



Greensmen will get many tips from the Lasker layout, one hole of which is pictured above.

Complete Plans for Green Section Meetings

SUMMER meetings of the U. S. G. A. Green Section to be held at Arlington station, near Washington, August 19 and 20 and at A. D. Lasker's Mill Road estate at West Lake Forest, Ill., August 26 and 27, promise to be the best attended affairs of this kind ever held. Team-work between the Green Section and the Mid-Atlantic Greenkeepers' Association, handling the Arlington session and between the Green Section and the Mid-West Greenkeepers' Association on the meeting north of Chicago, has resulted in considerable interest among greenkeepers and green-chairmen.

Details of the two day sessions were published in July GOLFDOM.

The session at Mill Road will give many of the mid-westerners their first opportunity to visit the new Green Section experimental station where much work of value has been inaugurated due to the combined financing of the Green Section and Mr. Lasker. The Lasker private course is one of the country's finest private jobs and is to be made available for a golf tournament of green-chairmen and greenkeepers. A prize is to be given the best scoring team of greenkeeper and his own chairman. There also will be prizes for individual scores and a "kickers" event. Alex Pirie, president of the P. G. A., is to be the presiding genius of the tournament.

As the Mill Road course is private and does not have the facilities of a big clubhouse, it is requested that greenkeepers and green-chairmen in the middle states

advise the Green Section at P. O. Box 313, Penna. Ave. station, Washington, D. C., of intention to attend so arrangements for caddies, meals, etc., may be made.

All interested in golf course maintenance problems are invited to attend these sessions whether or not associated with clubs belonging to the U. S. G. A. Green Section.

Foresight Is Fall "Theme" Song

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A GREAT deal has been said and written about the trials and worries of the greenkeeper and the green-chairman. In fact the belief is abroad that theirs is a life of just "one damned thing after another." It may be true unfortunately in some cases, but in most cases it is not so. Cooperation and understanding, with each willing to share the responsibilities and shoulder the blame for things gone wrong, will go a long way towards making it more pleasant for both of them. Where the opposite attitude prevails there will be no peace or contentment for either of them.

At this time of year, when the greenkeeper is planning his fall program of work, the utmost cooperation with his green-chairman is necessary. Seeding, fertilizing, construction work, patching, replenishing traps, getting compost ready, draining the sprinkling system, and all the other jobs that crop up, should be thought over, talked over, and discussed with the green-chairman.

Have to Finish Work

The greenkeeper who has kept within

his budget and who can finish his fall program as planned is indeed fortunate. The one who has overdrawn his budget will have to ask for, and should receive an appropriation in order to carry out his program and complete his work. To refuse him is unwise. To curtail work in the fall is a mistake. Working conditions are ideal in the fall. Play has fallen off and there is very little interference. The damage to the turf from machinery is very slight, whereas in the spring, if you carry the work over you will find the very opposite. Weather conditions are against construction work, the players are "rarin' to go," and the greenkeeper with what little time he has between frosts and showers, is busy in the big race to get his

course in shape for the eager golfers.

Let the fall work go on. The condition of your course next spring depends almost entirely upon whether you do or whether you do not. Overhauling and repairing your equipment, and all of your painting can be done during winter. With this accomplished both greenkeeper and greenchairman can spend what time they have with that feeling of contentment and satisfaction which is theirs, and which they have earned in so far as their golf course is concerned. Early play in the spring over a course in good condition is a good thing for any club, but you must not hope for this unless you carry through your fall program to a finish. It just requires a little "foresight."

Divots from Leach's Mail-Bag

When to Water?

Sir:

Will you kindly give us your opinion of watering greens in the morning?

I have just advised that this method be discontinued, but have also just read the article on page 30 of the July issue, and as I am a mere tyro in course management, I would be glad to have your opinion on which is best for this section during the hot spell—morning or evening watering.

W. L.
(Ohio).

Answer

The perennial argument anent night versus morning watering of greens is wrapped around the question of brown-patch control. It is my candid opinion that the time of watering is greatly overrated as a measure for the control of this disease. In fact I doubt that it amounts to much.

In watering greens I would keep one point constantly in mind, namely, to get the watering done in ample time so that the turf is entirely drained and firm before the heavy play of the day begins. Tramping on soft turf is a mighty bad business.

B. R. Leach.

What About Ants?

Sir:

We have been reading your column with great interest and are glad to say that

arsenate of lead and ammonium sulphate have helped largely to give us the finest greens in the Islands.

Arsenate of lead, however, does not seem to improve the ant situation, and numerous little ant hills are a source of continuous trouble to our greensmen. Could you recommend anything, or any treatment that would rid us of these ants?

C. R. F.
(T. H.)

Answer

Sir:

In spite of all the research on this subject I know of no specific for this pest. As a subterfuge most greenkeepers simply pole the greens at intervals.

I note in July GOLFDOM an advertisement of an ant exterminator. I understand this is being used with success.

B. R. Leach.

Crab Grass Control

Sir:

In the fall of the year we are troubled more or less with crab grass on our greens at our club, and recently I read that this crab grass could be eliminated by using one pound of arsenate of lead in 15 pounds of soil and broadcasting it over the grass on the lawn or greens and should be done at a time before the crab grass makes any material growth. Of course, we do not want to put anything on our grass that