

Between Ourselves

time without number, that their clubs will spend freely on entertainment and protest the cost of some urgently needed work on the course. Many members forget that there is one power on which the greens staff has to depend for results and if help is not forthcoming from that source, things are in a bad way. It is that eminent citizen, the weatherman.

This year, even with many old clubs, the weather has been so rainy that the need for rehabilitation or enlargement of drainage systems has come to light most unexpectedly. The burden of the expense falls on the greens department, so nothing can be done, usually, but get busy and hope to pay for the necessary drainage by passing up work somewhere else later in the season.

"Sheep and Goats" Being Separated in Pro Flock

From one of the well known, veteran professionals on the Pacific Coast, GOLFDOM gets a letter from which it quotes:

"At first I found it almost impossible to make a connection with any club out here willing to grant the full line of concessions because of the indiscretions of former professionals who had forfeited their rights with mismanagement and the lack of moral conduct. A stigma was attached to their successors, no matter what type of men they were, and this made it difficult for the more deserving to make a decent living. The man who is worthy of his hire should have the support of all the ruling bodies of the game. In turn these able and trustworthy pros should see that the undesirables are weeded out.

"The game has reached such proportions that it demands competent service which will result in liberal returns if handled in a business-like manner. A professional's duties are many and varied and it is by no means an easy task to fill such a berth without efficiency, tact, and good sound business judgment.

"There is every reason why a pro should have a business rating. It would provide protection to those worthy of their calling. Everything possible should be done to raise the business standards of professional golf and increase its profits, for the season is short and the returns none too lucrative. The professional's position is a highly responsible one and needs the support not only of the ruling bodies of the game but of the club with which the good professional is associated."

Here you have the case of the professional who is representative of the vast majority of his calling. It is on the shop profits that he must depend to make enough of an income to allow his family and him to walk with his head up among other men of character and ability.