

MORE GOLF HISTORY FROM CHICAGO GOLF CLUB

In 1941 Mr. Dave Foulis, then the golf professional at the Hinsdale Golf Club, was asked to recount his memories of his early employment at the Chicago Golf Club. His letter follows — verbatim.

"In 1895 Jim Foulis was engaged as pro and green-keeper arriving from St. Andrews, Scotland, in March, 1895. Brother Bob came out in June to the Lake Forest Golf Club — now Owentsia. At the Chicago Golf Club they had golf in the summer and curling — pidgeon shooting and turkey shoots on Thanksgiving day and Christmas.

They bought sheep to graze on the course and there were two horses to mow the course, with boots on them.

In 1896 my brother Jim couldn't take care of everything so I, Dave, came out to assist him. We were busy making golf clubs and balls which were made of Gutta Percha then.

In 1897 Macdonald got creeping bent seed direct from Holland, a seed merchant there. (It) was the first bent seed that came over from Europe and we found out it was good for putting greens.

In 1897 a Mr. John Shoop, a grass expert who was engaged in 1893 to do the landscaping at the Exposition in Chicago, came to the club with several kinds of grass seeds and made plots on the north end of the polo field—of course, the polo field wasn't there then—and found out that Kentucky bluegrass and red top were best for the fairways, So we had, I remember, three tons of Ky. Bluegrass seed and one ton red top put on the fairways.

In 1898 there was a Professional tournament held at the club—they had ten matches between Onwentsia and the club members.

In 1899 a power mower was bought—the first one to be used on the golf course. It was driven by **Batteries**—no gas.

As time moved on we, Jim and I, made sand traps (and) some of the traps and mounds are still there, also some of the greens.

As time moved on there were several golf clubs opened up around Chicago. Almost every one had their members come to see and play the Chicago Golf Club course so that they could improve upon theirs."



Bob Williams, one of the speakers at New Orleans G.C.S.A.A. Conference.

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The 1975 I. T. F. Field Day and open house will be held September 16, 1975, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting will get underway at the turf plots at the University of Illinois in Urbana. Specialists in turf management, plant pathology, entomology, weed control, etc. will lead the discussions. Your specific questions will be answered.

A tour of the turf plots will take place with a short summary of the work being done at each stop.

The 16th Annual I. T. F. Conference will be held at the Ramada Inn in Champaign, Ill. December 10, 11, 12, 1975.

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Schedule of speakers and topics will be announced later.

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