight ground. Wet traps are not desirable on any course.

The recent introduction of satisfactory "half-circle" sprinklers adjustable to any arc. has facilitated the adoption of hoseless irrigation to greens regardless of size or shape, confining the water entirely within the irregular perimeter of the greens.

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to its own location. If the sprinklers are used as portables, then each sprinkler must be numbered and likewise each outlet and each evening every one of the sixty numbered sprinklers must be placed in its correct and correspondingly numbered outlet. Quite a job.

On the other hand perhaps there will be objections from the players to two, three and, in some cases, four fixed sprinklers standing ten inches high and just off the putting surface. True, none of the sprinklers interfere with direct approaches. A ground rule is necessary for the balls which come to rest close to the sprinklers or are stymied.

In the case of Cascade Hills Country Club, the Green committee does not anticipate objections from the players. Perhaps there is a psychological element involved. With the club going through the throes of a bond issue. followed by construction of a deep well, reservoir, pressure pumping plant, hoseless tees, and fairway hose irrigation, it is probable that the players will accept the fixed sprinklers around the greens as merely another innovation. Perhaps, if only the hoseless green sprinklers were installed, there might be plenty of objections.

Why not an underground half-circle sprinkler? So far there is none that has the necessary range combined with the necessary adjustability. Manufacturers are working on this development, with considerable hope.

Greenkeepers should appreciate the fact that most of the "'lapping" in hoseless irrigation is imaginary rather than actual. All sprinklers "taper off" at the edges of their distribution areas. The distribution curves of the better sprinklers show a sharp falling off at the end of the "throw." For this reason some lapping is necessary in order to secure a good distribution.

We should add that we are using numbered portable half-circle sprinklers on several trial hoseless greens at Pomonok Country Club, Long Island. After the full season's operations conclusions can be drawn as to the relative merits of the fixed sprinklers and portable sprinklers for hoseless greens. August, 1930

Rolling Stock vs. Underground Equipment  $E^{ASTERN}$  greenkeepers are having some difficulty in accepting snap valve equipment: "it leaks"—"the couplers break"— "the tractors wreck it." One greenkeeper whom we encountered in our travels objects to snap valves and concealed sprinklers because the lugs one and one-half inches long on his tractors play havoc with the valves and sprinklers. Some day this estimable gentleman will wake up and announce to his tractormen that running the lugged drive wheels over valves or sprinklers constitutes automatic walking papers.

The trouble with snap valve and concealed sprinkler equipment lies not in the equipment but in the greenkeepers who are not familiar with the newer equipment. Pacific Coast greenkeepers laugh at the fuss our Eastern greenkeepers make about the underground equipment: say that the Easterners are not "snapvalve minded." Of course the California courses, with nearly one hundred thousand pieces of concealed irrigation equipment of all kinds, are in a position to appreciate the advantages of such equipment.

You could not induce any California greenkeeper to go back to their methods of ten years ago, any more than you could get a resident of Southern California who come from say, "Hoosierland" or "Ioway," to go back to Indiana or Iowa to live.

The use of concealed irrigation equipment East of the Sierras is increasing by leaps and bounds. Many of our greenkeepers are not familiar with its care and use and of course have minor troubles with it; but as their familiarity increases so will their appreciation of these labor-saving, time-saving conveniences increase.

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Hose is doomed on large turfed areas and while it will be some years in passing, the greenkeepers of America can read the handwriting on the wall, and will govern themselves accordingly.



# Mid-West Greenkeepers' Page

BY A. L. BRANDON, Secretary

THE June meeting of the Midwest at Harlem Hills Country Club, Rockford, was one of the best attended outdoor meets held this year. It seems that the farther the boys have to go to attend these meetings the larger the turnout. Mr. Alfred Buller of Lakeside, Michigan, (Chikaming Country Club) who has only missed three meetings in as many years, had about 150 miles to come.

Our next meeting will be at Skokie Country Club, Glencoe, July 28th. Come on Midwest members let's see if we can't out do the Rockford attendance record. Mr. Charles Korsgren is the greenkeeper at Skokie.

Those of you who recall Mr. C. M. Harrison's talk to Midwest members last March, when he attempted to show that the amount of root system depended upon the area of leaf surface of that species of grass, providing that there were no other limiting factors, had visible proof to its correctness when they examined those plots at the U. S. Green Section



MATT BEZEK President Mid-West Greenkeepers Association

demonstration gardens July 8th. The first plot had been cut continuously at 3/8 inch and showed a weedy thin turf with frequent bare spots. The other plot, cut continually at 3/4 inch, had uniform coverage and was less weedy. It required no expert to ascertain which was the proper method to follow.

We might add that Mr. Harrison is studying for his doctor's degree and expects to finish by the latter part of August, certainly we all hope him the best of luck and success in his thesis.

Mill Road Farm Course (Mr. Lasker's private course) certainly rates as one of the best in the Midwest. This was the unanimous opinion of the 140 that played it following the U. S. G. A. Green Section meeting. It was also very apparent that Mr. Tregillus, could handle Virginia bent.

Small brown patch is as prevalent as ever in the Chicago district and as usual some strains of grasses are more susceptible than others. Those who have no small patch certainly don't realize how lucky they are. During the afternoon of the Green Section meet, small brown patch was observed working in the Cocoos bent plot.

Although the U. S. G. A. Green Section meet July 8th, at the Lasker estate had not been advertised as greatly as the previous year the attendance of those interested in turf and its problems, produced an enthusiastic gathering. The garden had been enlarged and a greater variety of experiments are being made. Probably the most noteworthy and impressive results are those in connection with fertilizing practices. As the age of these plots increases of course, the results will be more evident.

