

small group responsible for results is more effective than to have a large number of committees playing politics to secure funds for their pet plans.

Each year's experience will bring improved conditions and continued effort and co-operation will bring the desired results.

Better Methods, Closer Contacts, in Year's Business

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THE year 1928 has been marked by more or less important changes in methods, views and practices, pertaining to golf course maintenance. As an example, much keener interest than ever before has been taken by greenkeepers in studying the effect of rolling fairways and putting greens and particularly its possible bearing on the unusual prevalence of brown patch. Many authorities think this scourge is due to the hardened condition of the putting green turf, brought about by the increasing number of players who tramp over it today and the use of such mowing apparatus as hardens and mats the sod.

An active movement has been inaugurated during the year to introduce power mowers on putting greens. The growing popularity of this system, indicates that hand mowing will eventually give place to these interesting time savers.

The use of various forms of artificial tees has become so general, the rapid passing of the tee stand with its disagreeable supply of sand seems inevitable. The majority of golfers welcome the chance to get away from the wet and grit of the age-old, sand-made tee.

An outstanding innovation of the year, is the adoption of night mowing for the fairways. A striking example of the success of this was presented at the Walker Cup tournament at Wheaton, Ill. The course during the play was cut at night, by the aid of ordinary automobile lights placed upon the tractor and gang mower combination. The advantages of cutting the fairways at an hour when no interruption to the players can occur and the fact that the usual schedule for the daily mowing operation may often be comfortably maintained, despite casual rains or serious heat spells, are so obvious the general adoption of this system seems assured.

It is a welcome sign of true progress, to find the greenkeepers organizing local associations throughout the country which will afford the members opportunity to meet for desirable social intercourse and professional discussion. This widespread



Mowing at night at the Chicago Golf club

move cannot fail to be an increasing benefit to the profession at large and to the golfing fraternity, to whom the scientific and practical maintenance of the course as an institution, has become a matter of paramount importance.

Knowing Costs Is Hopeful Sign at Times

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IT APPEARS to us that GOLFDOM has a great deal to do with the better business methods now employed by golf clubs in general as against only a few years back.

The writer has visited a great many golf clubs in the country, as you know, and sees a marked improvement in connection with standardized methods now employed from the clubhouse down to the back fence.

Old clubs are beginning to learn what costs are and have whittled their program to the point where a great many of them are working on the budget system, which is the only equitable plan to my mind.

New clubs, of course, have all this to learn and while some of them get the idea rather quickly it seems to take considerable time on the part of some to realize that they have spent more money than they have contracted for with their members. On the whole I believe that golf has just about come to the point of stabilizing all its expenditures, maintenance methods and clubhouse extravagances.

Personally, I think your paper has done