These experimental plots and demonstration gardens are always open to all interested persons, and frequent visits surely would prove beneficial.

# How I Fertilize My Greens

BY LAWRENCE HUBER, Greenkeeper Elks Country Club, Worthington, Ohio Read at the Green Section meeting of the Central District Golf Association, June 10



LAWRENCE HUBER He has made a great reputation in the Columbus district fertilizer is "Weeds."

Last year I used Milorganite but had to use

ARLY in the spring as much aga after rolling is completed, I topdress the Milorgan greens with one yard Being an org

my greens with one yard compost mixing about half sand with one hundred pounds of fertilizer added to each yard of compost for each green. I use half sand on account of our soil being heavy clay. The fertilizer I used this year is 8-5-3 purchased from the Smith Agriculture Chemical Co., Columbus. The name of this as much again in the topdressing as 8-5-3 to get the same results. I noticed, however that the Milorganite lasted longer than the 8-5-3. Being an organic fertilizer, the grass had a supply of nitrogen to keep drawing from. In weed control the 8-5-3 was much better than the Milorganite. Our greens were infested with chickweed before using "Weeds" but since using it this year we are gradually getting rid of it. We still have plenty of it, but it will take time to completely control it.

In March of this year while the ground was still frozen I took some sulphate of ammonia and sprinkled it heavy on spots of chickweed on about half of our greens. It was so cold that it laid there and didn't burn at all until the sun came closer and then it did its work. By putting it on heavy it burned the chickweed and also the bent. I finally had to plug some



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of the larger burnt spots to get them together quickly.

About a month later when we got our 8-5-3 I thought I would try it on the other half of the greens to kill the chickweed. We sprinkled it on the spots the same as I did the sulphate and the sun by that time was plenty warm. I left it on the spots from noon until the next morning and then washed them off with the hose. On every spot where I used the "Weeds" or 8-5-3 the chickweed disappeared but the bent kept on growing and wasn't even scorched.

Every three to four weeks since our first topdressing I topdress the greens the same way only instead of using one hundred pounds of fertilizer I use only about forty to fifty pounds. Also after cutting the greens down to putting length I can only work about one-half yard of compost into them and still have them playable.

### Topdressing with Pure Sand

I HAVE this year given our greens two topdressings of pure sand, one of which I am now putting on. Our greens have been packing by using heavy roller mowers but since I have added more sand to our topdressing the soil doesn't pack like it did and we are getting along fine with our power mowers.

I think that keeping these topdressings up during the entire season will work anywhere. Some don't think you should fertilize during July and August, but I think a light topdressing with around twenty to twenty-five pounds of fertilizer added will be a big help in keeping greens during that time.

I use lots of water especially after putting on the topdressing. We wash it in thoroughly with water. I haven't put anything on the greens to keep them over winter and they have always come back in the spring healthy.

About fairways: We intended this year to put three hundred pounds of 8-5-3 to the acre. We were going to put it on in three applications. I put one hundred and fifty pounds on the first part of April and intended to put one hundred pounds on now, but since it is so dry, will wait until September and then put on the other hundred and fifty pounds. I use an endgate fertilizer spreader to put this on with and it fastens on the back of our Toro steel wagon. One man sits in the cart and feeds it and the other man runs the tractor. We are lucky to have around one hundred loads of manure to use in thin spots this fall and will put that on with a manure spreader.

Now let's hear how some of you do your fertilizing.

## Greenkeepers Visit Toronto

(Continued from page 6)

of mutual interest and to effect sound economies in the interest of the game while protecting the interests of all, and that Columbus had been accepted as the next convention city.

As he left Mr. Morley was extended another invitation to visit Toronto and was assured of a greater measure of hospitality from the Canadian members of the association, who, although not large in numbers, were unanimous in their view that the association was vital to their interests and that it would play a larger part in the development of golf. The National Greenkeeper

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Water is one of the necessary elements of plant life. To grow grass without water would be as impossible as to grow it without air or sunshine. Hot weather is more injurious to grass than cold weather. Turf often thrives under a blanket of snow but dies quickly under the heat of the summer sun when not properly watered. Scorched dead grass instantly ruins the appearance of any golf links.

Fortunate indeed is the golf course where the rain always falls at the right time and in the right amount. Such localities exist but they are rare in United States. In the Hawaiian islands there is usually a light shower every noon and in the Rockies a short downpour may be expected every afternoon during the summer.

While it is true that lawns have been sprinkled for many generations, it was not until a couple of decades ago that the first attempts were made to extend sprinkling to such large areas as golf courses. First efforts were confined to watering tees and greens. These experiments bore such fruitful results that the desirability of irrigating the fairways, too, was soon apparent.

### California the Pioneer

CALIFORNIA deserves credit for pioneering in fairway irrigation. The absence of rain during the long dry season there made irrigation for the entire course absolutely necessary. The wonderful transformations of semi-desert land into attractive regions created a most favorable impression upon eastern golfers attending championship matches.

Too often country clubs admit the desirability of fairway irrigation but refuse to consider it seriously because of the cost. Such a viewpoint is looking through the wrong end of the telescope. The real question should be: How much is an irrigation system worth? It is true that the average irrigation system costs from \$15,000 to \$30,000 but such an investment is trivial when compared with the total expenses connected with the establishment of the club.

Economies from the operation of the system will benefit the course for many years. Water is cheaper than grass seed. Sprinkling involves less inconvenience than reseeding. When the cost and value or an irrigation system are weighed together, usually the former will seem insignificant.

There is a tendency to give the subject of irrigation the attention which it deserves and many systems are being installed each year



NOTE THE COMPLETE COVERING EFFECT OF THE TWO "POP-UP" SPRINKLERS ON THIS DOUBLE TEE